**Utah Health Data Committee (HDC) Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

3:00 PM:

The meeting was called to order by HDC Chair, Charles Hawley.

Members attended virtually and via phone. Pursuant to the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, an anchor location was available at the Cannon Health Building, room 125. Access information was posted on the Utah Public Notice Website.

The meeting was scheduled from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present**: Charles Hawley, Stephen Foxley, David Crockett, Jeffrey Eason, Laura Summers, Alan Ormsby, David Cook, Susan Longfield, Patrice Hirning, Tanji Northrup, Stephen Neeleman

**Members Absent**: Curtis Newman, Terri Nehorai, Russell Trujillo

**Staff Present**: Rick Little, Mike Martin, Bri Murphy, Sydney Groesbeck, Ryan Christenson, Julie Olson, Samuel Burge, Qing Xiao, Matthew Rose, Matt Cottrell, Ryan Jubber, Jahn Barlow

**Guests Present**: Rachel Kubiak, Jahn Barlow. Joseph Delli Gatto

1. **Welcome**

Charles Hawley, HDC Chair, called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of January 17 and March 21 Minutes**

*A motion to approve both sets of minutes was made by Stephen Foxley; the motion was seconded by Patrice Hirning. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-0.*

**Yeas - 10 Nays - 0 Abstaining-0 Not Present**

Charles Hawley Russell Trujillo

Stephen Foxley Curtis Newman

Jeffrey Eason Terri Nehori

Patrice Hirning

Stephen Neeleman

Laura Summers

Tanji Northrup

David Crockett

Susan Longfield

Alan Ormsby

**Sub-Committee Reports**

1. **Transparency Advisory Group (TAG)**

Ryan Christenson reported that the TAG committee met in April and had a presentation by Alex Nielson, who previously presented to the HDC. He focused on the dissemination of data, which is a goal of the TAG, and the success that the State Auditor’s Office has had in sharing data with others.

1. **Data Use Sub-Committee (DUS)**

Jahn Barlow reported that the Data Use Sub-Committee has not met since the last HDC meeting due to a lack of application. They are meeting on May 18 with new applications coming down the pipeline.

1. **Utah Payers Advisory Subcommittee (UPAS)**

Stephen Foxley reported that the UPAS met on May 3. They discussed a couple of projects that the APCD data is being used on. This was the first meeting since the DRG updates to 4.1 went into effect, so there was some discussion around those updates. In addition, there was discussion about collecting demographic data changes, but no decisions yet on that issue. They are also working on replacing Stephen Foxley as the chair of that group as he is now vice-chair of the HDC.

1. **Utah Healthcare Facilities Subcommittee (UHFS)**

David Crockett reported that Utah Healthcare Facilities Subcommittee has not met since the last HDC meeting. They are scheduled to meet on May 18. Ryan added the rescheduling of the meeting has given them time to look at homelessness and how it might get coded.

**New Business**

1. **Legislative Updates – Rick Little**

* Sunset Review – In Lori Savoie’s absence, Rick Little reported that a sunset review is an opportunity for the legislature to consider whether a particular law needs to be renewed or not. The Utah Health Data Authority Act is set to be repealed on July 1, 2024. The Department of Health and Human Services plans to appeal to the Department of Health and Human Services Legislative Subcommittee that we might be able to see that statute continued until July 1, 2034. In the meantime, we welcome any feedback from the HDC for any ways the statute (not the administrative rule) might be improved. Those suggestions can be sent to Lori Savoie with the Health Information and Analysis Program.
* Statue Recodification Health Bill 487 – As a result of the significant change of the organization, DHHS, there were several senate bills to combine for what had been the Utah Health Code and the Utah Human Services Code. The new code is under a new title, the Health and Human Services Code (26B) and became effective and was posted on May 3. A number of updates were made to the citations – Bri Murphy confirmed that it’s all the code. A summary of the updates was previously provided to the HDC.

**6. Presentation: Use of APCD Data, Rachel Kubiak, Senior Epidemiologist with DHHS**

Rachel Kubiak presented “Public Health and Long Covid”

Rachel presented an overview of Long Covid, DHHS efforts for education and outreach as well as public health assessments in addition to the disease patterns in Utah.

**APCD Long COVID Motivation**

* Applied under regulatory standard “Determining the amount of Medical Assistance.”
* Exploratory analysis to assess the possible impact on health and healthcare in general
* To know the prevalence, distribution, and impact of Long COVID through the All Payer Claims Data

Some takeaways included:

* Shed light on who is experiencing long COVID and what services they are accessing
* Informed next steps:
  + Develop eCR
  + Strong push for survey data
  + Provider and general public education
* Difficult/slow to access data

**7. July Meeting**

The HDC will not meet in the month of July this year.

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| **8. Public Comment**  No public comment.  **9. Adjourn** |  |  |

*A motion was made by Jeffrey Eason to adjourn the meeting. There were no objections.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 (Virtual)*