

# Agenda Item V: Data Release Committee (DRC) Overview

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# DRC Member Application Process

- HCAI developed an applications for:
  - Each of the 7 representative seats identified in statute (separate application pools)
  - Up to 4 at-large seats (one application pool)
- Through a broad stakeholder engagement process, HCAI actively distributed the application and encourage qualified candidates to apply
- HCAI selected the DRC Chair – Dr. Nuriel Moghavem, Clinical Instructor of Neurology, USC
- HCAI Director appointed Committee members at the inaugural December 6 2022 meeting.

**Thank you to Advisory Committee members for support in distributing the application and identifying qualified candidates**

# Data Release Committee Activities

# HPD Data Release Committee

| Member                           | Title / Organization   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Nuriel Moghavem ( <i>chair</i> ) | Clinical Instructor of Neurology, Keck School of Medicine                          |
| Janet Coffman                    | Professor, Institute for Health Policy Studies, UC San Francisco                   |
| Larry de Ghetaldi                | Vice President, Government Medical Affairs, Sutter Health                          |
| Miranda Dietz                    | Project Director, UC Berkeley Labor Force  |
| Genia C. Fick                    | Vice President, Quality, Inland Empire Health Plan                                 |
| Cora Han                         | Chief Data Officer, UC Health, UC Office of the President                          |
| Jan Hanley                       | Director of Research Programming, RAND Corporation                                 |
| Terry Hill                       | Physician Consultant, Researcher, Writer   |
| Koh Kerdsri                      | Vice President, Risk Adjustment Operations, Compliance and IT, Centene Corporation |
| Barbara A. Koenig                | Professor Emerita of Bioethics, UC San Francisco                                   |
| Daniel Ruiz                      | Vice President, Operations Quality, AltaMed Health Services                        |

## With experience in:

- Healthcare data
- Privacy
- Security

## From healthcare:

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

# Data Release Committee Phases

## Development (2023)

### **Onboarding and Orientation –**

Understand the HPD Program goals, data access and release objectives, and the DRC's role.

Provide input on **criteria, policies, and procedures** related to data access and release.

## Operations (2024 and Beyond)

Review and make recommendations on all requests for access to **research identifiable data**.

Review and make recommendations on all requests for **transmission of data sets outside of the enclave**.

**As requested by HCAI**, review and make recommendations on other requests.

# Past Data Release Committee Meeting Topics

## December 2022

- Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act
- Conflict of Interest and Form 700
- HPD Program Overview
- Data Access and Release Overview
- Data Release Committee Roles & Responsibilities
- All Payer Claims Database (APCD) Benefit to States

## January 2023

- Key HPD Data Elements outlined in APCD-CDL, HPD Data Submission Guide & Reporting Manual
- Data Access and Release Regulations
- Confidential and Non-Confidential Data Sets
- Data Access Methods
- HPD Data Uses

