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HEALTH CARE PAYMENTS DATA PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE****April 22, 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

Members Attending: Charles Bacchi, California Association of Health Plans (CAHP); Steffanie Watkins, Association of California Life and Health Insurance Companies (ACLHIC); Jodi Black, California Medical Association (CMA); Amber Ott, California Hospital Association; Emma Hoo, Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH); Ken Stuart, California Health Care Coalition; John Kabateck, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB). Anthony Wright, Health Access California; Joan Allen, Service Employees International Union- United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW); Cheryl Damberg, RAND Corporation; William Barcellona, America's Physician Groups.

HPD Advisory Committee Ex-Officio Members Attending: Dr. Linette Scott, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS); Isaac Menashe Covered California; Michael Valle, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP).

Attending by Phone: No members attended by phone.

Presenters: Elizabeth Landsberg, OSHPD Director; Michael Valle, OSHPD Chief Information Officer & Deputy Director; Starla Ledbetter, OSHPD Chief Data Officer; Linette Scott, MD, MPH, DHCS Deputy Director and Chief Data Officer; Michael Lundberg, Chief Executive Officer, Virginia Health Information (VHI); Kyle Russell, VHI Director of Strategy and Analytics; Wade Luele, HPD Consultant.

Public Attendance: 82 members of the public attended.

Agenda Item # 1: Welcome and Meeting Minutes
Ken Stuart, Chair

Ken Stuart, Advisory Committee Chair, welcomed Committee members and members of the public and called the meeting to order. He recognized Cheryl Damberg and Emma Hoo, who were appointed to the federal All Payer Claims Database Advisory Committee. The Committee also received a brief presentation by Bobbie Wunsch on remote meeting ground rules.

The Committee voted and approved the January 28, 2021 meeting minutes. Cheryl Damberg motioned to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Anthony Wright and passed by a vote of the committee.

Public Comment: No comments.

Agenda Item # 2: Director's Update

Elizabeth Landsberg, Director, OSHPD

Director Landsberg welcomed the Committee and members of the public. She provided program and budget updates including the proposal to re-naming OSHPD as the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI). The new department will retain its existing programs and functions but will have some changes in OSHPD's workforce development programs, as well as strengthening existing data programs.

Director Landsberg also thanked Ken Stuart for his willingness to serve on the State All Payer Claims Databases Advisory Committee (SAPCDAC), and to congratulate Emma Hoo and Cheryl Damberg for being selected.

Questions and Comments from the Committee:

The Advisory Committee congratulated Director Landsberg on all the efforts and the progress OSHPD has made.

Agenda # 3: HPD Program Update

Michael Valle, Chief Information Officer & Deputy Director, OSHPD; Starla Ledbetter, Chief Data Officer, OSHPD

Michael Valle provided updates on the 2021 federal appropriations bill that was passed in December. This bill included a section called the No Surprises Act which included several components related to APCDs including a grant program for states to pursue federal funds as well as establishing standards and guidance for the voluntary submission of data by self-insured employers which is being looked at by the SAPCDAC.

Cheryl Damberg provided updates about the progress being made on the SAPCDAC. She said the Committee has not yet met; however, they have a very aggressive timeline, and are tasked with producing a report by the end of June. She will provide updates in future Advisory Committee meetings.

Michael Valle proposed that the Committee spends some time at a future Advisory Committee meeting to start mapping out some of the topics that we'll need to address 2022 around data collection. In addition, to keep members informed between meetings, OSHPD is working on a progress update "newsletter" that we can disseminate in between our meetings to keep everyone apprised of the latest information.

Questions and Comments from the Committee: No questions.

Starla Ledbetter, OSHPD Chief Data Officer, provided a brief overview of current HPD Activities including:

- Expanding OSHPD's IT environment,
- Hiring HPD Program staff,
- Updates on active procurements including the Master Index and APCD Platform vendor,
- Progress update on the Medi-Cal data extract project,
- The 2019 Medicare FFS Data application having been approved by CMS,
- The HPD Outcomes for System Certification having been approved by CMS, and
- Update on the Advanced Planning Document needed for 2023 federal financial participation.

Starla also provided progress on submitter outreach. OSHPD has begun 1:1 introductory meetings with submitters (health plans, health insurers and public self-insured entities). The introductory meetings will be followed up by more in-depth technical meetings focused on the APCD –CDL™ Version 2.0. OSHPD has reached out to public self-insured entities and will be scheduling those introductory meetings in the coming weeks.

Questions and Comments from the Committee: No questions.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Agenda Item # 4: HPD Program Partnership with Medi-Cal

Linette Scott, MD, MPH, Deputy Director and Chief Data Officer, DHCS

Linette Scott, Deputy Director and Chief Data Officer of DHCS presented on the collaboration between the HPD Program and DHCS on getting federal funding approved for the HPD Program. The federal funding is based on a cost allocation determined by the percentage of the individuals in the HPD system that are in the Medi-Cal program. Additionally, to access the federal matching funding, the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed and approved a set of outcomes for Medi-Cal as related to the HPD System.

