NM Health Information System (HIS) Act Advisory Committee Meeting

New Mexico Hospital Association

7471 Pan American Freeway, Albuquerque, NM 87109

18 April 2019, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

HIS Advisory Committee Members present:

Mark Epstein - True Health New Mexico

Susan Gempesaw - Health Care Provider (Presbyterian Health Services)

Ellen Interlandi (for Jeff Dye) - New Mexico Hospital Association (NMHA)

Nandini Kuehn - Health Policy

Mike Landen - New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), Chair

Bill Patten - Holy Cross Hospital (Taos) (by phone)

Russel Toal - New Mexico Human Services Department (NMHSD) (by phone)

Janice Torrez - Health Insurance Provider (Blue Cross Blue Shield)

Judith Williams - Health Data (by phone)

Anthony Yeppa - Health Consumer

Members not present:

Kristina Fisher - Think New Mexico

Denise Gonzalez - Health Consumer

NM Department of Health Attendees:

Ken Geter - Health Systems Epidemiology Program

Lori Zigich - Health Systems Epidemiology Program

Public Attendees:

Dan Lanari - New Mexico Health Association

Page Duhamel - OSI

Judy Giannettino - Presbyterian

Dick Mason - Health Action New Mexico

Bonnie White - UNM (by phone)

Jane Wishner - Governor's Office Policy Advisor for Health and Human Services

Review Minutes from December 13, 2018 Meeting

- Minutes approved.

Review Agenda

- Agenda approved.

Summary of 2019 Legislative Session

- There was a bill to set up a health care commission but it never got a hearing in appropriations and so it died. However, $275,000 was allocated for further activity to carry out related functions.
- $900,000 was approved for an All-Payer Claims Database (APCD).
- It was concluded that the Health Information Exchange (HIE) is not a viable location for APCD. The Committee talked about exploring existing systems that could be leveraged versus building an APCD from scratch, and with consideration to real-time information for providers so that procedures do not get duplicated and therefore, cost more dollars.
- A broad, general introduction was provided as a review to Committee members on the earlier work to establish health care utilization data (e.g., SIM grant), the HIS Act and subsequent work. It was noted that the HIS Act provides authority to DOH for an APCD and allows for rules to be written for APCD development and implementation.

Plans for APCD Implementation

- Mike Landen outlined proposed plans for APCD implementation. The $900,000 in funding is for a NM Department of Information Technology (DoIT) framework, and a possible collaboration between HSD, DOH, and the Governor's Office. DoIT's role is to determine if the project can be accomplished within budget and timeline. DoIT and the NM Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) would certify the project and release the money. Proposed steps may include: Initiation (IT regulation), Planning (proposals, hire a project manager and staff), and Implementation (RFP for the DFA contractor to create the system), and Close-out.
- Committee members inquired about other states to talk with regarding their experiences and lessons learned. Perhaps a working group through the Governor's Association can connect Committee members with other state's APCDs. Colorado, Maine, New Hampshire, Utah, and Washington models are examples, with Maine and New Hampshire serving as the top models with most maturity.
- James Harnar is a new Santa Fe resident with in experience with launching APCDs and could possibly do a presentation at a future Committee meeting.

- The Committee determined that it would embark on a renewed, fact-finding effort to learn more about APCD. New Mexico's APCD has to be a long-term vision and this group can help frame it – the why and the purpose. It be worth looking at other states one more time and any additional literature that has come about, with a focus on what is practical and pragmatic. Members will forward Ken Geter some relevant articles.
- This group needs to decide what it wants in a database and what it wants to make available to the public.
- A review/overview of the APCD was presented by Ken, including a definition, the Massachusetts model, the benefits, existing resources for implementation, and a U.S. map showing where each state is at with APCD activity.
- It was suggested that the Committee review the Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchange space. Are CDN Edge Servers a consideration?

HIDD and ED Annual Reports

- Ken presented on the NMDOH Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data (HIDD) and the Emergency Department (ED) annual reports, including backgrounds, examples, limitations and suggestions for improvement of the reports.
- The Committee talked about the purpose of the data besides data just for its own sake. Instead, how can the data shape policy, including preventing the overuse of emergency room services through improved access to other health care services. Could these reports provide more information on what is causing some of the outcomes seen in the reports?
- Other methods to disseminate the data were mentioned such as use of infographics and social media.

Action Items for Next Meeting

- Review the Health Information System (HIS) Act.
- Provide a definition of cost.
- Continue the ACA discussion/clarification.
- Continue to talk about what good hospitalization and emergency room utilization reports look like.
- Contact James Harnar to see if he would be interested in presenting.

Adjourn

- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 1:30 pm, in Santa Fe. Location to be determined.