



## Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Educational Forum Status Update (Informational Only)

**February 15, 2018**

Board Members Present	Board Members Present (via phone)	ACHI/AID Staff Present
	Chad Aduddell (St. Vincent) Jill Arnold (Consumer Reports) Jeff Brinsfield (QualChoice) Cal Kellogg (BCBS) Renee Mallory (ADH) Brad Martin (UAMS) Shirley Tyson (OHIT)	Leisa Carter (AID) (via phone) Zane Chrisman (AID) (via phone) Kathy Hart (ACHI) Kenley Money (ACHI) Nikki Patterson (ACHI) Dr. Joe Thompson (ACHI) Jennifer Wessel (ACHI) Craig Wilson (ACHI)

### **I. Welcome**

The conference call convened at approximately 3:06 p.m. with welcome and introductions. Mr. Wilson stated that the meeting purpose was to provide a status update.

Agenda items included:

- APCD Administrator Report
- Data Use/Requests
- Data Intake
- Other items

### **II. APCD Administrator Report**

Dr. Thompson provided a legislative engagement update on our strategies with sustainability. To date, there has not been state dollars allocated directly for All-Payers Claim Database support. ACHI along with the support from our Administrative co-sponsors, have agreed to move forward through the remainder of this fiscal year. We've asked legislature for 1.8 million to continue that could be of state general revenue as low as 1 million if there was a significant amount that was deemed to be eligible for federal match that DHS could support. Based on conversations with leadership on the House and Senate end as well as other members of task force leadership and others, everybody is supportive of continuation.

On the executive branch side, we've had positive and full engagement with major health agencies as well as members of the Governor's team specifically Catherine Kelly, who is the lead health

liaison on the governor's team and Katherine Griffin who is leading on the mental health crisis stabilization units.

The Insurance Commissioner has authorized the APCD team to work with ACHI's research & analytic team through June 2018, to create responses to questions that APCD could ask. One issue is differential payments for air ambulance services. There appears to be wide differences in different payer's responses to an on average air ambulance charge. Another issue is the controversy over whether or not Arkansas has Lyme disease. ACHI along with ADH, have looked at the APCD to see not only was it diagnosed and paid for, but who was it and under what circumstances were the diagnoses being made.

We have successfully received from ADH, the first of the potentially qualified individuals for medical marijuana and they have been linked into the APCD.

The legislature passed a pilot program for crisis stabilization units in Pulaski, Washington, Craighead and Sebastian Counties in an attempt to address the growing number of mentally ill individuals inappropriately jailed. The Governor's office asked if we could link jail data to the APCD. We were able to identify 1107 with member records in the APCD during the study period (August 2016-August 2017). The Attorney General, Municipal League, and select counties are interested in pursuing litigation against the pharmacy industry for their opioid supply. There is interest on how the APCD could be used to provide information to support their litigation.

### **III. Data Use/Requests**

Mr. Wilson provided an update on continuing uses/requests of the APCD. The Bureau of Legislative Research has extended their data use agreement to continue having access to the data that was used with the Stephen Group. The Insurance Department continues to use the data for their network adequacy and utilization of profiles that they do in house. The Mathematica evaluation is a continued use and will continue over several years. There have been two new and approved requests from DHS. The Research Triangle Institute has received approval for use of the APCD by the Insurance Commissioner to do the state innovation model evaluation. DHS in collaboration with AID, requests a copy of the APCD for their landscape study through Leavitt Partners. The Children's Hospital has requested data related to a perinatal infant mortality workgroup. My Medical Shopper, a consumer transparency website that produces information on provider level quality and cost experience, has also requested data.

Note: Dr. Thompson suggested that the data oversight committee have a discussion on the anticipated DUA with AR Biosciences Institute. There's a commitment from the ABI to enter into a long term relationship with the APCD.

**Action Item:** Craig will call the data oversight committee members to review the pending APCD requests.

### **IV. Data Intake**

Ms. Money provided an update on the data intake. To date, we've received over 79 million records since April 2016; that equates to 10436 files. We have 45 carriers, four of those have just started delivering data, one has not still in on-boarding process, nine has submitted partial data, and 31 are up-to-date and have provided data to APCD through September 30, 2017. We will receive Quarter 4 data (October-December) on March 31.

The meeting ended at 3:51 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 17 at 3:00 p.m.