



Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2018

| Board Members Present | Board Members Present (via Phone) | ACHI/AID Staff Present |
|---|---|--|
| Jill Arnold (XX) Billy Roehrenbeck (Pulaski Title) Cal Kellogg (BCBS) Doug Weeks (Baptist) Jeff Brinsfield (QualChoice) Brad Martin (UAMS) | John Ryan (Centene) Shirley Tyson (OHIT) | Leisa Carter (AID) (via phone) Dr. Joe Thompson (ACHI) Craig Wilson (ACHI) Kenley Money (ACHI) John Lyon (ACHI) Izzy Montgomery (ACHI) Kathy Hart (ACHI) Trang Riley (ACHI) Laura Landers (ACHI) |

I. **Welcome and Introductions**

Vice Chair Jill Arnold called the meeting to order at approximately 3:02 p.m. Laura Landers recorded the minutes. Ms. Arnold made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 17 board meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Craig Wilson reviewed the agenda. Agenda items included:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Data Request Review/Approval
- Re-identification and Pending Data Request
- Data Submission Guide Modification Timeline
- Data Submission Update
- Future Activities
- Public Comment

The Healthcare Transparency Initiative Board appointments are expiring, and applications are currently under review by the Governor's office.

II. **Data Request Review/Approval**

Craig Wilson summarized the current data requests submitted to the APCD. These nine requests are currently in the process of review by the Data Oversight Committee. They will later be submitted to the Board and then the Commissioner for final approval.

Two requests were currently up for approval by the Board for this meeting: myMedicalShopper and Arkansas Center for Health Improvement. MyMedicalShopper is a New Hampshire based consumer transparency tool that has acquired APCD data from multiple states. The Data Oversight Committee did a review, and concerns were stated about the methodology by which the company collects the data, as well as concerns about the need for specific payer IDs if their purpose is to show average market prices. Follow up was done with myMedicalShopper, and they stated that the payer specific IDs would not be externally shown on their site. After a collective analysis of the site, the Board found more information about myMedicalShopper's methodology for data collection. Ms. Arnold made a motion for the Board to recommend the Commissioner's approval of myMedicalShopper's data request. Cal Kellogg added a stipulation, in the future, the Data Oversight Committee have more transparent access to methodology prior to their convening. The motion was approved.

Another request for consideration of the Board was from the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement. ACHI is submitting a request for use of the APCD as analyzers. As of July 1st, this would be separate to their role as administrators of the APCD. Discussion was held regarding firewalls and security protocols governing the APCD currently. Ms. Arnold made a motion to approve ACHI's request; the motion was approved.

III. Re-identification and Pending Data Request

The Data Oversight Committee and Mr. Wilson invited members of the Arkansas Children's Care Network (ACCN) to this meeting to discuss their approach to gaining consent for re-identification in light of a recent data submission.

Rob Steele (ACCN) spoke on behalf of the physicians and providers within their clinically integrated network. ACCN currently provides care to over 190,000 pediatric lives and 83,000 Medicaid PCMH lives. Mr. Steele reviewed both an opt-in and opt-out option for re-identification consent, stating a preference toward the efficiency of an opt-out option. He provided diagrams detailing the process for both options.

Discussion was held about the process of re-identification by using a two-step Hash ID system. Concern over consent, based on legislature concerning re-identification, was raised. No decisions were made regarding re-identification at this meeting.

IV. Data Submission Guide Modification Timeline

ACHI is currently working with the Arkansas Insurance Department on finalizing the changes to the Data Submission Guide that will be distributed for public entities. They will have 30 days to respond to the changes, and the Commissioner will release a bulletin with

the new Data Submission Guide. The projected date for the guide's release is December 1, 2018.

ACHI has also been developing a Data Pricing Guide to provide cost maintenance to the database. At time of this meeting, the guide has been approved by the Commissioner. It includes competitive pricing points based upon the type of data request and the length of time an entity is requesting support. This pricing guide does not include the core support intended to cover data fulfillment request costs, with the exception being state agencies do not pay for their data fulfillment fees.

V. Data Submission Update

Trang Riley and the ACHI Data Team have been working with carriers for data submissions. Only two submissions, the Arkansas Health & Wellness Health Plan, Inc. and Arkansas Municipal League, have not been started.

VI. Future Activities

Several ACHI staff members are going to the National Association of Health Data Organization (NAHDO) conference in October. Kenley Money is presenting, and posters about the APCD have been accepted. ACHI is putting together a concept paper on an APCD Data Challenge. In a short timeframe, this would open the APCD for competitive data visualization. This would market the usefulness of the APCD and show the various products it could be used for. A similar challenge has been done in other states and has shown great success.

VII. Public Comments

No public comments were made. Jill Arnold made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.