

All Payor Claims Database Stakeholder Advisory Group Notes

October 20, 2022 – 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Attendees:	
Dr. Cecilia Ganduglia Cazaban, UTHealth	Jimmy Blanton, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Dr. Bob Morrow, UTHealth	Dr. Lane Aiena, Huntsville Family Medicine
Lee Spangler, UTHealth	Blaise Duran, Employee Retirement System of Texas
Devin York, UTHealth	Jeff Tullos, DistributionNOW
Jodie Nassar, UTHealth	John Petrilla, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute
Jonathan Hortman, TDI	Charles Miller, Texas 2036
Pati McCandless, Blue Cross Blue Shield	Jennifer Miff, Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Foundation
Holly Holcomb, Childress Regional Med Center	Dr. Rick Snyder, Texas Medical Association
Kyle McKay, Teacher Retirement System	John McCord, Texas Retailers

- Welcome:** **Robert Morrow, MD; Executive in Residence & Associate Professor, UT Health School of Public Health**

 - Dr. Morrow commenced the 4th Meeting of the Stakeholder Advisory Group and shared with the members on the plan to hold an in-person meeting after the legislative session has ended in Austin, TX.
- Registration and Test Data Submission Update** **Devin York, MBA, PMP; Senior Project Manager, Texas APCD**

 - Mr. York provided an update on the data submitter registrations and the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) user portals. Any registrant will need to have a TACC user portal. The data center is currently testing both the internal and onboarding processes prior to the start of monthly submissions on March 01, 2023.
 - A brief demonstration on the registration and data submission processes were shown along with some test cases that the data center has been performing. Mr. York reassured the group that additional guidance and support is provided in the technical guide for data submitters.
 - As of October 20, 2022, 25 organizations have been registered (*approx. 49 entities with a ~2.2 million lives*).
 - Questions/Comments:
 - Ms. Pati McCandless (BCBS) enquired if Medicaid Managed Care was on the TDI regulated list and if the slides presented may be shared. Mr. Spangler responded that the MCOs of HHSC were not included on the regulated entities list from TDI.
 - Action Item: The center will share the presentation slides with the Stakeholder Advisory group members.
- Draft Data Request and Data Application Forms – Discussion of Internal Process** **Lee Spangler, JD; Associate Professor, MPACH, & Executive Director, Texas APCD**

- Mr. Spangler referenced the two draft documents (Data Request form and Data Application forms) that were shared with the Stakeholder Advisory Group members. The two documents demonstrate the intention of creating a two-step process for accessing data utilizing guidance from other active state APCDs. The two-step process would include:
 - Verifying that the request is from a Qualified Researcher/Research entity as defined in the statute [*1st step*].
 - Determining the feasibility of the research question/project and ensuring the research question does not serve a commercial purpose as is required by the statute [*2nd step*].
 - Institutional review board documentation (IRBs) also required as part of this 2nd step.
- Mr. Spangler and Drs. Morrow and Ganduglia Cazaban each highlighted the multiple research requests and interests that have been received by the data center for the TX APCD. Although the data is not yet available, many of researchers are preparing the documentation for their requests and formalizing their research topics for potential submissions to access the data.
- Questions/Comments:
 - Ms. Pati McCandless (BCBS) commented and recommended that the applications make clear for licensed providers requesting access to the data may do so to engage in research on quality care and cost of quality so long as the research does not serve a commercial purpose. Ms. McCandless also enquired on the use of Data Use Agreements (DUAs). Mr. Spangler responded that the data center will utilize DUAs that will be tailored to each research request. As a reminder, Mr. Spangler shared that the data center will not be providing copies of the data to the researchers. The data will remain on the servers at TACC and access to these servers will include necessary software that will be used for the analyses.
 - Mr. Jimmy Blanton (HHSC) commented and asked if the Stakeholder Advisory Group may have the opportunity to review the DUA prior to its use. Mr. Spangler responded and affirmed that the general DUA template will be shared with the Advisory group, but that the DUA will be customized to accommodate the research question and needs of the researcher (*i.e., duration of access to the data*).
 - Dr. Bob Town (UT Austin) asked about the ability for grant funding, you need to have an idea of what the data may look like when applying for grants. Thoughts on what kind of tables and data will be made available to help researchers in their grant applications. Dr. Ganduglia shared with the group on the center's current methods: Making data dictionaries available for review and hold meetings with researchers as needed to help clarify what data is and is not available to assist with research question's feasibility.
 - Mr. Kyle McKay (TRS) enquired on the allowable uses of the data as it relates to what is allowed to evaluate or analyze vs. what is allowed to be reported. Mr. Spangler commented the data center will ensure the forms make clear that reports from the analyses should be aggregate in nature and should avoid making clear distinctions in the analysis. The data extract made available to researchers will have unique identifiers in place for certain fields as a data security feature. Mr. McKay recommended that the data center provide detailed guidance on what may be included on a report (*e.g., evaluating difference between providers and characteristics of plans is possible, but the reported data should not create a risk of identification*).

