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

**Tuesday, January 17, 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, Patrice Hirning, Stephen Neeleman, Laura Summers, Tanji Northrup, Alan Ormsby, David Cook

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

**Staff Present**: Lori Savoie, Kyle Lunt, David Arcilesi, Mike Martin, Bri Murphy, Sydney Groesbeck, Kimberly Partain McNamara, Ryan Christenson, Julie Olson

**Guests Present**: Jahn Barlow, Jennifer West, Alex Nielson

1. **Welcome**

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

**2. Approval of new HDC Vice-Chair – Stephen Foxley**

*A motion to approve Stephen Foxley as the new Vice-Chair for the HDC was made by Alan Ormsby; the motion was seconded by Jeffrey Eason. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-0.*

**Yeas - 9 Nays - 0 Abstaining-0 Not Present**

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David Crockett

Alan Ormsby

1. **Approval of November 15, 2022 Minutes**

*A motion to adopt the 11/15/22 HDC Minutes, with the correction of Carl’s being changed to Carl, was made by Stephen Foxley; the motion was seconded by Patrice Hirning. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-0.*

**Yeas - 9 Nays - 0 Abstaining-0 Not Present**

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**Sub-Committee Reports**

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

Alan Ormsby reported that the TAG committee did not meet in December. The 2023 goals have now been finalized. The committee is open to any feedback on the goals.

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

Jahn Barlow reported that the Data Use Sub-Committee had held a couple of meetings. They reviewed three applications from the University of Utah with one being an amendment to a previously approved study. Two of those requested Medicaid data which Mike has forwarded to the Medicaid Office for approval. The sub-committee has decided to meet once a month, instead of twice, with ad hoc meetings available as needed.

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

Stephen Foxley reported that the last meeting of the Utah Payers Advisory Subcommittee was in November 2022. The State has a rule out formally adopting the DSG changes going from 4.0 to 4.1. This was previously approved by this committee with the effective date in March, the first submission for the 2023 plan year.

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

The last Utah Healthcare Facilities Subcommittee meeting was held in early November. Since the meetings are held quarterly, the next meeting is scheduled for February 2. The sub-committee covers recent uses of the facilities data for research purposes. They have also talked a bit about ambulatory surgeries and how they are defined as well as changes to the data submissions specification for the healthcare facilities.

**New Business**

1. **Chair of UHFS Subcommittee**

Since Jim Bradshaw has been replaced on the HDC and formerly chaired the UHFS sub-committee, there is an additional need to replace the Chair of that subcommittee. David Crockett, who replaced Jim Bradshaw, questioned whether or not he would be stepping on anyone’s toes should he become chair, that there would be a designated DHHS staff member to assist in facilitating those meetings, and whether a DHHS staff member might be better to chair the subcommittee. Lori Savoie clarified that the HDC guidelines indicate a preference for either a member of the HDC or have a subject matter expert from the community to chair the sub-committee, and certainly a designated DHHS staff member would assist with the meetings. Charles Hawley added that it makes a lot of sense for a hospital representative to be in that role. He asked David Crockett if he was comfortable in taking on that role and David responded positively and that he would reach out to Jim Bradshaw for more background information.

*A motion to approve David Crockett as the new Chair of the Utah Healthcare Facilities Sub- Committee was made by Stephen Foxley; the motion was seconded by David Cook. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0-0.*

**Yeas - 9 Nays - 0 Abstaining-0 Not Present**

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**5. Discussion – Primary Spend Report Release – Ryan Christenson**

The Primary Spend Report has been published. One piece of what was presented was working out the percentage of spending on primary care. The broad definition included all services performed by primary care providers and the narrow measure focused on certain kinds of services performed by primary care providers broken out by payer type – commercial, Medicaid, Medicare Part C, and then a combined percentage. Ryan presented a one-page summary of the report. One table summarizes the percentage of spending on primary care in 2020 and one table summarizes 2021 – the percentages coming out fairly close across the two years. For the combined percentage, the narrow definition comes out to about 6% and the broader definition comes out to about 8.5%. The main report provides more background about the methodology and data quality checks that we did along the way.

**6. Presentation: Use of APCD Data, State Auditor’s Office**

Alex Nielson presented to the Committee. The State Auditor’s Office motivation was the public concern with expensive, opaque healthcare costs – how much is charged versus paid for different procedures? How do procedure costs vary by provider and region? What factors drive costs: treatments, medical personnel, facilities, or insurers? The State Auditor’s Office wanted to leverage existing data to find procedure cost per provider and the APCD provides a one-stop for granular data from the commercial medical insurance market.

The State Auditor’s website (healthcost.utah.gov) has the capability for anyone to go in and search from 177 procedures and know some quick stats – how many facilities provide the procedure, how many surgeons or doctors provide the service, what’s the minimum average and maximum estimated costs for the procedure. It then allows people to filter by doctor, facility, city, zip code as well as by price. Then they can show the results of their filters in a table and by map. Alex addressed the challenges of the project: 1) Single vs. bundled procedure in version 2 (bundling cpt codes for a certain visit), 2) Cleaning data – what patients to include/exclude, what claims are shoppable, how to define a visit – patient ID within 1 day of other claims, and how to cluster bundles – non-parametric hypothesis testing – creating cost categories for providers and facilities. After doing this process for a year, the office was able to show price transparency at scale enabling citizens to shop for the cheapest procedure at any given facility and check procedure cost at a specific provider.

Early State Impact: 1) Joe Citizen too often is not motivated by personal cost when insurance pays, 2) It’s likely more beneficial to integrate the tool when providers make referrals to patients, 3) Collaborated with DHHS Cannabis team - There is a high demand: 15k + users with 24k views and is not insurance drive – much higher engagement.

Future developments include drug & pharmacy shopping, quality vs cost, adding more bundled procedures, comparison against hospital open-source pricing estimates, partner with healthcare providers.

David Cook suggested having Alex present at the Transparency Advisory meeting regarding initial pharmacy data that is planned for the website.

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| **7. Public Comment**  No public comment.  **8. Adjourn** |  |  |

*Stephen Neeleman motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alan Ormsby.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 PM

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 (Virtual)*