



APCD Council Learning Network Meeting Notes June 20, 2016

Agenda

1. State Updates
2. Payer Updates
3. Vendor Updates
4. APCD Council Updates
 - a. APCD Council Learning Network Sponsorship
 - b. Post-*Gobeille* Strategy Update
 - c. NCVHS Hearing Update
 - d. NAHDO Meeting

Registered Attendees

Andrew McCarthy (Lewin Group); Jan Jankowski (Harvard Pilgrim); Stacey Schubert (Health Analytics of Oregon); Chris Nemeth (NYS Department of Health); Mark Enders (Health Data Decisions); Ellen Bunting (University of Michigan Health System); Dianne Evans (UnitedHealth Group); Nigel Thomas (1199SEIU Funds); Jennifer Miller (Agency For Health Care Administration); Bruce Morey (Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island); Frank Coan (iCare Analytics); Rob Rutherford (Kansas Healthcare Collaborative); Maribeth Shannon (California HealthCare Foundation); Kai Wong (Lewin Group); Eric DeWitt (3M Company); Maureen Mustard (Healthcare Analytics, NH Insurance Dept.); Steven Johnson (Lewin Group); Robert Yao (EpiFinder); Sachin Shah (Optum); Dave Goetz (Optum); Sue Radcliffe (HI Dept. Health); Mary Holcomb (Meritain Health); Kenneth Yeates-Trotman (Maryland Health Care Commission); Cheryl Masiliunas (Anthem); Zach Ambrose (Ambrose Strategy); Joe Kelly (3M Company); Don Gleason (DGC partners); Linda Bartnyska (MD Center for Analysis & Information Systems); April Blazuk (Aetna); Ali Russo (Fair Health); Mary Beth Conroy (NAHDO); Marc Brammer (iCare Analytics); Joseph Reilly (Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council); Stephanie Kuhn (Virginia Health Information); Jodi Escalante (3M Company); Jennifer Wessel (Arkansas Center for Health Improvement); David Nelson (Truven Health Analytics); Kathryn Kmit (Minnesota Council of Health Plans); Okenfe Lebarty (Families USA); Toni Slightam (Oregon Health Analytics); Rita Hanover (Health InSight); Ben Sanders (Wisconsin Health Information Organization); Charles McElrath (NY Dept. Health); Johanna Fabian-Marks (PA Insurance Dept.); Valerie Vold (3M Company); Beverly Stowell (Wisconsin Health Information Organization); Stephanie McGarrah (North Carolina Hospital Association); David Newman (Health Cost Institute); Sheryl Turney (Health Core); Amir Bassiri (NY Executive Chamber); Jen Vermeulen (SAS); Sarah Hill; John Fielding Jr. (Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum); Jeremy Sims (Meritain Health); Michael Beahn (General Dynamics Information Technology); Gloria McCann (Onpoint Health Data); Kyle Russell (Virginia Health Information); Tom Bell (Mathematica Policy Research); Peter Soifer (Aetna); Ryan O'Neil (CT General Assembly); Tamim Ahmed (CT APCD); Judy Ureda (Anthem); William Cisco (TN Dept. of Human Services); Patrick Miller (Pero Consulting Group); Kimberly Sheridan (Aetna); Dan Alvord (3M Company); Kathy Feuchtenberger (Blue Cross Blue Shield Association); David Pittman (Zenith American); Tanya Bernstein (Freedman Health Care); Melinda Kennedy (Aetna); Denyse Bayer (Cigna Health



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Insurance); James Harrison (Onpoint Health Data); Bud Volz (UnitedHealthCare); Trent Chiang (American Medical Student Association); Steph Fiore (U.S. Dept. Health & Human Services); Sharone Assa; Gail Meisner (South County Health); Muhammad Shabbir Rajput; Letitia Ward (Wellcare); Catherine Paulish (Delaware Health Information Network); Nitesh Patel (Social & Scientific Systems Inc.); Debbie Harrison (Business Group Health); Mike Squires (BluePrint Healthcare IT); Kathy Hines (MA APCD); Jennifer Garvin (VA Health Care System and University of Utah); Jenn Baarson (MN APCD)

State Updates

Virginia (Kyle Russell) – Available data includes 5 years of calendar data. VHI has applied and passed through phase 1 of QE process with CMS to obtain Medicare data. VHI is working on the development of healthcare pricing report, which for the first time will use claims data for 32 commonly used procedures with a breakout by average allowed amount by procedure and setting of care.

