

Data Release Committee: Governing Provisions

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For Today

- Program Goals
- Data Access Objectives – revised based on January feedback
- Governing provisions related to the Data Release Committee

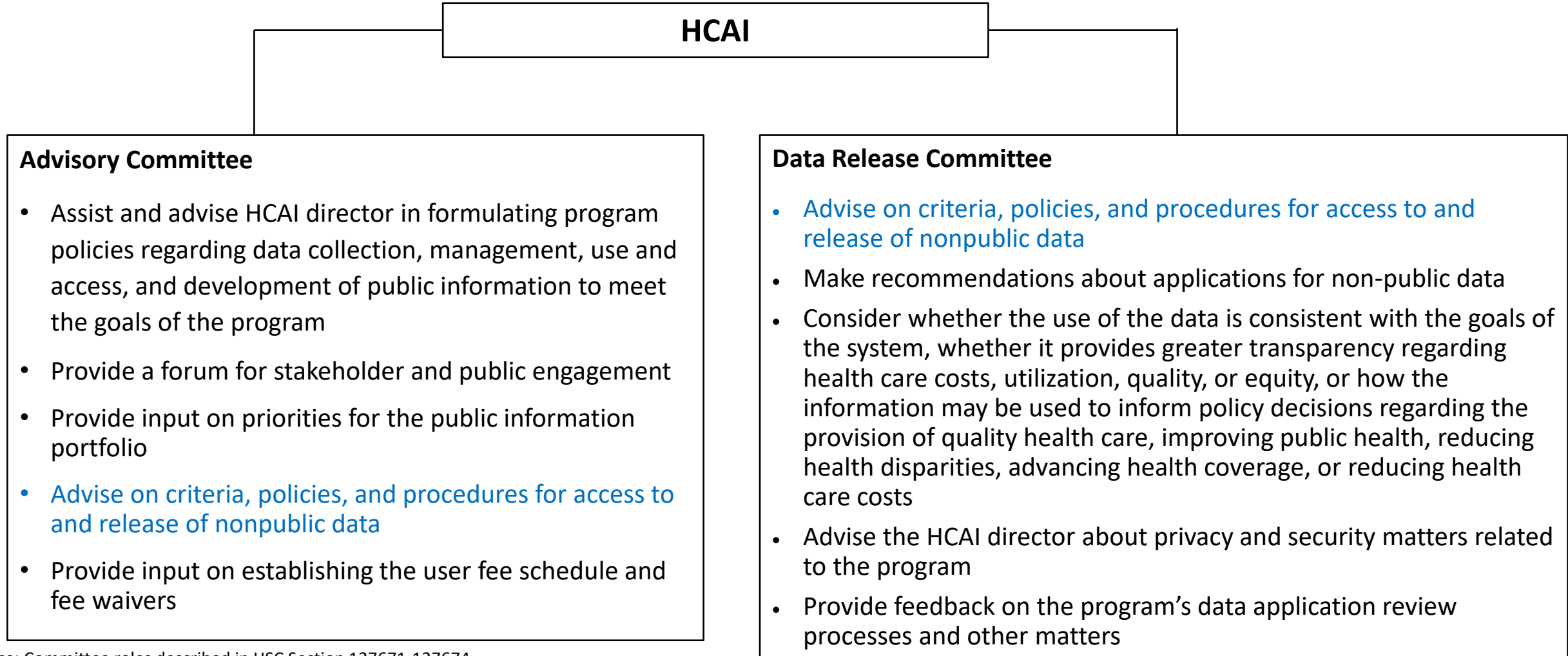
HPD Program Goals

1. Provide public benefit for Californians and the state while protecting individual privacy.
2. Increase transparency about health care costs, utilization, quality, and equity.
3. Inform policy decisions on topics including the provision of quality health care, improving public health, reducing disparities, advancing health coverage, reducing health care costs, and oversight of the health care system and health care companies.
4. Support the development of approaches, services and programs that deliver health care that is cost effective, responsive to the needs of Californians, and recognizes the diversity of California and the impacts of social determinants of health.
5. Support a sustainable health care system and more equitable access to affordable and quality health care for all.

Data Access Objectives – Revised (bold)

1. Protect patient privacy
2. Support program goals
3. Ensure appropriate data users, uses, methodologies, **and compliance with passthrough requirements associated with data sources**
4. Provide timely data access to qualified applicants **and conduct the application and decision-making process in a consistent manner**
5. Enable and support a diverse group of data users, **representing a variety of target audiences and levels of expertise**
6. Complement the HPD public reporting program
7. **Maintain a user fee schedule for non-public data that** contributes to HPD Program sustainability

Roles: Advisory Committee, Data Release Committee



Source: Committee roles described in HSC Section 127671-127674

Data Release Committee Membership

- At least 7 members and no more than 11
- Appointed by HCAI Director
- Term of two years (one-half of initial appointments for one year)
- Representatives of program data submitters shall not constitute a majority of members
- Members shall have knowledge and experience with health care data, privacy, and security
- Chairperson appointed by HCAI Director from among the members

Representation from:

- Payers
- Providers (facilities)
- Suppliers (clinicians)
- Purchasers
- Researchers
- Consumers
- Labor

Considerations for DRC in Making Recommendations

Statute requires consideration of:

- Whether and to what extent the data use will contribute to program goals:
 - For requests that do not include direct personal identifiers, whether the use of the data is “**consistent with the goals**”
 - For requests that include direct personal identifiers, the bar is higher: access may only be provided for research projects that offer “**significant opportunities to achieve program goals**”
- Whether the use of the data provides **greater transparency** regarding health care costs, utilization, quality, or equity, or
- How the information may be used to **inform policy decisions** regarding the provision of quality health care, improving public health, reducing health disparities, advancing health coverage, or reducing health care costs

Exception:
data requests
from other state
agencies