NM Health Information System (HIS) Act Advisory Committee Meeting
New Mexico Hospital Association, 7471 Pan American Freeway NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico
14 September 2017 2:00 – 4:00 pm

HIS Advisory Committee Members present:
Kristina Fisher - Think New Mexico
Susan Gempesaw - Presbyterian Healthcare System
Nandini Kuehn - Health Consumer, Healthcare Consultant
Michael Landen - NM Department of Health [NMDOH], Chair
Michael Nelson – NM Human Services Department [HSD]
Judith Williams - Health Data
Jeff Dye - New Mexico Hospital Association
Mark Epstein - NM Health Connections
Bill Patten – Holy Cross Hospital (Taos) (on phone)

Members not present:
Denise Gonzales - Health Consumer
Janice Torrez - Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM

NM Department of Health Attendees:
Victoria Dirmyer – Health Systems Epidemiology Program
Ken Geter - Health Systems Epidemiology Program

Public Attendees:
Ellen Interlandi – New Mexico Hospital Association
Soyal Momin – Presbyterian Healthcare System

2:00 p.m. Introductions

2:10 p.m. Review of Meeting Minutes from July 11th Meeting
- Minutes approved

2:15 p.m. Review Agenda
- Agenda approved

2:25 p.m. Update on Website Rules and Construction
- Waiting on updates to the rule making process. The Department [DOH] is aiming to have the rules completed by end of the calendar year.
- There will be a public hearing of the rules; committee members [and the public] are invited to attend.
- Draft rules for an APCD exist and are based on regulations from other states with active APCDs.
- Will there be an APCD discussion in the upcoming legislative session?
    - The Department [DOH] does not plan on putting forth APCD legislation for the upcoming 2018 session.
    - Paige Duhamel [OSI] has been in contact with providers on an APCD like product for New Mexico [per a committee member]. This work and outreach is in preparation for the 2019 (long) legislative session.
    - Funding for an APCD is not likely for this upcoming [2018] legislative session.

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2:40 p.m. Update on Medicaid Data for Website
- Contractor in place, but contract not finalized. DOH can provide the contractor's information to the committee once the contract is finalized.
- HSD provided a more complete 2016 Medicaid dataset at the end of July.
- Methodology for Medicaid data:
  - DOH will come up with methodology, will meet with HSD to discuss and ultimately approve.
  - Methodology will then be shared with the advisory committee.
  - Could possibly apply methodology to commercial payers' data [when available].
- DOH is pursuing acquisition of Medicare data.
  - Health Insight may already have acquired Medicare data.
  - Vendors that are currently used for Medicare data analysis are products from Rowdmap (https://rowdmap.com) and Nuna (www.nuna.com). Presbyterian Health Services has been investigating and using these products for some analysis.
  - Most recent dataset is 2015. Data for 2016 may be available in December 2017.
  - Hoping to have both Medicaid and Medicare data on the website by January 2018.
  - Concern with using 2015 Medicare & 2016 Medicaid data side by side.

2:50 p.m. RWJ Grant Work – Final Report
- RWJ grant was received in November-December 2016, to improve efforts around quality and value of health care services in New Mexico. The DOH could choose a contractor to assist in this effort. The DOH chose to work with NAHDO (National Association of Health Data Organizations); who assisted with previous work through the SIM grant (State Innovation Models Initiative (CMS)).
- NAHDO recently provided a final report to the Department.
- Synopsis of the Recommendations: use of existing data when possible, cost & quality data side by side, "shoppable" procedures (the 9 procedures previously discussed in a prior committee meeting), website will be publicly available.
- Potential data sources in NM: Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data [HIDD] (contains charge data), Medicaid Claims/HSD, Medicare administrative data – through CMS, HCAHPS – the STAR system available through CMS for their Hospital Compare website (https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html?)
- The nine procedures should be presented/defined in lay terms.
- NMHCQR [New Mexico Health Care Quality and Reporting Website] attributes: ease of use, search function, inclusion of an online tutorial.
- The Department plans on using Medicaid data initially, then will expand and include commercial payers. Focus on the 9 procedures then expand later to include more procedures. The Department plans on incorporating CMS Quality data (via HCAHPS) with cost data.
- HIDD data will be used for health care quality measures.
- CPT codes vs. other groupers: CPT is outpatient, DRG is inpatient.
  - This will be part of the methodology discussion at the next meeting between DOH and HSD.
- Other recommendations from NAHDO: incorporate time for data cleaning, have a designated staff person to work on data acquisition and cleaning, have cross walking procedures for combining multiple datasets into a single analytic file, provide information on data release issues.

- Recommended next steps:
  - Start with the 9 procedures; ask commercial payers to provide aggregate data on these same nine procedures.
    - Suggestion to have OSI make this mandatory (providing aggregate data to DOH); OSI has the authority to require this submission.
  - Use PQIs, PSIs for future facility comparisons.
  - Provide data on volume procedures, like cancer surgeries. California can provide SAS code for this type of analysis.
  - Public Employee Claims data – easier to acquire than going to commercial payers.

Discussion Point 1: Can the PowerPoint presentation and the final report from NAHDO be shared among committee members and posted on the www.nmhealth.org website?
DOH will ask NAHDO if we can share the report with the advisory group and post on the DOH website. NAHDO will continue to be available to DOH for future questions regarding APCD work and the health care website that DOH is constructing.

Discussion Point 2: It would be helpful to consumers if the DOH would post a guidance document on potential ways to cut health care costs; outlining general things that patients can ask their providers.

Discussion Point 3: The website should have links to other insurance/health plan pages since the website will not initially contain commercial payer information.

4:00 p.m. Adjournment
- Next Meeting: Thursday, November 9th, 2017 from 2-4 p.m. in Hearing Room #1 at the Toney Anaya Building in Santa Fe.
- Next Meeting Agenda to include:
  - Discuss Medicaid data methodology.