Florida (Beth Eastman/Jennifer Miller) – Florida is in the midst of procurement and RFP process based on legislation recently passed in FL. They are holding an advisory council meeting next week to discuss procurement process.

New Hampshire (Maureen Mustard) – Senate bill recently passed to allow employers to opt-in to APCD; NHID is now working on rule and necessary forms. 2015 Q4 data extract is ready to be processed for APCD. 2015 Q3 data will be included in NH HealthCost website update in July.

Maryland (Linda Bartnyska) – Srinivas Sridarha has left the Maryland Health Care Commission and has been replaced by Ken Yeates-Trotman who will be new acting Chief. MD is currently meeting with state review submission manual.

Massachusetts (Kathy Hines) – Finalizing data release 5.0 which will include 2015 data with 3 months of run-out; this will be the last file that includes currently collected self-insured data and will also include versioned pharmacy claims data for the first time. CHIA is working with the Department of Public Health on a linking project between the APCD and other state data sets; progress is going well. CHIA is working with the Health Policy Committee on cost trends report. Internally, CHIA is working on updated insurance enrollment trends report. CHIA is also working with the Division of Insurance on membership reports, which should be published this summer. Marilyn Kramer and Aron Baros have moved on from CHIA to new roles.

Connecticut (Tamim Ahmed) – CT will launch APCD in August! There's been a delay because of the SCOTUS ruling. CT is hoping to obtain Medicaid data from state and is working on procurement of Medicare data from CMS.

Michigan (Ellen Bunting) – Voluntary APCD

Payer/Vendor/Researcher Updates



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iCareAnalytics (Marc Brammer) – Processed dataset and will be using predictive dataset for disease codes; will be sharing results with the APCD Council.

Freedman Healthcare (Tanya Bernstein) – Working with states on working APCD rules. Working with RI employer coalitions on voluntarily submitting data. Rhode Island was able to obtain Medicare data through RESDAC for free (SIM states!). States are free to reach out to Tanya for more information about this process at tbernstein@freedmanhealthcare.com.

Onpoint (Chad) – Published public data use files on behalf of MN (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/healthreform/allpayer/publicusefiles/index.html>). Vermont Blueprint for Health and Onpoint Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment. Health Services Amy will be presenting findings linking VT Blueprint for Health and VHCURES.

APCD Council Updates

- APCD Council Learning Network Sponsorship – we've been fortunate in the past few years to obtain sponsorship from our vendor community. We'd like to thank Onpoint Health Data for renewing again this year thus far. If there are questions from the group about sponsorship, especially those who have not yet replied, please email Jo (jo.porter@unh.edu) or Denise (dlove@nahdo.org).
- Post-Gobeille Strategy Update – The Council has been working with NASHP on an approach to get state data collection through DOL. This includes a legal strategy group that has volunteered their time (thank you!). Other work includes the production of a common data layout with states; states will have an opportunity to review the final draft common data layout that they can review with their technical teams and vendors.
- NCVHS Hearing Update – Statutory Committee that advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services. NCVHS held full committee hearing on APCDs on June 17th. The goal of the hearing was to provide an APCD overview to many sectors that touch upon claims data. Committee notes, presentations, etc. are available at <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/meeting-calendar/agenda-of-the-june-17-2016-hearing-on-claims-based-databases-for-policy-development-and-evaluation/>. Jessica Kahn with CMS (Director of Data and Systems) gave an overview of Medicaid Match assistance for setting up and maintaining funding; Jessica also offered assistance to states for understanding how match could work for that state.
- NAHDO Meeting – October 26 – 28th in Minneapolis, MN. Call out for sponsorship and exhibitors. https://www.nahdo.org/annual_conference

Upcoming Dates

- Next State Call – August 8th at 2PM ET
- Next Learning Network Call – September 19th at 2PM ET



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- NAHDO Conference – October 26 – 28th, Minneapolis, MN

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