Question/Comments from the Committee:

The Committee expressed excitement to have the Medi-Cal data becoming a part of the HPD System. The committee also discussed the importance of having data quality completeness reports that can be shared with data users once the data starts being used. They also clarified whether the funding allocation may change over time, and Dr. Scott commented that there would have to be significant changes Medi-Cal enrollment for the current level of federal support to be altered, but the general expectation is that

once the project has been approved it would continue to be supported going forward. Lastly there was a question regarding the collection of race and ethnicity data that Dr. Scott explained that information comes on the application individuals submit and not on the claim file, and that on the enrolment file there are two questions that collect that information, one around race and the other around ethnicity.

Public Comment: No comment.

Agenda Item # 5: Standardized Data Formats for APCD Data Collection

Michael Lundberg, Chief Executive Officer, Virginia Health Information (VHI); Kyle Russell, Director of Strategy and Analytics, VHI

Michael Lundberg and Kyle Russell presented on how Virginia has used the APCD-CDL™, the national standardized data format for APCD data collection, as well as the best practices and lessons learned from the development and implementation of Virginia's APCD. The key takeaways from VHI was to set reasonable timelines and requirements with stakeholders, to not overestimate the quality of your first data load, and to implement the APCD-CDL™.

Questions/Comments from Committee

The Committee had a discussion on how VHI has handled integration of quality and appropriateness of care. They also commented on the importance of reasonable timelines, the VHI funding sources, what types of data VHI collects, and how VHI's APCD is informing policy.

Public Comment:

There was one public comment that discussed that it would be great to hear lessons learned from Virginia on how the stat was addressing non-claims-based payment data collection.

Agenda Item #6: APCD-CDL™ Version 2.0 Overview

Wade Luele, HPD Consultant, OSHPD

Wade Luele presented on changes made to the HPD format that include new fields added to the 2.0 APCD-CDL. Changes include (added):

New Fields:

- Member Enrollment File:
 - CDLME071-Member Income Frequency Code
 - CDLME072 – Member Income Monetary Amount
 - CDLME073 - Member Primary Language
 - CDLME074 - Subscriber Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
 - CDLME075 - Member Medicare Beneficiary Identifier

- Medical Claims File
 - CDLMC163 - Rendering Provider Street Address
- Pharmacy Claims File
 - CDLPC070 - Prescriber Specialty
 - CDLPC071 - Pharmacy City
- Provider File
 - CDLPV029 - ACO Identifier
 - CDLPV030 - ACO Name
 - CDLPV031 - Physician Organization Identifier

Questions/Comments from Committee:

The Committee discussed how the fields are populated, the levels of specificity included in the rendering service provider addresses, and language reporting.

Public Comment:

There were two public comments.

The first was regarding the importance of including country of birth as it can be a risk factor for exposure to certain diseases, including Tuberculosis and Hepatis B.

The second was regarding linking members to a particular ACO or provider organization as it relates to the new fields that were placed into the provider file.

Agenda Item # 7: Approaches to HPD Data Collection

Starla Ledbetter, Chief Data Officer, OSHPD

Starla Ledbetter presented on approaches to HPD data collection. The presentation included an overview of the Review Committee recommendations as they related to data collection, and the standards for mandatory submission specified in statute and regulations. She also presented on the planned approach pursuant to HPD legislation, plan size thresholds for submission, coordination with Covered CA to receive data from Qualified Health Plans (QHPs), as well as a proposed approach to restricted Health Care Service plans.

Questions/Comments from Committee

The Committee had discussions regarding the proposed plan size threshold of 40,000 and that there should be consideration given not just to the size of the plans but considering the geographic representation that is captured at this threshold.

The committee also commented that the HPD provides an opportunity to align data collection across different state entities including Covered California.

Lastly, the Committee exchanged ideas regarding the suggestion of a pilot program to assess how data can flow directly from restricted health care services plans to identify if the results are clear data or duplicative and confusing data.

Agenda Item # 8: Public Comment

There were three public comments made.

The first was regarding the usage of open source technology and working with different vendors to collect open source tools.

The second public comment was regarding submission of data timelines.

The last public comment was around the importance of collecting non-claims-based payments in California and the amount of work that is happening nationally. They also commented their support on standardizing non-claims based payment data collection.

Starla Ledbetter also commented that the public can send additional questions to the HPD inbox: HPD@ohspd.ca.gov . OSHPD also has a web page and you can sign up for notifications so you can learn about any updates.

Agenda Item # 9: Adjournment *Speaker Ken Stuart*

Ken Stuart, Advisory Committee Chair, noted that the next Advisory Committee meeting is on July 22, 2021. The topics to be covered will be progress updates, principles for public reporting, and priority for public information portfolio. Ken adjourned the meeting.