- Dr. Rick Snyder (TMA) asked about the potential inquiries coming in from licensees from other states with an interest in making comparisons on healthcare data across state lines. Mr. Spangler highlighted the intent, as is written in the statute, is to focus on healthcare in Texas. Providers need not be providing care, but must be licensed in the state of Texas.
 - Ms. Kalakanis (HHSC) requested clarification on any requirements for reports, manuscripts, and publications to be reviewed by the center prior to formal publication. Mr. Spangler reassured that the data center will have processes in place for the publishing of reports and manuscripts.
- 4. Rack-Cards for Messaging to Data Requesters, General Public, and Legislature. One-pager describing TX-APCD** **Lee Spangler, JD; Associate Professor, MPACH, & Executive Director, Texas APCD**
- Mr. Spangler discussed the methods of the Center for Health Care Data (CHCD) on marketing of the TX APCD. The data center had developed rack cards for two targeted audiences: legislators and general audiences. A brief summary of marketing items include:
 - Due to the data center not having been fully funded in the last legislative session, the rack cards were crafted as takeaways for each audience.
 - The data center has been collaborating with the Black Sheep for our branding and the need to abide by UTHealth Houston's standards.
 - Additionally, Mr. Spangler highlighted the potential and opportunity for the data center to receive funding from the state. The center's ask, as the APCD, at the next legislative session is to receive ongoing state support/funding. Through the support of our Government Relations team at UTHealth Houston and the support of the Stakeholder Advisory Group, the data center has been regularly providing presentations, demonstrations, and sharing insights on the value of the TX APCD.
- 5. Interest Groups** **Robert Morrow, MD; Executive in Residence & Associate Professor, UT Health School of Public Health**
- Dr. Morrow reminded the Advisory group members that if the need for Interest Groups were to arise, the data center will be happy to accommodate those needs.
- 6. Adjourn** **Robert Morrow, MD; Executive in Residence & Associate Professor, UT Health School of Public Health**
- Dr. Morrow and Mr. Spangler closed the call with the following points:
 - The next Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting will be held virtually – March 2023. Lee:
 - An in-person meeting will fall in late June/early July.

Attachments

- TX-APCD Rack-Card for Legislative Message
- TX-APCD Rack-Card for Data Requestors/General Public
- One-Pager Discussing TX-APCD

For comments or questions, please respond to: txapcd@uth.tmc.edu

General Attendees:

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Ben Wright, TX Medical Association
Jason Baxter, TAHP
Kevin Stewart, TAHP
Lisa Kalakanis, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Alex Goldson, Superior Health Plan
Daniel Garza, Superior Health Plan
Rhonda Bordeaux, Superior Health Plan
Will McGowan, Superior Health Plan
Elizabeth Moseley, Superior Health Plan
John Dowd, Superior Health Plan
Karen Westbay, Superior Health Plan
Jessica Estrada, Superior Health Plan
Angelina Melina, US Department of Labor
Dustin Moyer, Center for Improving Value in Healthcare
Chris Williams, Guardian Life
Irini Gleason, Guardian Life
Denise Loehlein, Guardian Life
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