



## APCD Council Learning Network Meeting Notes March 23, 2015

### Agenda

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- 1) State updates
- 2) Payer updates
- 3) Vendor updates
- 4) APCD Council updates

### Attendees

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Kinley Money, Lowell Nicholas (AR); Srinivas Sriddartha (MD); Sheirin Ghoddoucy (CA); Jonah Kushner (OR); Chuck Mackelrath (NY); Melissa Bowe (RI); Christina McDougall (WA); Tonya Bernstein (Freedman Healthcare); Bill Bauer (Truven); Jeff Stoddard, Chad MacLeod (Onpoint); Jose Ramos (HP); Leann Condora (HSRI); David Reid (HCCI); Jo Porter, Denise Love (APCD Council)

### State Updates

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Arkansas: The APCD is up and running, but with one submitter. Low voluntary compliance is resulting in proposed legislation: "The Medicaid Information Transparency Bill". Lowell – working with Freedman with good results (Lowell retiring in June).

Maryland: The database vendor, SSS, is developing a portal for consumers and the Commissioners are reviewing new data release policies. An RFP for analytics is due out in one or two months which will include pricing applications. Formed privacy board.

California: The Department of Insurance Data Center is contracting with UCSF to develop a website for medical prices for select episodes of care. Testing now, due to launch in June using Truven Market Scan data. Legislative activity is underway, with a bill similar to one proposed last year, under consideration.

Oregon: Two bills are proposed; one price transparency bill and another supported by the Hospital Association. Oregon is interested in California's website and the use of APCD data for rate review in other states. NH and MA are among the states using claims data for rate review and other CCIIO funded states may be going down this route.

New York: Still in development phase, NY is developing its intake system and is in early production for the HIX. The next phase will include Medicaid managed care encounters. An RFP for an analytic vendor/warehouse solution is due out soon. QHP at intake phase, moving to Medicaid managed care.



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Rhode Island: 2011-2014 claims files are with the data aggregator. An analytics vendor will work to release information mid-summer. Data release review board is developing data release policies.

Washington: The Office of Finance Management is the agency responsible for creating a state APCD. New legislation this year proposes to broaden collection/release beyond Medicaid and public employee data sources along with strict data use provisions. The governor's office and the National Federation of Independent Businesses support widening the scope to include commercial data and broaden the use of the data. An open procurement for a lead organization would be released in an RFP.

#### **Payer Updates**

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No updates.

#### **Vendor Updates**

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Freedman Health Care: working with multiple states.

Truven Health: Excited that CMS Medicare data is more readily available to state APCDs and CMS was commended for this effort.

Onpoint: As the vendor for CT, expected to receive data within 2 months. The work on VT's Blueprint for Health continues with release of HAS profiles. Onpoint has a new partnership with the Health Collaborative of Greater Cincinnati, which has merged with HealthBridge, to support their primary care initiative. Onpoint will receive fully-identifiable data and produce reports to PCPs and networks to drive quality improvement initiatives.

Hewlett Packard: HP is interested in APCDs for consumers and in facilitating APCD development.

Human Services Research Institute: in partnership with NORC, HSRI is supporting Maine's agency transformation, including a submitter's portal and a subscription model in the form of a data enclave model. MHDO is a Cycle 3 and 4 awardee of transparency grants. In September, MNDO will launch a new cost/quality website, publishing quality data/costs of about 200 procedures by plan. Consumer focus groups were convened and findings are posted on [www.mhdo.org](http://www.mhdo.org).

HCCI: Guroo.com website was rolled out at the end of February as a free consumer website with 78 care bundles at the state and MSA levels. HCCI will adapt this tool for states on a cost-sharing basis. HCCI to add more bundles, quality, and pharmacy info in next release (summer). An invitation to connect if interested in a demo of Guroo: 571-257-3841; [dreid@healthcostinstitute.org](mailto:dreid@healthcostinstitute.org).



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### APCD Council Updates

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APCD Development Manual is [published and available on the Council's website](#); APCD Council Leadership will now move to development of model legislation.

Announcement of upcoming meetings/webinars:

- March 31, 2015: Overview of the APCD Development Manual, recently developed with funding from West Health.
- Next State-only call: Monday, April 20 at 2PM EST
- May 18, 2015: Part II of the APCD Council Webinar series: Innovative Uses of APCD Data.
- June 2015: Four posters were accepted to the AcademyHealth Research Meeting in Minneapolis, MN.
- Next Quarterly Learning Network call: Monday, June 29 at 2PM EST
- Planning for NAHDO's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and the Tenth APCD Workshop in Washington DC, October 28-30, 2015. Send ideas for sessions and topics or abstracts for sessions to: [dlove@nahdo.org](mailto:dlove@nahdo.org)