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## CO APCD Advisory Committee

### Meeting Notes – 2.27.2019

#### Attendees

**In Person:** Debra Judy, *Policy Director, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative*; Jessica Linart, *Director of Insurance, CO PERA*; Richard Rush, *Kaiser Permanente*; Kelly Schultz, *Senior Market Analyst, Colorado Division of Insurance*; Chris Underwood, *Director, Health Information Office, HCPF*

**Remote via webinar:** Michelle Anderson, *Director of Pharmacy Services, Denver Health*; Markie Davis, *Manager, Employee Benefits and Risk Management, State of Colorado*; Todd Lessley, *VP for Population Health, Salud Family Health Centers*; Phillip Lyons, *Director of Regulatory Affairs, United Healthcare*; Bethany Pray, *Healthcare Attorney, Colorado Center for Law and Policy*; Nathan Wilkes, *Owner/Principal, Headstorms Inc.*

**CIVHC:** Maria de Jesus Diaz-Perez, *Director of Public Reporting*; Cari Frank, *VP Communication and Marketing*; Greg Gillespie, *Account Manager*; Peter Sheehan, *VP of Business Development*; Stephanie Spriggs, *Content and Report Manager*; Julia Tremaroli, *Data Intake Analyst*

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Please refer to the presentation and materials for further information.

#### Public Reporting Update – Cari Frank

- Recent Publications (*all publications included in meeting packet*):
  - Shopping for Care Interactive Report and Infographic
  - 2018 Annual Report
  - Embargoed Draft – Opioid Spot Analysis
- Discussion Topics
  - Proposed 2019 Public Reporting Calendar
    - The proposed 2019 Public Reporting Calendar is subject to change based on what CIVHC is seeing in the data and what topics could best inform the current conversations in Colorado and across the nation.
      - It is likely that the population health report updates will be shifted to fall of 2019 so all reports can be refreshed with 2018 data
    - Comments in the room indicated approval of the calendar, please send along any further feedback via email
  - Data Suppression Policy
    - The proposed Data Suppression Policy for named facility price discrepancies was included in the materials packet for the meeting
    - CIVHC conducts a thorough Preview Period with the facilities and provides them with early access to the report so they can view their data alongside other facilities
    - The policy proposed that removing a facility from the public website or “suppressing” the name and price would only occur if the facility could demonstrate a significant discrepancy in their median payments for the year being displayed on the website.
    - Comments in the room indicated approval of the Suppression Policy, please send along any further feedback via email
  - Upcoming Hospital/RAND Study
    - More of an informative item, readying stakeholders for a soon to be released publication
    - In conjunction with CBGH, researchers at RAND are using CO APCD data to conduct analyses similar to CIVHC’s Reference Based Pricing Report on the hospital level

#### Regulatory Topics and Discussion – Pete Sheehan

- Legislation of note
  - CIVHC is following a number of bills through the Legislative Session to ensure we are prepared should someone ask us to support the bill with CO APCD data
    - Out-of-Network Bills (HB19-1174 & SB19-134)

- State Innovation Waiver Reinsurance Program (HBI 9-1168)
  - HBI 9-1176 – Health Care Cost Savings Act (task force)
  - HBI 9-1004 – Proposal for Affordable Health Coverage Option
  - SBI 9-004 – Address High-cost Health Insurance Pilot Program
  - HBI 9-1001 – Hospital Transparency Measures To Analyze Efficacy
- CO APCD Funding Update
  - HCPF is including \$2.6 million in funding for operations of the CO APCD in the Joint Budget for the coming year and future years, thus allowing CIVHC to fully fund operations and state mandated requirements including public reporting. It will also enable CIVHC to reduce licensing fees for custom requests and focus efforts on expanding standard offerings, increasing access and quality of the data.
  - CIVHC is asking members of the Committee to sign a Letter of Support regarding the funding
  - CIVHC currently receives approximately \$1.6 million from 50/50 matching funding from the State and CMS to cover the Medicaid operations of the CO APCD (approximately because the total is calculated quarterly based on the Medicaid population)
  - As requested, Steph sent out a comparison of how other APCDs are funded across the nation
- CO APCD Scholarship Subcommittee Update
  - Subcommittee Members
    - David Keller, CU School of Medicine, Children’s Hospital
    - Chris Underwood, Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing
    - Nathan Wilkes, Headstorms, Inc.
  - Progress as of 2.27.2019
    - Fiscal Year to Date, ten projects have been approved by the Scholarship Subcommittee and HCPF accounting for \$249,052.00 out of the \$500,000 annual allocation.
    - Eight applications are either under review or being prepped for review by the Scholarship Subcommittee.
    - We anticipate the funds to be fully committed by early April.

**Committee Business and Discussion – Pete Sheehan**

- Meetings will resume to the prior schedule – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of May, August, November, and February from 9am-11am
  - Invites to be sent following meeting
- In the coming months, CIVHC will be working with the Committee to formalize running of the Committee including voting member attendance requirements and incorporation of Legislative Appointees prior election
- Please send along any suggestions for upcoming meeting topics

**Public Comments - None**

**2019 CO APCD Advisory Committee Meetings**

May 14 (following Session)

August 13

November 12