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Monthly Meeting Agenda March 22, 2010, 2-3pm

Attendees:

Leslie Ludtke and Tyler Brannen (NH), Julie Bartels (WHIO) and Tim Bartholow (WI), Kevin Edwards and Mat Spaan (MN), Paul Smith (MA), Jeff Wilson (Milliman), Al Prysumka (Maine), Tom Bell (Mathematica Policy Research), Keely Cofrin Allen (UT), Jose Gonzalez (CO), Jeff Ockerman (TN), Amy Wenmoth and Jeremiah Samples (WV), Annette Gabel (Medco), Lisa Tourville (Humana)

Updates from States:

MINNESOTA

MN is receiving data in the warehouse, trying to get to critical mass to begin analysis. Mathematica is the analytics vendor for MN. MN is issuing another RFP for establishing web presence for publishing the analytics. Currently, in MN, there is legislative action on the table with regard to health reform initiatives.

UTAH

Legislative session ended with a few directives for the APCD including work with CVE and Insurance Dept, and mandate to publish reports from APCD.

UT is conducting RP Navigator demonstrations around the state. UT intends to analyze and produce reports by plan; there are 5 plans on maintenance with pharma and medical data going back to 2007, and coming through UHIN switch on daily basis. UT is also applying for NIH grant and writing letters of support for various grants.

WISCONSIN

WI is planning to sustain APCD through sale of data; primary purchasers are hospitals that want to analyze the data on their own systems. This experience has been a good test of data use guidelines. Legislatively, there has been no real movement to APCD.

Third version of the data mart will be released in April – have all primary commercial data and 2 regional medical systems and Medicaid fee for service data in the data set. Fall release will include 4 new payers. There has been considerable focus on physician engagement; increasing provider awareness of WHIO data set and what analytics can come out of data set and evaluation of variation in episodes in care. Tim has been involved in promoting this. Not broadly accepted by provider community, but a few groups are **very** interested.

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WEST VIRGINIA

APCD is becoming a more formal effort in WV.

Secretary of Human Services has been charged with convening work group to consider APCD. Jeremiah Samples (WV) added that the Insurance Dept role is using data for Health Information Exchange which s as a preliminary stage now.

TENNESSEE

Emergency rule has been approved by TN Attorney General. First meeting with reporters will be held on April 7 with Onpoint. TN is finishing procedure manual, with first submission scheduled for June (data collection back to 1/1/09)

COLORADO

Colorado is still working through legislative proposal and the management structure – advisory committee versus board structure. CO asked about using the HIN. AI mentioned that Maine has explored this but NPI is not in there and name is in there – the systems may come together some point in the future.

Jose (Rocky Mtn Health Plan) mentioned that the healthcare reform proposal includes language about introducing standardized forms which may impact data submission. *Topic for future RAPHIC discussion?*

MASSACHUSETTS

For APCD, the draft regulations are being finalized and will be released shortly. Public hearings are scheduled for April and May. Final regs and specs due to be adopted in July with data submissions starting in October retro to 1/1/2008. Linda Green and Paul Smith have been working with AI and Amy to align the MA proposed data elements with other states.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

NH is producing standard report of membership distribution among carriers.

MAINE

There was a piece of legislation that was introduced this session related to clean claims. A group of payers and AI have been charged to produce plan to address blending of billing and service provider information by October.

Updates from Data Organizations:

Medco/NCPDP

Medco has been working with NCPDP to develop a standard. The workgroup has gone through Maine and Minnesota data formats with NCPDP. AI has been helpful. She would like other states to participate to inform the process too. If you are interested in assisting in the process, please contact: annette_gabel@medco.com.

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Avalere Health

Annette was not able to participate on the call but invited input about the federal clams-based initiative: “Avalere is continuing the work with a target to finish in late April... if anyone would like to weigh in on what they view as what the purpose of the database should be, the kinds of questions it should answer, what the appropriate role of the federal government is, and/or how the database should be managed and structured, we are still very much gathering information and insight and shaping our thinking. We are very interested in state views of the database.”

Valerie can be reached by email: ybarton@avalerehealth.net

Updates from RAPHIC and NAHDO

- Draft of paper is submitted to Academy Health. Audience for the paper is major stakeholders and policy makers that are on the front end of the APCD development.
- Next deliverable to Academy Health is more of a roadmap/ implementation guide, which will include the stories/shared lessons from the states.
- 2010 NAHDO conference will be in Salt Lake City, UTAH on October 13 – 14!
- Standardization Stakeholders group is convening on Thursday.

Additional Q&A

TN had questions about restrictions about reporting.

MN has proscriptive reporting requirements and VT may have some useful language for TN.

Next meeting date: April 26, 2010 at 2:00