

All Payer Claims Database Advisory Group
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
May 12, 2022	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Advisory Group Members					
Sumit Sajnani, Chair, OHS	X	Bill Halsey, DSS	R	James Iacobellis	R
Olga Armah (Chair designee)	R	Dr. Patricia Checko	R	Bernie Inskeep	X
Paul Lombardo	R	François de Brantes	X	Robert Barry, DAS BEST	X
Dr. Robert Aseltine	R	Sandra Czunas (Josh Wojcik)	R	Dr. Micheala Dinan	R
Scott Gaul, OPM	R	Michael Giralmo, DHMAS	R	Cassandra Murphy	R
Ted Doolittle, OHA	R	Robert Scalettar, MD	R	Layne Gakos	X

Supporting Leadership					
Adrian Texidor	R	Amy Tibor	R		

R = Attended Remotely, IP = In Person, X = Did not Attend

Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Olga Armah	1:03 PM
	The regularly scheduled meeting of the APCD Advisory Group was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 by webinar. Olga Armah welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. A roll call determined that quorum was met.		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:04 PM
	No public comments were made. Ms. Armah announced that the agenda will be reordered to allow Mr. Texidor to present first, and that the Health Information Technology Advisory Council update by Sumit Sajnani will be tabled to the next meeting.		
3.	Review and Approval of February 10, 2022 Minutes	Members	1:05 PM
	(Vote) Ms. Armah requested a motion to approve the February 10, 2022, APCD Advisory Group meeting minutes. James Iacobellis made the motion. Michael Giralmo seconded. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved unanimously.		
4.	Update: Health Information Technology Advisory Council	Sumit Sajnani, OHS HITO	1:06 PM
	This item was tabled to the next meeting.		
5.	Race, Ethnicity & Language (REL) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Request	Adrian Texidor	1:06 PM
	Mr. Texidor presented on the REL ARPA funding request. Key highlights from the presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A background overview of the ARPA of 2021 (a federal COVID-19 relief bill in which approximately \$6b distributed to Connecticut with \$2.6b for state government programs). • An overview of the REL mandate and efforts made to date. • A description of the OHS/DSS joint REL ARPA concept to support C.G.S. Sec. 19a-754d. • A high-level overview of the anticipated roadmap for the REL ARPA project over FY23 and FY24. 		

5.	Review Draft APCD Advisory Group (APCD-AG) Charter	Adrian Texidor	1:15 PM
<p>Mr. Texidor presented on the APCD-AG charter. Key highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brief background on the purpose of the charter. OHS is requiring all agency advisory bodies, committees, and councils to have charters. • A high-level overview of the charter contents including a description of the role and purpose of the APCD-AG, its membership composition, officers, and committees and workgroups. • An overview of the operating procedures identified within Article 7 (Sections 1-8). <p>Mr. Iacobellis inquired about the timeline for materials distribution. The charter specifies that materials must be distributed not later than 24 hours before the meeting. It was agreed that whereas the language in the charter will not be modified, staff will endeavor to send materials out as soon as possible to provide members time for review.</p>			
6.	Action: Acceptance of Draft APCD Advisory Group Charter	Olga Armah, OHS	1:23 PM
<p>Ms. Armah inquired whether members felt ready to vote to accept the draft APCD-AG charter. Following brief discussion, members agreed to allow more time to review and digest the APCD-AG charter and vote at the next meeting.</p>			
7.	Review Draft APCD Data Submission Guide Workgroup (APCD-DSGW) Charter	Adrian Texidor, OHS	1:25 PM
<p>Mr. Texidor presented on the APCD-DSGW charter. Key highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high-level overview of Articles 1-7. • An overview of the purpose of the DSGW (to review the CT Data Submission Guide and recommend modifications that will enable the collection and submission of denied and dental claims in alignment with industry national standards). • An overview of the workgroup membership composition. • An overview of the workgroup process and next steps. The work of the DSGW will be timeboxed for 4-6 weeks or until recommendations are finalized. A kickoff meeting is planned for May 23, 2022. Recommendations by the workgroup are anticipated to be shared with the APCD-AG at its August 11 meeting. 			
9.	Action: Acceptance of Draft APCD-DSGW Charter	Olga Armah, OHS	1:35 PM
<p>(Vote): Ms. Armah requested a motion to accept the APCD-DSGW charter. Following a brief discussion regarding the timeline of the work to be completed, members agreed to move forward with a vote on the DSGW charter. Mr. Iacobellis made the motion. Ms. Checko seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p>			
10.	APCD Data Release Committee Report	Dr. Patricia Checko	1:37 PM
<p>Ms. Checko stated that the Data Release Committee (DRC) continues to work on developing an improved data request application. The DRC has invited various state APCDs to present on their APCD structures. More recently, New Hampshire presented to the group. A representative of the National APCD Council will present to the APCD-AG and APCD-DRC jointly at the August 11 meeting. Ms. Checko stated that two vacancies remain on the DRC: a physician, and a lawyer with insurance experience. Ms. Checko asked members to please reach out if they know of qualified candidates willing to serve on the DRC. Ms. Armah commented that the presentation by the National APCD Council will cover how some states are able to collect self-insured data, noting the importance of having all the data that represents the various types of health insurance products in order to help with controlling healthcare costs in the state. Ms. Checko commented that NH receives all commercial data.</p>			

