

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

**November 5, 2019**

**New Mexico Hospital Association**

**7471 Pan American Fwy, Albuquerque, NM 87109**

## **HIS Advisory Committee Members present:**

Mark Epstein – Health Insurance Provider (True Health New Mexico) (by phone)  
Kristina Fisher – Health Consumer Group (Think New Mexico)  
Nadini Kuehn – Health Policy (by phone)  
Mike Landen – New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), Chair  
Ryan O’Connor – New Mexico Human Services Department (for Russell Toal, by phone)  
Janice Torrez – Health Insurance Provider (BCBS)  
Judy Williams – Health Data  
Anthony Yepa – Health Consumer

## **Members not present:**

Robert Doucette – Office of Superintendent of Insurance  
Jeff Dye – New Mexico Hospital Association  
Bill Patten – Health Care Organization (Taos Holy Cross)  
Todd Sandman – Health Care Provider (Presbyterian Health Services)  
Russell Toal – New Mexico Human Services Department  
Bonnie White – Health Care Organization (UNMH)

## **Other Attendees:**

Ken Geter – Community & Health Systems Epidemiology Bureau, DOH  
Keaton Hughes – Community & Health Systems Epidemiology Bureau, DOH  
Tony Pedroncelli – Western Skies  
Julia Ruetten (for Presbyterian, by phone)

## **Review of Meeting Minutes from September 17 meeting**

- Minutes approved

## **Review Agenda**

- Agenda Approved

## **APCD Updates**

- Overview of the October 30 kickoff Stakeholder Meeting
  - The general consensus was that the meeting was good, and provided useful information to those new to APCD.
- Governance
  - APCD Governance is officially with DOH, but all stakeholders have input.
    - DOH as statutory authority.

- DOH will ensure that stakeholder's input is considered.
  - Governor's office has an APCD workgroup.
  - Request to review statutes.
  - This advisory committee is the formal mechanism for advising the APCD.
- Funding/Staffing
  - \$275K Junior Bill money is being spent on contractor looking at commissions around the country, for options on the commission approach.
    - This will also pay the salary for a linkage epidemiologist.
    - Buy Medicare data.
  - DOH/IT is close to hiring a APCD Project Manager.
  - The DOH Data Scientist position creation is in approval process at SPO, this could take a while.
- Development Process
  - NAHDO's Common Data Layout will govern the data format, database structure, etc.
  - NAHDO will provide the scope of work for the RFP.
  - It was noted that the technical build is easier than developing use cases and getting stakeholder buy-in.
  - Eighteen states are ahead of NM in their development and implementation process.
    - Through NAHDO, we will be able to capitalize on other states' experiences and lessons learned.
    - No other states have IHS data in their APCDs. IHS data may be an option for NM.

### **Integrated Health Association California Atlas**

- CA is a recent implementation of an APCD.
- Powerpoint presentation by Angela Kline
  - Onpoint is data aggregator.
  - Many national health plans are involved.
  - Medicaid is separate from commercial payers.
  - Data types
    - Eligibility, Med Claims, Pharmacy Claims, Cost, Lab Results, Birth Certificates, Supplemental clinical data.
  - Value-Based performance measures are reported.
  - Not every data element collected is shared.
    - There is a public view as well as provider view (login required).
    - Public view is limited to what is deemed digestible/usable.
  - APIs are generally used to obtain data.
  - Data are collected at the member level.
  - Data submission is the "heavy lift" for contributors.
    - A data submission guide is provided
    - Mostly HEDIS measures
  - Data Release
    - Preliminary release to members before releasing to public.
  - Anonymity of contributors is protected.
- Data contribution in CA is voluntary, no mandate in place.
  - Five-year plan for rules.
- Angela indicated that CA has been very satisfied with their data aggregator/vendor.

**Washington Healthcare Compare Public Transparency Website**

- Tabled until next meeting

**Next Meeting**

- Monday, December 9, 1:30pm in Santa Fe