



CO APCD Advisory Committee Meeting Notes June 11, 2024

Committee Members: Kim Bimestefer, Charlie Brennan, Kate Davidson, Adam Fox, David Keller, Philip Lyons, Chris McDowell, Ako Quammie, Tom Rennell, Ty Tilghman, Dawn Tuttle, Chris Underwood, Nathan Wilkes, Aida Zygas

CIVHC Staff: Alice Aguirre, Lauren Beaudin, Tonia Cliff, Cole Crowl, Mohammad Dakkak, Chris Dalton, Danielle Evergreen, Abby Fehler, Kelsey Foland, Sarah Ford, Cari Frank, Valerie Garrison, Asmita Ghimire, Trang Giang, Darcy Holladay, Ken Holschlag, Amanda Kim, Kimi Landry, Clare Leather, Jacqueline Lewis, Martha Meyer, Liz Mooney, Traci Musall, Kristin Paulson, Lucía Sanders, Peter Sheehan, Mason Thaxton, Dagmar Velez, Sauntice Washington, Lindsay Wilkins, Hannah Witting

Additional Attendees: Cynthia Chachas, Eriko Mori

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.

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Topic	Discussion
Administrator Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have a new committee member representing Kaiser. Miranda stepped down. Dawn Tuttle is now joining us. There are open nominations every two years, openings for the chair and vice chair this time and we didn't have any new nominations. Thankfully, Nathan Wilkes and David Keller both agreed to stay on in their current roles.
Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pete Sheehan, VP of Client Solutions and State Initiatives, provides an update on the APCD Scholarship Program. Background Information: The CO APCD scholarship program is a joint program funded by the General Assembly administered by Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). There are three members of this committee that we call the scholarship subcommittee members, Chris Underwood, David Keller and Sarah Hassell. We appreciate all the time and effort they put into this. each year, the General Assembly allocates \$500,000 that is used to subsidize access to data from the Colorado APCD and services to help those who don't have the resources to fully pay for their services. Committee Member Question: Are entities that have a project requiring multiple data sets within the same year requesting those in one scholarship request or perhaps breaking it up to access additional funds through the scholarship program? Some of the more longitudinal studies may yield particular value, and so I hesitate to sort of suggest we shouldn't allow that, but at the same time, I think there's probably a higher value that should be placed on new data sets and polls through the scholarship fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIVHC Response: We do not think it's intentional. Over the course of time, they may come up with additional items to submit. We should provide coaching and ask them about funding for multi-year or multiple same year requests. We can generate a report from the history of applications to determine which organizations have been requesting data more than once and for what reasons. We can pull that together and do a quarterly report to HCPF. We could see if we could pull something like that together for the year-end

report, as a check in and share that information with this group as well. We may be able to add a question to the scholarship application form collecting information about whether there may be a need for potential future data pull that would be easily trackable. We are reviewing whether refreshes will continue to be eligible.

- Kim Bimestefer: As we evolve this strategy, what are the target populations that we want to bring in as the pricing model changes and we can reintroduce populations who have not used the CO APCD for whatever barriers or impediments. We do need to recognize how many others need this and how they're not using it all, especially the employer populations. So how can we through the strategy, just make sure there's an appropriate allocation that allows for more people to realize the benefits of scholarship.

Health Equity Fund

- Liz Mooney, VP of Research, Partnerships and Innovation. CIVHCs newest department focused on research partnerships and innovations. Provides information on the new Health Equity Fund Program and how it differs from Scholarship.
- Committee Member Comment: This health equity fund seems really interesting and obviously has some great future potential here. I hadn't heard of it before today. Great to hear that there is funding for health equity.
- Committee Member Question: How are you approaching marketing to make sure that groups are aware of this?
 - CIVHC Response: We've done a few things so far and have more that we're planning. Last month, we did a joint press release for the official launch. Next week we will discuss it in the Data to Drive Decisions web meeting. The Health Foundation symposium is coming up in July, and we plan to have a strong contingent from my team there to network and get the word out. Every single person on this committee can help us, as you have a great reach in the community. We will get information out to the committee, please follow up if you have any questions.

Tiered Pricing Model Purpose

- Pete Sheehan, VP of Client Solutions and State Initiatives, discussed why we are moving to this new model.
- Committee Member Question: A couple of times you mentioned the difference between the data access and the amount of effort it takes to work on a project, in terms of time resources. Are you breaking out those costs differently for those that are using it, and how do you deal with the fact that some of the smaller entities that were needing a scholarship more may need more of that data analyst resource.
 - CIVHC Response: We are breaking out those costs and Liz and her team get a lot of credit for helping us figure this out. We've adjusted the hourly rates that we're using based on each tier, the tier hourly rates are priced at the tier levels that they're in. Depending on where they sit within the tier, they're going to get a slightly different hourly rate based on access. The data costs generally are the same, but we have a way to adjust those prices by tier as well. So, we have two different ways of looking at pricing both on data as well as the individual costs of the resources.

We appreciate the committee's comments and feedback and hearing no objections, we'll be moving forward with implementing this in conjunction with the new fiscal year. If anybody has any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Multi-State Data Set Initiative (Pilot)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin Paulson, Chief Executive Officer and President, provides update on the status of the pilot project. • Kim Bimestefer: I'm not supportive of this project due to financial considerations and making sure that the things we do meet the needs of Coloradans. • Committee Member Comments: There are companies that are doing this nationally. It is a really important conversation to have and it is worth considering. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CIVHC Response: We're moving slowly, and we're trying to be really careful here. We will not move forward past the pilot if we do not have the resources it will take to be successful while still focusing on our deliverables for Colorado.
Data Quality & Analytics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Aguirre, Data Quality Manager, provides information on the upcoming changes under DSG15 and DSG16. • Committee Member Question: Are there any mechanisms to look at claims that may have been initially denied but then are later approved through the appeals process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CIVHC Response: We do have claim status codes that submitters tack on to a Claim Record to indicate that it is a reprocess claim, so that would cover any kind of those claims that were initially denied and then overturned on appeals.
Public Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cari Frank, MBA , VP of Communication and Marketing and Clare Leather, MPH, Public Reporting Program Manager, provide updates on recent releases for reporting.
	<p>There were no further comments/questions. Please refer to the slide deck for more information about what was presented.</p>