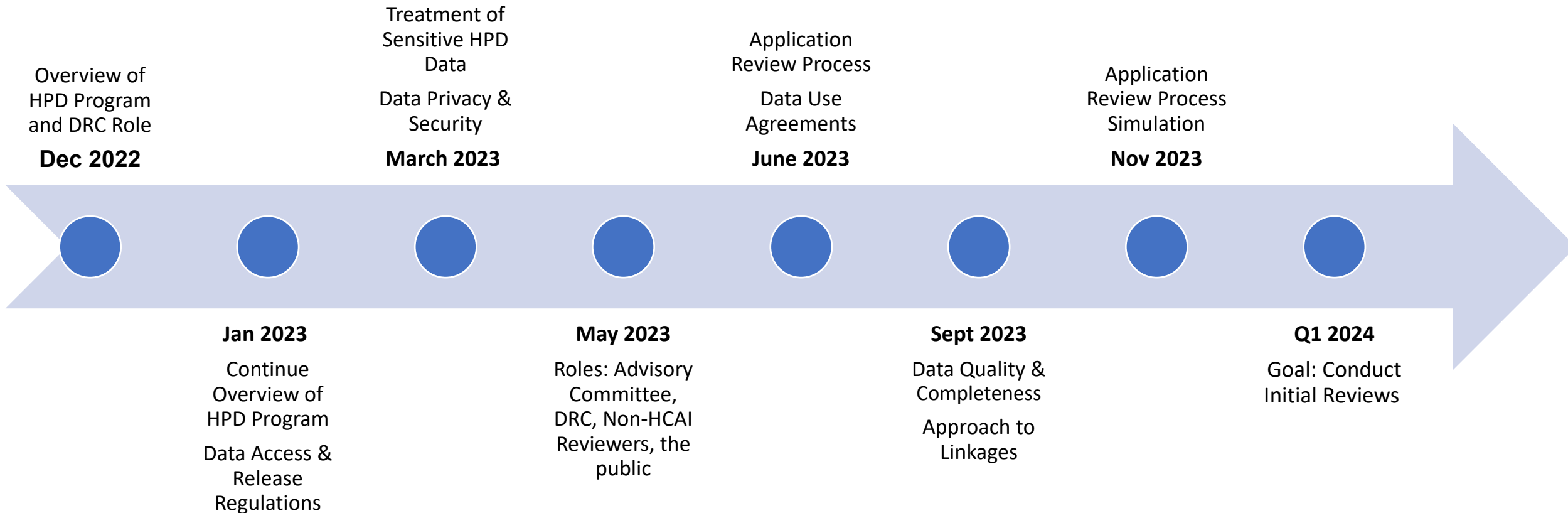
## March 2023

- Considerations for Release of HPD Data
- Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and Privacy
- Entity and Financial Information (EFI)
- Sensitive Conditions and Vulnerable Populations

# May 2023 DRC Meeting Topics

- Discussion of various roles and responsibilities during the data release process
  - HCAI's Role
  - Non-HCAI reviewers (i.e., Committee for the Protection of HS and Department of Health Care Services)
  - DRC Role
- Role of the DRC in serving as a public forum for data release activities