11.	APCD Coverage Completeness	Olga Armah, OH	1:45 PM
<p>Mr. Armah presented on APCD Coverage Completeness noting that it is a follow up from the previous meeting. Ms. Armah presented a chart illustrating the number of private sector employees enrolled in employer sponsored insurance (ESI) coverage between 2017-2020, and a comparison of the number of CT residents with health insurance coverage (according to 2019 census data) versus what is available in the APCD. Ms. Armah commented that the figures illustrate the importance of encouraging state employers to submit data to the APCD, especially now that the data is being used even more, including for the cost growth benchmark and to assist state agencies with policy and program development. Ms. Armah remarked about the importance in having as much coverage of state residents as possible. Ms. Armah stated that it is the intent to discuss with NH further it's approach and efforts to collecting self-insured data.</p> <p>Noting a significant drop in self-insured coverage in 2019 according to the chart, Ms. Armah stated that the plan is to follow up with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to find out why this drop did not occur nationally.</p> <p>Mr. Gaul commented that the charts clearly identify a significant issue for APCD coverage and inquired about the role of the advisory group and how it interacts with the HITAC to make recommendations or give advice and guidance. Ms. Armah stated that advisory group recommendations are presented to HITAC as well as to OHS and OHS could propose legislation or take other steps. Ms. Armah stated that she will work with OHS' Executive Director and Health Information Technology Officer on the exact process. A conversation took place regarding whether a motion should be made regarding self-insured data collection efforts or whether the minutes would be sufficient. It was agreed to wait to form any recommendations or motions until after the group hears from the National APCD Council. Ms. Checko noted to make sure this is included on the agenda for August.</p>			
11.	APCD Updates	Olga Armah, OHS	1:50 PM
<p>Ms. Armah presented on the APCD Updates. Ms. Armah stated that the APCD is supposed to include data for medical, pharmacy, and dental. The DSGW is working on determining the format for collecting dental claims. It is anticipated there will be more information to share about dental collection efforts during the next meeting. Ms. Armah provided an overview of available claims data by source and coverage period. Ms. Armah reminded the group that requests for Medicare data have moved from a quarterly to annual basis and provided a rationale for this decision.</p>			
12.	Wrap Up and Adjournment	Olga Armah, OHS	1:53 PM
<p>Ms. Armah stated that next meeting will include the presentation by the National APCD Council and staff will then try to bring some information to the group about what other states have done regarding the collection of self-insured data. A discussion on the group charter will also take place in the next meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Armah requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Iacobellis made the motion. The motion was seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.</p>			

Upcoming Meetings:

August 11, 2022

November 10, 2022

All meeting information and materials can be found at

<https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-IT-Advisory-Council>