

New Mexico Health Information System (HIS) Act Advisory Committee Meeting

New Mexico State Library, Pinon Room
1205 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM 87507

11 June 2019, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

HIS Advisory Committee Members present:

Jeff Dye - New Mexico Hospital Association (NMHA)
Mark Epstein - Health Insurance Provider (True Health New Mexico)
Kristina Fisher - Health Consumer Group (Think New Mexico)
Susan Gempesaw – Health Care Provider (Presbyterian Health Services)
Nadini Kuehn - Health Policy
Mike Landen - New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), Chair
Russell Toal - New Mexico Human Services Department (NMHSD)
Janice Torrez - Health Insurance Provider (Blue Cross Blue Shield)
Judith Williams - Health Data

Members not present:

Denise Gonzalez - Health Consumer
Bill Patten – Health Care Organization (Taos Holy Cross)

NM Department of Health Attendees:

Keaton Hughes - Health Systems Epidemiology Program
Lori Zigich - Health Systems Epidemiology Program

Public Attendees:

Dan Lanari – New Mexico Health Association
Jane Wishner – Governor’s Office Policy Advisor for Health and Human Services

Other Business

- Keaton Hughes briefly described New Mexico’s role in the National Syndromic Surveillance Program.
- HIS Advisory Committee vacancies were reviewed. Bonnie White from UNMH has been appointed to the HIS Advisory Committee. She will be added to the Committee email list. One health consumer and one health care organization vacancy currently exist.

Review Minutes from April 18, 2019 Meeting

- Clarification was requested and provided on APCD legislative funding.

- Minutes approved.

Review Agenda

- Agenda approved.

HIS Act

- A hard copy of the Act was disseminated to members.
- Mike Landen provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Act.
- The last rules were promulgated in 2015.
- There are numerous places to get data from DOH, including IBIS and annual reports published on the DOH website. An assessment is required every three years by the Public Health Accreditation Board.
- DOH has legal authority under the HIS Act to collect health data. Currently there are no known challenges to APCD statutory authority.
- APCD rules will be written. Steps include an RFI (request for information), followed by a RFP (request for proposal), selection of a vendor, and development of a more detailed rule.
- The key data sources for an APCD are third party payers.
- The Committee recommended that before we start developing regulations, we need to have discussions with stakeholders.

APCD Update and Plans

- Mike Landen shared the APCD slides he presented at the Governor's Office on May 29, 2019. A copy of the APCD PowerPoint slide deck will be disseminated to Committee members.
- It is unclear if APCD data would be available for resident's out of state health care visits too.
- It was noted that not all 50 states are APCD states.
- While the biggest impact of APCD will be on having data to improve population health, consumer transparency is needed too.
- As the APCD develops, we will have to evaluate if further legislative work is needed.
- Russell Toal summarized the outcome of the May 29, 2019 Executive Session. There was consensus about the APCD moving forward and where it belonged (DOH). Other agencies asked what they could do to support APCD development. HSD offered data and funding.
- Russell Toal also mentioned the availability of enhanced federal funding to get the New Mexico APCD moving along, the need for agreement on purpose for an APCD, and the use of technology (i.e., clickers for voting, especially for people who may be reluctant to talk or participate) for enhancing broad stakeholder engagement. It was noted that DOH, the state agency working group, and this Committee do not provide sufficient input.
- Will have to be deliberate in our work moving forward. We need a mechanism for including a broad set of stakeholders. SIM was too robust. Consider, for example, a health plan use case, a provider use case, and an epidemiology use case.

Action Items for Next Meeting

- Determine who should be at next meeting.
- List people to invite for stakeholder input.
- Flesh out a plan for APCD development focused on stakeholder involvement.
- Discuss the purpose of an APCD for different stakeholders.

Adjourn

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2019, 1:30-3:00 pm in Albuquerque. Location to be determined.