Utah Health Data Committee (HDC) Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, January 19, 2021

3:00PM:
Meeting called to order by Chair Dave Jackson.
A quorum was established. Members attended virtually and via phone due to COVID-19 social distancing guidance.

HDC Member Attendance:

Dave Jackson	Laura Summers	Absent:
Alan Ormsby	Russell Trujillo	Donna Milavetz
Curtis Newman	Sarah Woolsey	Jahn Barlow
Charles Hawley	Stephen Neeleman	
Jeffrey Eason	Terri Nehorai	
Jim Bradshaw	Tanji Northrup	
Kevin Potts		

1. Welcome
Chair Dave Jackson called the meeting to order after establishing a member quorum.

2. Approval of November 17, 2020 Minutes
Motion to adopt meeting minutes: Alan Ormsby
Second: Stephen Neeleman
Motion carried with all in favor and none opposed.

3. Sub-Committee Reports
a. Transparency Advisory Group (TAG)
Alan Ormsby reported that the TAG completed most of the 2020 goals and asked to move the unfinished ones to 2021. New goals will be set during the next TAG meeting.

b. Data Use Sub-Committee (DUS)
Carl Letamendi reported that the subcommittee approved three requests from research groups at the University of Utah.

c. Utah Payers Advisory Subcommittee (UPAS)
Stephen Foxley reported that meetings were changed to quarterly (November, February, May and August). The next UPAS meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2021.

d. Utah Healthcare Facilities Subcommittee (UHFS)
Jim Bradshaw reported that the next meeting is scheduled on February 4, 2021.

4. Legislative Updates:
Navina Forsythe presented the Utah Code 26-33a-116 on health care billing data and how privacy is protected. She also provided an update on HB117, a vaccine reporting requirement and the restructuring of the Executive Branch which may combine social service agencies such as Human Services, Workforce Services and the Department of Health into a single agency.

Health Waste Calculator
Carl Letamendi updated the committee on HB0195. Milliman will grant access to OHCS the HWC at no cost for 12 months and provide a report summarizing output for 2017 – 2019. OHCS will be able to use the HWC portal to conduct analysis and meet the mandate. The amendment is pending final signature authorities.

Action Item: Carl Letamendi to share the update in the next TAG meeting.

5. DataByte: Flu Vaccination Trends
Brantley Scott shared the recent flu vaccination trends Databyte, which compares 2019 and 2020 claims data from the APCD. Claims for flu vaccines given in a medical setting decreased in October while flu shot claims in pharmacy settings increased. The report shows that children between the age groups of 6-months to four years old had a lower number of claims for vaccines in 2020. Others between the ages of 5 to 12 years-old depict similar trends.

6. Use of APCD for Public Health Purposes
Carl Letamendi asked how the APCD could be used in ways to improve public health. The APCD is a great resource to access data that could benefit citizens of the Utah and their health. Sarah Woolsey asked about the 618 project and how it relates to public health. The project entails six areas with 18 evidence-based interventions which could be used with the APCD to identify gaps of care and produce a cost analysis. An increase in the use of the APCD will require the capacity of data availability and that it is sustainable.

Action Item: Carl Letamendi to discuss in the next TAG meeting.

7. Other Business
Sterling Petersen presented proposed trends preventive healthcare claims to monitor on a regular basis.

Action Item: Sterling Petersen to send the slides to the HDC after approvals.

Sarah Woolsey asked if anyone is interested in Life with Dignity Order to refer to amendment of SB83.

Charles Hawley discussed and provided some background on Section 115 of The No Surprises Act (State All Payer Claims Databases) and another bill at the Federal level which proposes a national APCD.

8. Public Comment
No comments from the public.

9. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021

2021 Meeting Schedule
~~January 19, 2021 (Virtual)~~
March 16, 2021 (Virtual)
May 18, 2021 (Virtual)
July 20, 2021 (Virtual)
September 21, 2021 (Virtual)
November 16, 2021 (Virtual)