

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

October 6, 2020

Zoom Meeting provided on behalf of the New Mexico Hospital Association

HIS Advisory Committee Members present:

Jeff Dye – Health Care Organization [New Mexico Hospital Association (NMHA)]
Mark Epstein – Health Insurance Provider (True Health New Mexico)
Kristina Fisher – Health Consumer Group (Think New Mexico)
Heidi Krapfl, Acting Chair, Department of Health (DOH)
Bill Patten – Health Care Organization (Taos Holy Cross)
Todd Sandman – Health Care Provider (Presbyterian Health Services)
Russell Toal – Office of Superintendent of Insurance (OSI)
Janice Torrez – Health Insurance Provider [Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)]
Judy Williams – Health Data
Anthony Yepa – Health Consumer

Members not present:

Robert Doucette – OSI
Nadini Kuehn – Health Policy
Ryan O’Connor – Human Services Department (HSD)
Bonnie White – Health Care Organization [University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH)]

Other Attendees:

Kari Armijo – HSD
Amanda Bergamo – Advocacy Chair, Health Information Management System Society (HIMSS)
Troy Clark – NMHA
Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, APCD IT Project Manager, DOH
Ray Duran – Administration Services Division, DOH
Brenna Gaytan – BCBS
Ken Geter – Community & Health Systems Epidemiology Bureau, DOH
Keaton Hughes – Health Systems Epidemiology Program, CHSEB, DOH
Ellen Interlandi – NMHA
Dan Lanari – NMHA
Antonio Pedroncelli – Western Sky Community Care
Lori Zigich – Health Systems Epidemiology Program, CHSEB, DOH

Review of Meeting Minutes from July 7 meeting

- Minutes approved.

Review Agenda

- Agenda Approved.

All Payer Claims Database (APCD) Updates (Ken Geter)

- NMDOH has had quite a few support staff changes since the July 7 meeting:
 - Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, APCD Project Manager;
 - Ray Duran, Procurement Office for the APCD RFP procurement process;
 - Paul Brown, Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) Officer who does monthly reports as an independent observer; and
 - Shandiin Wood, Health Services Epidemiologist, will be working with stakeholder groups.
- DOH has been having interim meetings:
 - Regular interagency biweekly meetings involving HSD, OSI, and the Governor's Office.
- The APCD rule is going well. Work on the draft APCD rules has also involved input from HSD, OSI, DOH legal, and the Governor's Office. Legal from HSD and the Governor's Office is currently reviewing the draft rules. DOH estimates about another month of work on the rules.
- The APCD procurement process is progressing and is on schedule for the most part.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is currently preparing data for delivery to DOH. This is for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018, and includes fee for service, eligibility, and part D. The data request was approved via the state entity channel. DOH has taken steps to apply as a qualified entity status, which takes about 18 months. DOH will wait until the APCD vendor is on board to pursue a qualified entity status. As part of the contract, DOH has built in review of a data sharing agreement and will plan to collect data annually. HSD is included as a partner so that they can house the data in their warehouse.
- A question was raised on the benefit of Medicare data. Benefits include claims data to understand treatments and services and comparisons, though comparisons will be limited under a state entity channel. The data will also provide a baseline to compare to national baselines. Ideas are encouraged on how Medicare data can help with other efforts as well.
- Medicaid Matching Funds – DOH and HSD have partnered with Freedman Healthcare to leverage funds. HSD is very supportive in trying to maximize federal funding for this project. Freedman Healthcare will conduct information gathering to prepare a proposal.
- DOH has officially become members of the National Association of Healthcare Organizations (NAHDO).
- C2 funding – DOH is optimistic that it will continue to receive C2 funding for the APCD.
- An Inaugural Steering Committee has been put together. The committee will meet monthly and will steer higher level governing issues.

Status of HIS Act Advisory Committee (Ken Geter)

- Members may serve two-year periods but can be consecutive two-year periods.
- Members were asked if anyone wanted to leave the committee.
- Jeff Dye plans to retire at the end of the year, creating a vacancy. He suggested replacing him with Troy Clark of the New Mexico Hospital Association.
- Russell Toal suggested replacing him with Julie Weinberger.
- Heidi Krapfl is the new Chair and be taking over duties as committee chair until a new cabinet secretary is appointed and makes another decision.
- Billy Jimenez is the Acting DOH Secretary.

Next Steps

- Ken Geter will announce when DOH has a APCD technical design vendor on board, as well as when APCD rules are out for public notice.

- Legislative session item to continue APCD? The DOH Office of General Counsel has found an inconsistency on the definition of aggregate data.
- Role of HIS Act Advisory Committee is tied to the NM APCD.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2:00-3:00pm via Zoom provided on behalf of the New Mexico Hospital Association.