

Draft New Mexico Health Information System (HIS) Act Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**July 7, 2020
Zoom Meeting**

HIS Advisory Committee Members present:

Jeff Dye – New Mexico Hospital Association
Mark Epstein – Health Insurance Provider (True Health New Mexico)
Kristina Fisher – Health Consumer Group (Think New Mexico)
Nadini Kuehn – Health Policy
Mike Landen – New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), Chair
Bill Patten – Health Care Organization (Taos Holy Cross)
Todd Sandman – Health Care Provider (Presbyterian Health Services)
Judy Williams – Health Data

Members not present:

Robert Doucette – Office of Superintendent of Insurance
Ryan O’Connor – Human Services Department (HSD)
Russell Toal – Office of Superintendent of Insurance
Janice Torrez – Health Insurance Provider (BCBS)
Anthony Yepa – Health Consumer
Bonnie White – Health Care Organization (UNMH)

Other Attendees:

Kari Armijo, New Mexico Human Services Department
Ken Geter – Community & Health Systems Epidemiology Bureau, NMDOH
Keaton Hughes, Health Systems Epidemiology Program, CHSEB, NMDOH
Heidi Krapfl, Deputy Division Director of Programs, Epidemiology and Response Division, NMDOH
Dan Lanari – Health Care Organization (NMHA)
Lori Zigich, Health Systems Epidemiology Program, CHSEB, NMDOH

Review of Meeting Minutes from May 12 meeting

- Minutes approved.

Review Agenda

- Agenda Approved.

Status of HIS Act Advisory Committee (Mike Landen)

- Mark Epstein requested that the committee begin with this topic, then continue with APCD updates. There were no objections.
- Overall, committee membership has been stable.

- Mike Landen, Chair, is resigning from DOH. Heidi Krapfl, as Acting Division Director of the Epidemiology and Response Division, will be taking Mike Landen's place as Chair, as of Monday, July 13. Heidi introduced herself and provided some background.
- The Committee needs to review vacancies and make sure positions are filled. The Committee is structured in statute, "Members of the committees other than the secretary or secretary's designees shall serve for staggered terms of two years and a member can be reappointed for consecutive terms". The HIS Advisory Committee has not done any re-appointments.
- Jeff Dye reminded the Committee of his pending retirement at the end of the year, creating a vacancy. Ellen Interlandi and Dan Lanari from the New Mexico Hospital Association have been co-attending the meetings.
- Committee members expressed their appreciation to Dr. Landen for his role as Chair.

APCD Updates (Ken Geter)

- The APCD RFP was cancelled in the best interest of the state. DOH work with an internal procurement officer and will be choosing a new evaluation committee. DOH would like to ask the Committee for a new volunteer.
- DOH contracted with Real-time Solutions. They did an evaluation of six state (CO, FL, ME, NC, OR, and VA) APCD websites with a focus on the user interface. The information will be used as guidance by the eventual APCD technical design vendor. Real-time Solutions also surveyed some other states (CO, MD, UT, and WA) directly on back-end technology and lessons learned on the technical build of an APCD system.
- DOH is in the process of purchasing three years of Medicare data. Freedman Healthcare was used to facilitate this because it is a very complicated process.
- Committee members asked questions:
 - What is the timeline for the next contract award? There is not an exact timeline but there is no reason to think that it will not be issued relatively quickly and it will likely be a better RFP product. DOH has been reassured that the budget will be available and is not at risk.
 - Will the multiple stakeholder engagement input gathered last fall be incorporated into the second RFP? Yes.
 - Will people from the first evaluation committee be available to make sure that we don't fall into the same pitfalls? Yes, though former evaluation committee members will need to sign a confidentiality agreement and they cannot directly influence recommendations or score vendor proposals.
 - Will there be two vendors, one for the APCD and one for website? Because of the procurement process, we will have to be careful what we share outside of those confidentiality agreements and outside of the RFP group itself.
 - What happened during the special legislative session that may that may affect the APCD budget? Is there a date that this money has to be expended by? The C2 funding can be was not touched, can be extended to the second APCD technical design RFP, and is not at risk.
- Will start proceeding with Medicaid enhanced matching proposals and will potentially collaborate with a private organization and bring into the table with DOH and HSD in the next month to explore sustainability into the APCD. Kari Armijo expressed her support of this.

Next Steps

- DOH will check with counsel on question regarding two vendors – one for APCD and one for the website and provide a response to Committee members - either we can't answer it or here is the answer by email either today or tomorrow.
- Review Health Information System Advisory Committee Responsibilities and Duties. This rule establishes the membership, duties, and responsibilities of the health information system advisory committee. For next meeting, provide an update of when people came on and check with people ahead of time if they want to be re-nominated (or get another term).
- Keep Committee members updated on any APCD RFP vendor selection between now and the next meeting.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, October 6, 2:00-3:00pm via Zoom or similar.