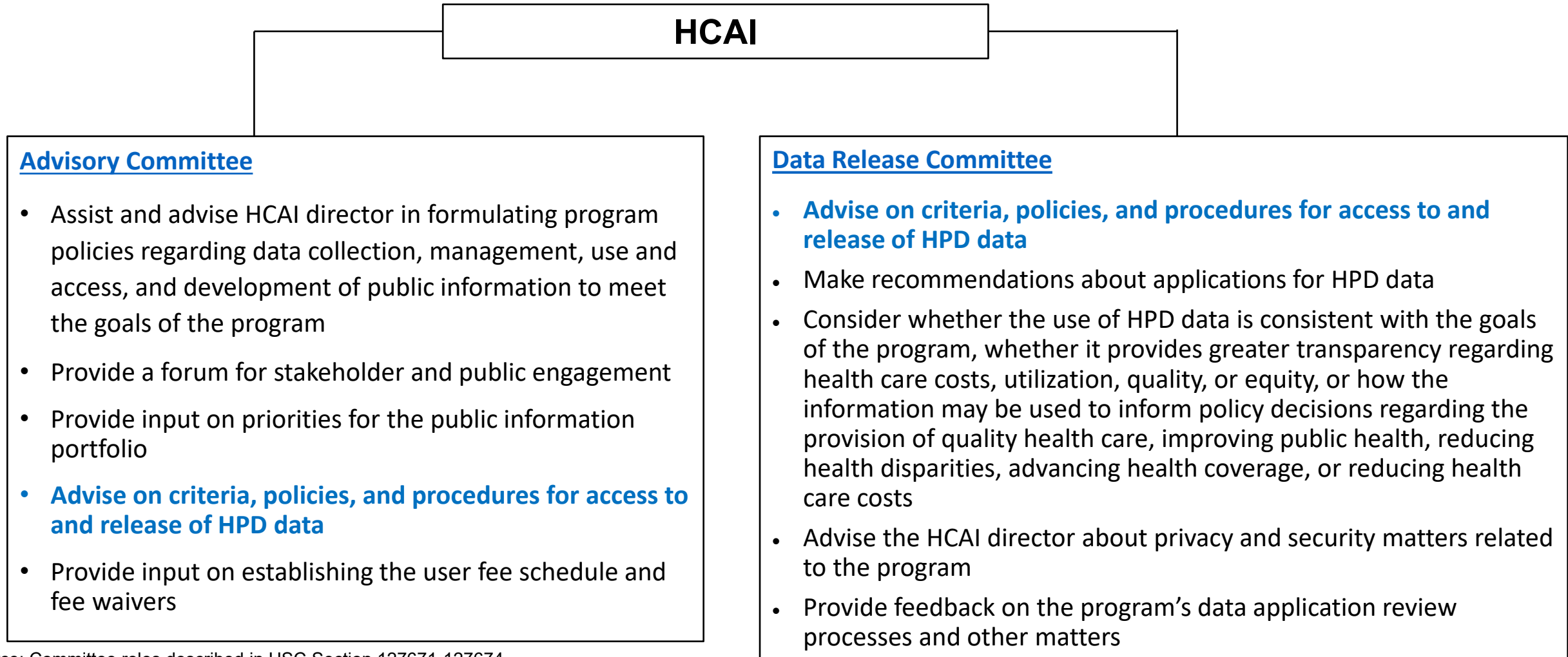
# Anticipated DRC Topics for 2023





# Data Release Committee Role

# Roles: Advisory Committee, Data Release Committee



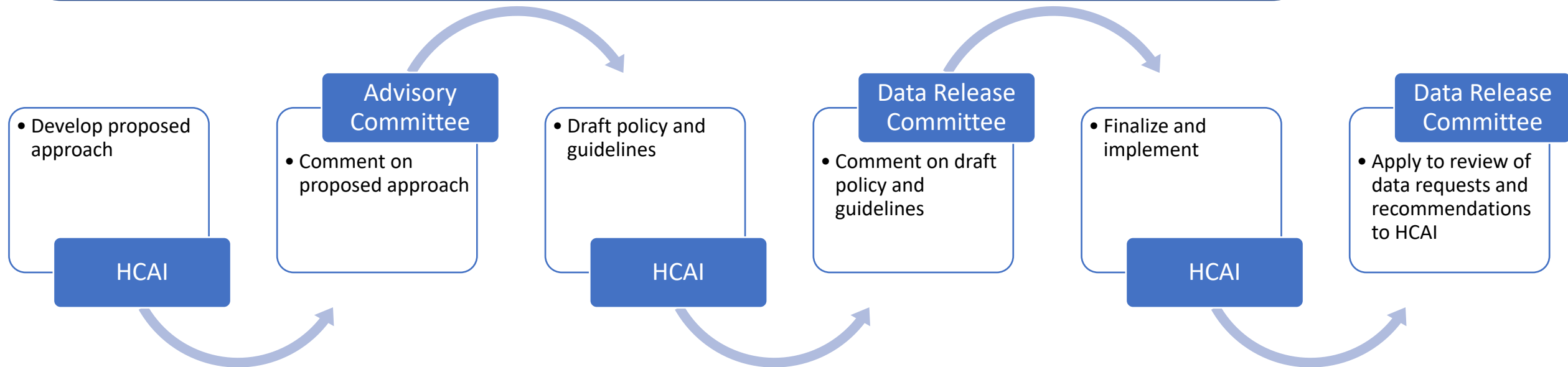
Source: Committee roles described in HSC Section 127671-127674

# Typical Roles for HCAI and Committees

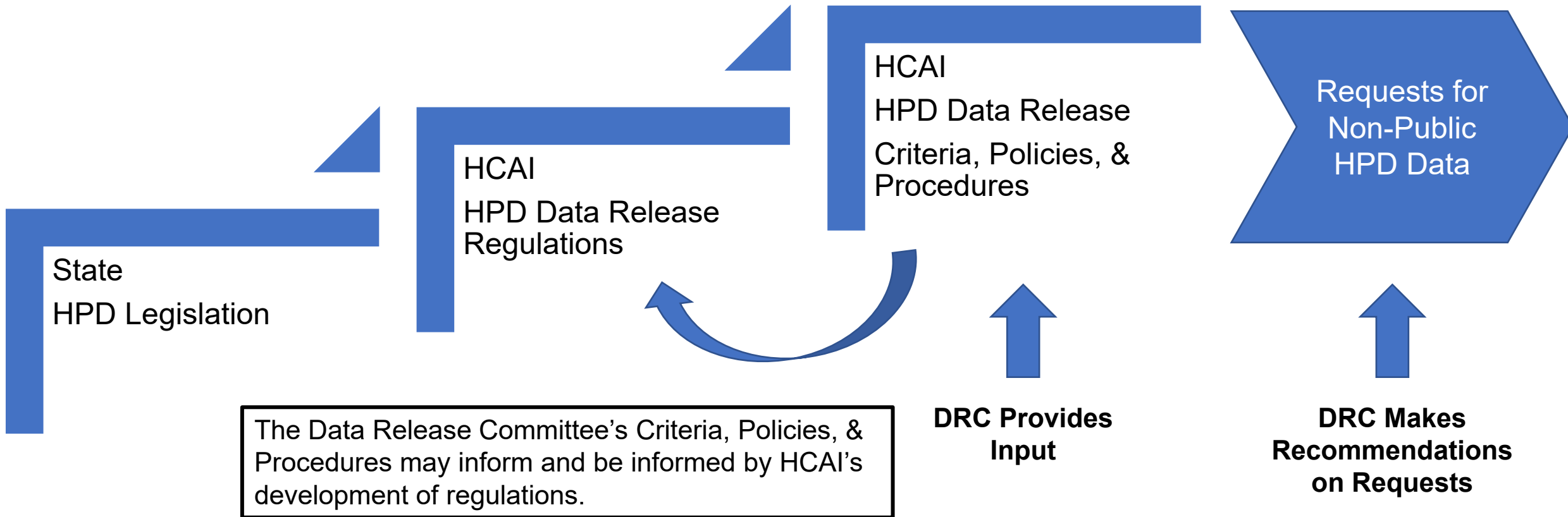
“Advise on criteria, policies, and procedures for access to and release of nonpublic data” HSC Section 127671-127674

## Sample topics for input from AC and DRC:

- Who can use the data, for what purposes, under what conditions.
- Data products and access methods.
- Access to/release of confidential or sensitive information:
  - Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and patient-level records
  - Entity & Financial Information (EFI), e.g., payments, payer and provider identifiers
  - Data privacy and security protections
- Benefit to California as a condition of data access/release.



