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## CENTER FOR IMPROVING VALUE IN HEALTH CARE

### CO APCD Advisory Committee

### Meeting Notes – 5.15.2018

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#### Attendees

**In Person:** Michelle Anderson, *Director of Pharmacy Services Managed Care, Denver Health Medical Plan, Inc*; Donna Baros, *Chief Benefits Officer, CO PERA*; Joann Ginal, *Colorado State Representative*; Jim Smallwood, *Colorado State Senator*; Robert Smith, *Executive Director, Colorado Business Group on Health*; Nathan Wilkes, *Owner/Principal, Headstorms Inc.*

**Remote:** Justin Aubert, *Chief Financial Officer, Quality Health Network*; Mitchell Bronson, *Actuarial Statistician, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies*; Matt Cassady, *Compliance Director, Delta Dental of Colorado*; Kristi Gjellum, *Account Executive and Practice Lead, Employee Benefits, IMA, Inc.*; Jon Gottsegen, *Chief Data Officer, Governor's Office of Information Technology*; Debra Judy, *Policy Director, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative*; Todd Lessley, *VP for Population Health, Salud Family Health Centers*; Phillip Lyons, *Director of Regulatory Affairs, United Healthcare*; Janet McIntyre, *VP Professional Services, Colorado Hospital Association*; David Ornelas, *VP, Colorado Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (CASCA)*; Bethany Pray, *Healthcare Attorney, Colorado Center for Law and Policy*

**Public:** Julie Mowry, *Colorado Association of Health Plans*; George Swan, *Constituent*

**CIVHC:** Aspen Brooks, *Executive Assistant*; Maria de Jesus Diaz-Perez, *Director of Public Reporting*; Kari Degerness, *Account Manager*; Ana English, *President and CEO, Cari Frank, VP Communication and Marketing*; Jonathan Mathieu, *VP of Data and Delivery*; Kristin Paulson, *VP of Research and Innovation*; Peter Sheehan, *VP of Business Development*; Stephanie Spriggs, *Content and Report Manager*

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*Please refer to the presentation and materials for further information.*

#### Public Reporting Update – Cari Frank

- Moving forward, Maria de Jesus Diaz-Perez will be the point of contact for all CIVHC Public Reporting and will be distributing Data Bytes and Spot Analysis for consideration. (Cari is staying with CIVHC, just handing off these duties to Maria.)
- Released since last meeting:
  - 2017 CO APCD Annual Report
  - Total Cost of Care in Colorado
  - Quality Insights
  - Chronic Condition Insights
  - Cancer Insights
- Publication of facility cost and quality information anticipated in summer 2018, imaging procedures first with surgical and preventive procedures to come later in 2018.
- Upcoming publications:
  - Data Byte – Firearm Injuries
  - Spot Analysis - Opioid Prescriptions: Volume and Trends
  - Interactive Report and Insights - Prescription Drug Cost Trends

#### CIVHC and the CO APCD in 2018 Legislation – Kristin Paulson

- CIVHC is working with Michael Best Strategies to conduct outreach to members of the Colorado General Assembly with the goal to position CIVHC to be a source of data to inform policy development on both sides of the aisle.
  - In the 2018 legislative session, CIVHC produced four reports in response to legislative requests
    - What is the psychoactive Rx rate for foster care children vs other children?
    - What is the difference between charge rates, discount rates, and negotiated rates?
    - How much would it cost to pay for PT in lieu of opiates for certain people?
    - What is the average amount billed vs average amount paid for different CPT codes?

## State/Federal Funding – Ana English

- 50/50 maintenance funds are part of the CMS Medicaid 90/10 Federal matching program.
  - 100% match for dollars supporting state Medicaid health information infrastructure – including APCDs.
- Funding for the CO APCD written in to State budget for FY19 and signed into law by Governor Hickenlooper.
- CIVHC and HCPF are currently in the midst of several rounds of questions from the regional and national offices of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
- Approval of the matching funds anticipated soon.
- Funds will support:
  - Ongoing operations of the CO APCD, specific to Medicaid data/analytics
  - CIVHC's ability to assist state agencies and legislators, including HCPF
  - Unfunded public reporting mandate

## Proposed Changes to CO APCD Rule – Jonathan Mathieu

- Alternative Payment Models (APM)
  - Information on APMs being employed outside of the traditional fee-for-service model will contribute to a more complete understanding of the total amount spent on health care for Coloradans and will allow the state to set goals, understand best practices, formulate strategies and track progress toward providing high value care.
- Prescription Drug Rebate Information
  - Aggregate information regarding prescription drug rebates (collected in accordance with Federal laws) will help Colorado better understand how much is being paid for prescriptions drugs, track trends, and identify opportunities to reduce spending.
- Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
  - Beginning in 2018, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) transitioned to a new patient identifier called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI). Submission of the new MBI number will enable CIVHC to update the CO APCD data warehouse and continue to report meaningful information for the Medicare population.
- **COMMITTEE MOTION:** The Committee passed a motion to submit a letter of support regarding the proposed Rule changes to Executive Director Bimestefer. The Committee reviewed and discussed the letter prior to the motion by Bob Smith. The motion was seconded by Donna Baros and passed unanimously.

## Administration of HCPF/CO APCD Scholarship – Peter Sheehan

- HCPF provides up to \$500,000 in annual grant funding to defray the costs of non-profits and government entity access to the CO APCD for research.
  - [Click here](#) for information on the criteria for Scholarship applicants in FY18.
- Newly passed, HB 1327 calls for the CO APCD Advisory Committee to have a role in reviewing and recommending applications for scholarship grants.
- CIVHC is working to set up conversations with HCPF to discuss how to structure the Committee's role in the new Scholarship approval process.
  - Pete Sheehan is the lead on this effort and will be in communication with the Committee and information become available.
  - It is anticipated that the procedure will need to be in place and operational by July 1, 2018.

## Public Comments

- Bob Smith invited the Committee to a meeting that may be of interest to members. [Click here](#) for more information.
- George Swan, former hospital CEO and interested constituent, expressed his interest in having downloadable CO APCD data on the CIVHC website. He also discussed his desire for Colorado to have a data portal that compiles data from many sources and that allows users to download various data sets into Excel files in order to facilitate analysis via pivot tables. He showed the Committee the website he constructed on Google sites and voiced his hope that CIVHC (or a similar entity) would ultimately assume control of the site.
  - Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/healthdataportal-co/home>

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## **Proposed 2018 CO APCD Advisory Committee Meetings**

August 14, November 13