OHS CONNECTICUT Office of Health Strategy

All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2022

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
August 11, 2022	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Attendance: Advisory Group Members					
Sumit Sajnani, Chair, OHS	R	William Halsey, DSS	R	James Iacobellis	X
Olga Armah (Chair designee)	R	Dr. Patricia Checko	R	Bernie Inskeep	R
Paul Lombardo	X	François de Brantes	X	Robert Barry, DAS BEST	X
Dr. Robert Aseltine	X	Sandra Czunas (Josh Wojcik)	R	Dr. Michaela Dinan	R
Scott Gaul, OPM	R	Michael Girlamo, DHMAS	X	Cassandra Murphy	R
Ted Doolittle, OHA	R	Robert Scalettar, MD	R		
Supporting Leadership					
Adrian Texidor	R	Amy Tibor	R		
Other Participants					
Jo Porter, National APCD Council	R				
		R = Attended Remotely, IP = Attended In Person, X = Did not Attend			

Agenda				
	Topic		**Responsible Party**	**Time**
1.	**Welcome and Call to Order**		**Olga Armah**	**1:04 PM**
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the APCD Advisory Group was held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 by webinar. Olga Armah welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Ms. Armah announced that APCD Data Release Committee members were invited to attend the meeting. The roll call and review of minutes was tabled to later in the discussion.			
2.	**Public Comment**		**Members of Public**	**1:05 PM**
	There was no public comment.			
3.	**Review and Approval of May 12, 2022 Minutes**		**Members**	**1:06 PM**
	This item was tabled to later in the meeting.			
4.	**Presentation by National APCD Council**		**Jo Porter, National APCD Council**	**1:07 PM**

	Ms. Armah introduced Jo Porter, co-chair of the National APCD Council. Key highlights from Ms. Porter's presentation included:
	 • Overview of APCD Council purpose and background.
	 • A presentation on:
	    o Filling data gaps around ERISA-governed employer data.
	    o Employer use cases
	    o Improving access and use of data
	    o Federal funding opportunities
	
	 The floor was opened for questions. Members asked a variety of questions such as:			

- Dr. Checko inquired about the data request process from state to state. Ms. Porter provided an overview of the commonalities between states regarding the release of data.
- Ms. Armah inquired whether the APCD Council is planning to develop a blueprint to support efforts to engage with employers for encouraging reporting, or at least developing analysis to support their needs. Ms. Porter replied yes, there is a plan to develop guidance that states can use to help any employer that is uncertain about the way the mandates still apply even under a voluntary submission, as well as highlighting ways in which the data can be useful to employer audiences using Maine and Colorado models; Ms. Porter stated that Maine and Colorado have employers that are voluntarily reporting.
- Dr. Checko inquired whether there is any thought or movement around a standard APCD data request application. Ms. Porter replied yes, to the extent it is possible, create some common tools that states could implement so there could commonality for people who want to use data from multiple states to be able to streamline the field specifications, etc.
- Ms. Armah inquired whether the Council will also share analytics tools with the states. Ms. Porter stated that it is her hope to share as many methodologies and analytics tools as possible.
- Mr. Texidor inquired whether a publicly available email list is available for advisors and others to receive updates. Ms. Porter stated that there is a link to subscribe to a newsletter on the Council's website.

Ms. Porter's full presentation can be found here. The full discussion can be accessed in the meeting recording.

At this time, a roll call was conducted, and it was determined that quorum was met.

Ms. Armah requested a motion to approve the May 12, 2022 APCD Advisory Group meeting minutes. Ted Doolittle made the motion. Patricia Checko seconded. Bernie Inskeep abstained. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved.

5.	**Review Draft APCD Advisory Group Charter**	**Adrian Texidor, OHS**	**1:50 PM**
	Mr. Texidor presented on the draft APCD Advisory Group charter. Key highlights included: • A brief background: OHS is requiring charters across all councils and committees. • An initial overview of the draft APCD-AG charter was presented in May as a first pass. • Updates made to Article 9 since the previous iteration. • An overview of the relationship between the Health Information Technology Advisory Council (HITAC) and the APCD-AG and the role of the APCD-AG to HITAC and vice versa. The floor was opened for questions. No comments or questions made.		
6.	<u>Action:</u> **Approval of Draft APCD Advisory Group Charter**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**1:55 PM**
	Ms. Armah requested a motion to the approve the draft APCD Advisory Group charter. Ms. Inskeep created the motion. Dr. Checko seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.		
7.	**Review APCD Data Submission Guide Workgroup (APCD-DSGW) Report**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**2:00 PM**
8.	Mr. Armah presented on the APCD-DSGW report. Key highlights included: • An overview of the group composition. • An overview of the goals of the DSGW. • A high-level overview of the process by which recommendations were formed around dental and denied claims, and rationale. • An overview of next steps and timeline:		

	○ Mr. Armah stated that the intent is to engage and educate payers on what is required to submit the data. ○ Mr. Texidor provided a timeline of events. Mr. Doolittle inquired about collection of claims denied for lack of medical necessity. Ms. Armah stated that any denied claims that make its way into the data warehouse will be collected. Mr. Texidor further clarified that the claims that will not be in the warehouse would include claims in which the insurer does not have a relationship with the individual; claims denied due to medical necessity for those insured, should be included in the warehouse. Mr. Texidor offered to meet with OHA staff to review the content of the denied data collected once received.		
9.	**Action: Approval of APCD-DSGW Report**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**2:20 PM**
	Ms. Armah requested a motion to approve the APCD-DSGW final report. Ms. Inskeep created a motion. Dr. Checko seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.		
	APCD Updates	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**2:25 PM**
	Mr. Armah presented on general APCD updates. Key highlights included: • APCD Data Years Available • Medicare Data Use Agreement Renewal Upon an inquiry by Mr. Gaul, a brief discussion took place regarding potential use for population health estimates.		
	APCD Data Release Committee Report	**Dr. Patricia Checko**	**2:30 PM**
	Dr. Checko presented an update on recent activities of the DRC. Dr. Checko reported that no data requests have gone before the committee of late. Dr. Checko stated that the DRC continues to talk to other APCDs, primarily in the New England area and to work on proposed changes to the application itself and the application process.		
11.	**Health Information Technology Advisory Council Update**	**Sumit Sajnani, OHS HITO**	**2:45 PM**
	Mr. Sajnani provided a HITAC update. Key highlights included: • Overview of the Behavioral Health Provider Engagement identified as top priority by HITAC to begin in 2022. • Status on implementation of the collection of Race, Ethnicity & Language in accordance with mandate. • Status update on activities of the Health Information Exchange ("Connie")		
12.	**Wrap Up & Adjournment**	**Olga Armah, OHS**	**2:48 PM**
	Ms. Armah made the following announcements: • Members will be asked to approve the 2023 meeting schedule in the November meeting. • OHS is currently recruiting legal staff who will assist with updating the APCD policies and procedures with the APCD Data Privacy and Security Committee. Ms. Armah requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Scalettar created the motion. Mr. Doolittle seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.		

Upcoming Meeting: November 10, 2022

All meeting information and materials can be found at
https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-IT- Advisory-Council