# Data Release Review Committee

Monthly Meeting Notes

CIVHC
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## The following documents the meeting convened on 6/5/2024:

| Committee Member Attendees: | CIVHC Staff Attendees: | |
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| ☒ Ako Quammie (Contexture) | ☒ Kelsey Foland | ☒ Liz Mooney |
| ☐ Andy Woster (CCMCN) | ☐ Abby Fehler | ☒ Lucía Sanders |
| ☒ Beth Martin (HCPF) | ☐ Amanda Kim | ☐ Maggie Mueller |
| ☐ Caleb Wright (Elevance Health) | ☒ Danielle Evergreen | ☒ Martha Meyer |
| ☒ Chris McDowell (Valley Health Alliance) | ☒ Darcy Holladay Ford | ☐ Mason Thaxton |
| ☒ Essey Yirdaw (Colorado Hospital Association) | ☒ Hannah Witting | ☐ Paul McCormick |
| ☒ Jesse Villines (Craig Hospital) | ☐ Jacque Lewis | ☐ Pete Sheehan |
| ☒ Megan Denham (Georgia Tech) | ☐ John Francis (counsel) | ☐ Sauntice Washington |
| ☒ Nathan Wilkes (Headstorms, Inc.) | ☒ Ken Holtschlag | ☐ Twanisha Parnell |
| ☒ Sheri Herner (Kaiser Permanete) | ☐ Kristin Paulson | ☐ |

## Agenda

| 10:30 AM | 24.11 |
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| Requesting Organization:<br>Project Title: | Northwestern University<br>Outcomes and Affordability of Observation Status for Children |
| **11:00 AM** | **24.24** |
| Requesting Organization:<br>Project Title: | NYU Stern School of Business<br>Effects of Network Adequacy Regulations |

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| Extract Type: | Limited |
| Requesting Organization: | Northwestern University |
| Project Title: | Outcomes and Affordability of Observation Status for Children |
| CIVHC Presenter: | Lucía Sanders, Key Account Manager |
| Project Presenter(s): | Yao Tian, Research Assistant Professor<br>Deysi Paniagua-Perez, Research Project Coordinator |

| Requested Protected Health Information (PHI): | | |
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| Requested | Approved | Data Element |
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## Committee Discussion and Questions

- Lucía provides brief overview of project
    - Beth: did not see list to filter data beyond age ranges. Are they planning to limit it to folks within the observation stay? Or is it all claims for all kids?
        - Lucía: confirms the scope and touches on justification
    - Ako: one of the criteria is looking at provider information and cross-referencing to NPPES. Most providers likely have not updated their pediatric specialties. If that will be a metric for checking providers, NPPES might not be best resource. DORA could be worth considering for more accurate information on CO providers
        - Martha: the data in the CO APCD is also bumped up against NPPES, so unfortunately this was the strongest option we have available. CIVHC will look at DORA options
    - Nathan: curious about the date range limitation of 2017-2019
        - Lucía: suggests asking again when the PIs join
    - Jesse: curious about the 5-year range for project completion on this. Do we know why they want all the data up front? Most grant funding rolls on 1-year rotations
        - Lucía: they have a 5-year ward from NIH for this study, the first year is already wrapped up so they are hoping to have access for the full duration
        - Martha: we have found that 1 year is often not long enough and extensions need to be granted. If we give them 6 months to get familiar with the data, then 6 months for the analysis, followed by 12-18 months for publication steps
- PI team joins the call to present their materials
    - Nathan: can you confirm if there is a reason for the narrow date range?
        - Yao: three years is the amount that fits within our budget before hitting 2020 when surgeries started being cancelled
    - Nathan: requests that article referenced from the Journal of Hospital Medicine be shared with the team
        - Yao will send the article to Lucía for distribution
    - Essey: with Medicare, observational stays qualifications are more easily tracked. Commercial insurance changes their policy multiple times a month. How will you account for the volume and cost of observational stays maybe increasing over time?

        - Yao: completely agree, there is a huge variation and the policy keeps changing. We can't draw causal links if the changes are due to the policy, but as long as the policy changes we can assume we will see increases in the comparisons (i.e. the view changes when the policy changes)

    - Megan: are you including facility fees in your data?
        - Yao: yes, absolutely
    - Ako: the name of the request is also the acronym for government GSA contracts, which was a bit confusing to see at first. It might be possible that some confusion will arise in the future for viewers/readers

- PI drops from call and Kelsey begins committee discussion period
    - No additional questions from the committee, Kelsey asks for motions

## DRRC Recommendation

| Does the DRRC recommend this project for production? | ☒ **Yes** | ☐ No |
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| First Motion to Recommend: | Beth Martin (HCPF) | |
| Second Motion to Recommend: | Megan Denham (Georgia Tech) | |
| Production condition(s): | No conditions<br>Add explanation here if there are production conditions. | |
| Are there objections to this project's production?<br>*Production is not recommended if three (3) or more Committee members object.* | ☐ Yes | ☒ **No** |
| DRRC Objector: | Basis for Objection: | |
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- Lucía provides brief overview of project: this is a re-use case for the NYU delivery from July 2021. The PI would like to use the data they already have for this new project
    - Kelsey clarifies that the original extract contains more PHI than what they are looking at for this project, so they would be narrowing the use of PHI from the original project
    - Nathan: would love to see a paragraph included in re-use cases to outline what was delivered in the first use case
- PI team joins the call to present their materials
    - Nathan: changing networks and patient impacts have a few outcomes: delay of care, avoidance of care, or getting OON care at a higher cost. Are those three things worked into the model, or do you expect to see those changes?
        - Jinglin: what we put into the model will be determined by the patterns we see in the data once the work starts
        - Michael: if we have a diagnosis, we will be able to model what happens when the environment changes so there will be substitutions for in-network or OON
    - Nathan: will you be accounting for any impact when providers are building their networks in response to legislation such as the No-Surprises Act?
        - Jinglin: it would be very interesting to see where we can track that within the model, but not a precise answer right now as to the extent we can accommodate that in the analysis
    - Ako: will you be looking at referral patterns for rural areas versus urban areas? Colorado has some areas with heavy specialist grouping, it could be useful to include that lens in the analysis to see cases where the only choice for in-network provider is a hundred miles away or more
- PI drops from call and Kelsey begins committee discussion period
    - Ako: going forward, it would be meaningful for the PI to also mention in their presentation that this is a re-use of the data from a different application
        - Beth and Ako agree that it would be easiest to send the historic Application out to the Committee along with the new Application for the new use case
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