# The HPD Data Release Committee's Role



# Data Release Program Governance Layers

## Goals

- ▶ Included in statute, adopted by the Committees, and committed to by program leadership

## Policies

- ▶ Rules and directives that support the goals

## Processes

- ▶ Checklists and steps, for people and systems, to implement the policies

## Criteria

- ▶ Rules and standards applied during processes, in support of policies and goals

## Procedures

- ▶ Activities that support processes, apply criteria, and improve over time

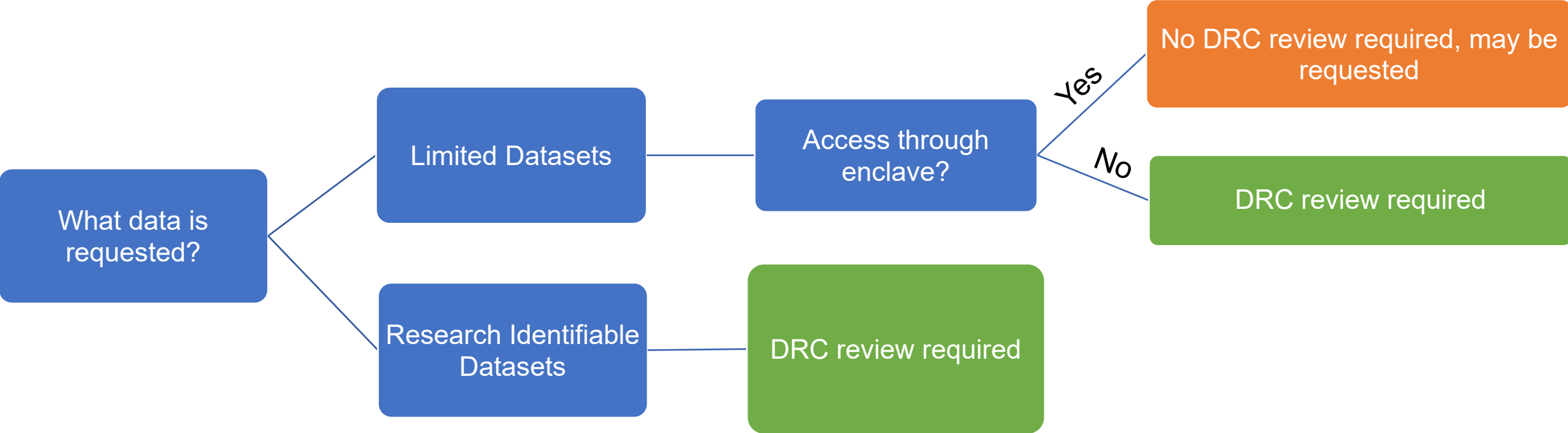
# Considerations for DRC in Making Recommendations

Statute requires consideration of:

- Whether and to what extent the data use will contribute to program goals:
  - For all requests, 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

# Non-State Agency Data Requests: Review Process Flow



# Anticipated Data Access & Release Timeline

2022



## DRC Planning

Perform initial planning, recruit and select members, schedule and conduct first meeting.



## Data Access Regulations

Complete all aspects of the data access and release regulations process.



## Data Enclave Implementation

Build Enclave, create and house datasets, establish workflows, user testing, HCAI approval.



## Access

Design, develop, and implement data request process. Begin intake and processing of data use requests, onboard approved users, collect fees, authorize data access/release.

2023



## DRC Ramp-Up

Conduct regular meetings. Onboarding and orientation. Provide input on policies and procedures.



## DRC Application Review

Review and make recommendations on data requests.



2024





# How To Stay Connected

- [Subscribe](#) on the HCAI page to receive Data Release Committee specific communications
- All DRC Meetings are public
  - Held on the 1st Tuesday of the Month
  - 2023 Meetings
    - May 2
    - June 6
    - September 5
    - November 7
- HCAI can share out minutes from DRC meetings to AC members once posted on the website

Go to: <https://hcai.ca.gov/mailing-list/>

## Public Meeting Notices

- Health Care Affordability Board
- Cal-Mortgage Advisory Loan Insurance Committee
- California Health Workforce Education and Training Council
- Clinical Advisory Panel – California CABG Outcomes Reporting Program
- Healthcare Payments Database – Advisory Committee
- Healthcare Payments Database – Data Release Committee
- Hospital Supplier Diversity Council

# Public Comment