



**All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group  
Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2022**

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
November 10, 2022	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<a href="#">Zoom Meeting Recording</a>

**Attendance: Advisory Group Members**

Sumit Sajnani, Chair, OHS	R	William Halsey, DSS	X	James Iacobellis	R
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	R	Dr. Michaela Dinan	R
Scott Gaul, OPM	R	Michael Giralmo, DHMAS	X	Cassandra Murphy	R
Ted Doolittle, OHA	R	Robert Scalettar, MD	R		

**Supporting Leadership**

Amy Tibor	R	Adrian Texidor	R		
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**Other Participants**

Janice Bourgault, OnPoint Health Data	R				
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R = Attended Remotely, IP = Attended In Person, X = Did not Attend

**Agenda**

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Call to Order</b>	<b>Olga Armah</b>	<b>1:04 PM</b>
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the APCD Advisory Group was held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 by webinar. Ms. 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.		
<b>2.</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>	<b>Members of Public</b>	<b>1:05 PM</b>
	There was no public comment.		
<b>3.</b>	<b>Review and Approval of August 11, 2022 Minutes</b>	<b>Olga Armah</b>	<b>1:06 PM</b>
	Ms. Armah requested a motion to approve the August 11, 2022 minutes. The motion was made (Check) and seconded (Gaul). There was on abstention (Iacobellis). The motion passed.		
<b>4.</b>	<b>APCD Data Release Committee (DRC) Report</b>	<b>Dr. Patricia Checko</b>	<b>1:08 PM</b>
	Dr. Checko reported that there are no application requests to report. Dr. Checko met with Sumit Sajnani to discuss underutilization of the APCD and possible ideas on how to make the APCD more available, including the possibility of a public data set. A future discussion is anticipated to discuss DSS utilizing the DRC to access Medicaid data.		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Review Draft APCD-DRC Charter</b>	<b>Adrian Texidor, OHS</b>	<b>1:10 PM</b>
	Mr. Texidor stated that OHS is creating charters for all councils and committees. The DRC recently voted on its charter in October, and the charter is now before the APCD-AG for acceptance and will later be shared with HITAC. Mr. Texidor shared the purpose of the DRC which is to review and approve, or deny, data release applications, and to provide support to OHS during receipt and review of applications.		

6.	<b>Action: Acceptance of APCD-DRC Charter</b>	<b>Olga Armah, OHS</b>	<b>1:15 PM</b>
<p>A motion was made to accept the APCD-DRC charter (Iacobellis). Motion seconded (Inskeep). Mr. Gaul commented that there is an opportunity for the DRC charter to be explicit on ways to incorporate equity through the process of collecting, managing, and using data. Mr. Gaul described questions asked in the request process for OPM's P20-WIN program. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gaul will meet with staff to discuss additional language to be added to the charter.</p> <p>A motion was made (Iacobellis) to table the acceptance of the APCD Data Release Committee charter pending language as discussed. Motion seconded (Inskeep). Motion passed unanimously.</p>			
7.	<b>Data Submission Guide (DSG) Update</b>	<b>Adrian Texidor, OHS &amp; OnPoint Health Data</b>	<b>1:20 PM</b>
<p>Mr. Texidor stated that updates have been made to the DSG regarding dental and denied claims, and the Race, Ethnicity &amp; Language (REL) mandate. Janice Bourgault presented an overview of REL data and proposed changes to the DSG to enable collection, as well as a recommended approach for implementation.</p> <p>Mr. Texidor stated that the APCD-AG approved the approach for collection of denied and dental claims during its last meeting; this will be added to the DSG along with the REL changes. The DSG will then be part of all the APCD artifacts that would be provided to all required submitters.</p>			
9.	<b>APCD Projects</b>	<b>Olga Armah, OHS</b>	<b>1:25 PM</b>
<p>Ms. Armah presented on APCD projects in flight, highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A snapshot of Washington State APCD data available – OnPoint has been asked to create a similar snapshot for CT to be published on the website by the beginning of 2023.</li> <li>• Cost Estimator – the creation of a cost estimator is in mandate and provides information to consumers to enable informed decisions about their healthcare and choices on which providers to use; this is a two-phase process that OHS is undergoing.</li> <li>• Cost Growth Benchmark – in accordance with an executive order which requires OHS to monitor health care cost growth across the state, benchmarks have been set for the next five years.</li> <li>• Healthcare Costs Forum – a forum will be hosted by CID, OHS, and OHA in December; Ms. Armah invited members to participate in the public forum.</li> <li>• APCD data is being used for several studies including, 1) Telehealth, Behavioral Health Parity, and Hospitals' Community Benefits.</li> </ul>			
10.	<b>Health Information Technology Advisory Council Update</b>	<b>Sumit Sajnani, OHS HITO</b>	<b>1:47 PM</b>
<p>Mr. Sajnani commented on data utilization within the APCD and strategic planning considerations for 2023. Members are invited to provide feedback on how to increase utilization of the APCD. Mr. Sajnani provided an update on HITAC activities, key highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of HIE connectivity progress to date, data utilization, and utilization measurements.</li> <li>• OHS has hosted three information sessions for behavioral health providers and listening sessions are underway to learn about BH provider interoperability landscape, data shared between providers, and privacy concerns.</li> <li>• OHS has published the REL implementation plan.</li> </ul>			
11.	<b>APCD Updates</b>	<b>Olga Armah, OHS</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<p>Ms. Armah presented on APCD updates, key highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A status update on 2022 strategic goals. Ms. Armah stated that members are encouraged to email data use case recommendations to staff. Ms. Armah introduced Alicia Novi as OHS staff attorney assisting with reviewing the APCD policies and procedures.</li> <li>• An overview of APCD Data Years Available.</li> </ul>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicare Data Use Agreement Renewal – OHS is working with CMS to determine the cost for data; OHS has to determine availability of funds. More information will be provided once clarification is received from CMS and the OHS business office.</li> </ul>		
<b>12.</b>	<b>Action: Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule</b>	<b>Amy Tibor, OHS</b>	<b>2:05 PM</b>
	Ms. Tibor presented FOIA language regarding the annual publishing of a regular meeting schedule. Ms. Armah requested a motion to approve the 2023 meeting schedule. A motion was made (Inskeep) and seconded (Doolittle). Motion passed unanimously.		
<b>13.</b>	<b>Wrap Up &amp; Adjournment</b>	<b>Olga Armah, OHS</b>	<b>2:10 PM</b>
	Ms. Armah requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made (Scalettar) and seconded (Inskeep). Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM		

**Upcoming Meeting:** February 9, 2023

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