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# CO APCD Advisory Committee Meeting Notes May 3, 2022

**Committee Attendees:** Michelle Anderson, Amie Baca-Oehlert, Kim Bimestefer, Kristi Bohling-DaMetz, Kyle Brown, Rick Curtsinger, Rick Doucet, David Ehrenberger, Sarah Hassell, Philip Lyons, Bethany Pray, Ako Quammie (proxy for Deanna Towne), Tom Rennell, Miranda Ross, Robert Smith, Chris Underwood, Nathan Wilkes

**CIVHC Attendees:** Jennifer Carpenter, Tonia Cliff, Eddy Costa, David Dale, Danielle Evergreen, Sarah Ford, Spencer Fortier, Cari Frank, Valerie Garrison, Greg Gillespie, Benjamin Hauschild, Amanda Kim, Clare Leather, Martha Meyer, Kristin Paulson, Peter Sheehan, Stephanie Spriggs, Paul Timmerman

**Additional Attendees:** Brandon Arnold, Amanda Massey, Eriko Mori, Wes Skiles, Steve Wilde

*These notes cover only the discussion of the Committee and such information required to put questions in context.  
Please refer to the presentation and materials for more information.*

Topic	Discussion	Action Item
CO APCD Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How are priorities in giving scholarships decided? Is it related to CIVHC’s priorities of the Triple Aim?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Funds have historically been awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applying organizations are assessed based on how well they fit eligibility criteria, and the purpose of the project. Scholarships are typically awarded based on a Colorado-first philosophy, although some scholarship funding has been awarded to non-Colorado entities when their projects directly support advancing the Triple Aim for Colorado. All of these factors are assessed by the Scholarship Review Subcommittee before being sent on to HCPF for approval.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>When are scholarship applications disapproved and for what reasons?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o It is very rare for a scholarship application not to be approved if the organization is eligible. Occasionally the Committee will conduct further questioning to ensure the data provided will help meet the project’s objective and the Triple Aim.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
CO APCD To Inform Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Question for Committee Discussion:</b> CIVHC is seeking help from the Committee to develop a framework to reinforce CIVHC’s role as a neutral administrator regarding releases of CO APCD data and establish confidentiality requirements for CAAC public report reviews until publication. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o CIVHC has received some data requests recently that could potentially put CIVHC’s objectivity into question. The goal is to establish a way to reflect CIVHC’s priorities and mission while protecting us from any accusations of bias or political interest.</li> <li>o There is generally strong support for creating a statement of neutrality to accompany reports as a disclaimer. The goal would be to emphasize that the data was provided by CIVHC but does not necessarily reflect the stances of CIVHC or support conclusions made by data users.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIVHC will draft both a statement of neutrality and statement of confidentiality to be reviewed and discussed by the Committee at the next meeting.</li> </ul>

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CO APCD To Inform Decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o There is also general support for CIVHC to develop a policy for approval by the Committee which acknowledges all reports and Data Bytes reviewed by the Committee will be embargoed and kept confidential by members until public release. There have not been any concerns around early release of data, but because CIVHC data releases are increasingly time-oriented and involve potentially sensitive material this is important to re-enforce.</li> </ul>

### CO APCD Data Quality and Analytics

DSG 14 Preview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates to the Federal standards on race and ethnicity data are expected to come, but have not yet been announced. CIVHC is planning to wait to update the race and ethnicity data submission standards in the DSG until the Federal standards change to avoid having to make changes to align in the future.</li> <li>• Have there been any requests or consideration towards collecting data on Workers' Compensation claims? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o There have not been any specific requests around Workers' Compensation claims. However, several APCDs in the country do collect Workers' Comp information and CIVHC continues to explore the possibility of collecting them as well.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### Public Reporting

Recent Releases: Data Bytes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Bytes on Obstetrics Emergency Department Claims and Social Needs Codes in the CO APCD are <a href="#">now available</a>.</li> </ul>
Recent Releases: Community Dashboard Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Question for Committee Discussion:</b> How can CIVHC streamline price transparency reporting to ensure the most valuable and actionable information is being presented while eliminating duplicative efforts? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Committee will continue to consider this question in ongoing advisory work. One possibility is expanding on trend analyses. CIVHC will continue to look for opportunities to do this in upcoming reports.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**2022 Meeting Schedule**  
**2pm - 4pm**  
**August 2, November 1**