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CENTER FOR IMPROVING VALUE IN HEALTH CARE  
**CO APCD Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Notes – 8.14.2018**

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**Attendees**

**In Person:** Joann Ginal, *Colorado State Representative*; David Keller, *Professor and the first Vice Chair- University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children’s Hospital Colorado*; Debra Judy, *Policy Director, Colorado Consumer Health Initiative*; Bethany Pray, *Healthcare Attorney, Colorado Center for Law and Policy*; Nathan Wilkes, *Owner/Principal, Headstorms Inc.*

**Remote via webinar:** Justin Aubert, *Chief Financial Officer, Quality Health Network*; Mitchell Bronson, *Actuarial Statistician, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies*; Matt Cassidy, *Compliance Director, Delta Dental of Colorado*; Markie Davis, *Manager, Employee Benefits and Risk Management, State of Colorado*; Kristi Gjellum, *Account Executive and Practice Lead, Employee Benefits, IMA, Inc.*; Todd Lessley, *VP for Population Health, Salud Family Health Centers*; Phillip Lyons, *Director of Regulatory Affairs, United Healthcare*; Janet McIntyre, *VP Professional Services, Colorado Hospital Association*; Alejandro Vera, *Special Projects Coordinator, Health Information Office, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing*,

**Eight members were remote via phone only but we were unable to capture their names due to technical issues. Of the 25 members on the Committee 13 attended and were able to vote.**

**CIVHC:** Aspen Brooks, *Executive Assistant*; Maria de Jesus Diaz-Perez, *Director of Public Reporting*; Kari Degerness, *Account Manager*; Ana English, *President and CEO*, Cari Frank, *VP Communication and Marketing*; Jonathan Mathieu, *VP of Data and Delivery*; Peter Sheehan, *VP of Business Development*; Stephanie Spriggs, *Content and Report Manager*

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*Please refer to the presentation, materials, and post-meeting email for further information.*

**Public Reporting Update – Cari Frank/Maria de Jesus Diaz-Perez**

- Released since last meeting (*all publications included in meeting packet*):
  - Data Byte – Firearm Injuries
  - Data Byte – Top 25 CPT Codes
  - Data Byte – Colorado Payer and Provider Payment Variation (Reference Based Pricing)
  - Interactive Report – Imaging Facility Cost/Quality Information
  - Infographic - Imaging Facility Cost/Quality Highlights
  - Project Angel Heart Study Results
- Publication of facility cost and quality information for preventive procedures anticipated later in 2018.
- Upcoming publications/events:
  - Spot Analysis - Opioid Prescriptions: Volume and Trends
  - Interactive Report and Insights - Prescription Drug Cost Trends
  - White Paper - Reference Based Pricing
  - White Paper – Project Angel Heart Results
    - Webinar 9.19
  - CIVHC Connect Day Long Event:
    - Dollars and Sense: Lowering Health Care Costs and Increasing Transparency - 11.13

**Regulatory Topics - Proposed Changes to CO APCD Rule – Jonathan Mathieu**

- Proposed changes to the CO APCD Rule include the collection of:
  - Alternative Payment Models (APM)
  - Prescription Drug Rebate Information
- CIVHC received stakeholder responses to the changes from (*all letters included in meeting packet*):
  - Delta Dental
  - Aetna
  - AHIP/CAHP
  - PCMA
- CIVHC Received Letters of Support from (*all letters included in meeting packet*):

- CO APCD Advisory Committee
- Chronic Care Collaborative Colorado
- Colorado Academy of Family Physicians
- A Coalition of Consumer Advocacy Organizations
- **Status of Rule Change Process**
  - Packet submitted to HCPF 7.25
  - Anticipate Public Hearing in Sept/Oct, waiting to hear back from HCPF

### **Regulatory Topics - Administration of HCPF/CO APCD Scholarship – Peter Sheehan/Kari Degerness**

- HCPF provides up to \$500,000 in annual grant funding to defray the costs of non-profits and government entity access to the CO APCD for research.
- Newly passed, HB 1327 calls for the CO APCD Advisory Committee to have a role in reviewing and recommending applications for scholarship grants.
  - CO APCD Advisory Committee to review and recommend scholarship applications and amounts for approval, as well as collaborating with HCPF on a grant application form
  - HCPF then reviews and makes a final determination of scholarship applications and amounts approved
  - HCPF has agreed to temporarily continue working under prior system until new process is agreed to and finalized
- Proposed process
  - Creation of a CO APCD Scholarship Grant Subcommittee with 7 members from different stakeholder groups.
    - The Subcommittee has responsibility for recommending a grant approval and amount awarded.
    - HCPF and CIVHC have established a framework for reviewing grants and recommending amounts
    - Proposed stakeholder groups:
      - Consumer Advocate
      - Academia with experience in health care data/research
      - Non-profit health care representative (not a provider or payer)
      - Commercial Payer/Employer representative
      - Provider representative
      - CO Dept. of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)
      - Non-HCPF State Agency
  - The Subcommittee will be emailed grant applications biweekly by CIVHC's Account Manager or designee
    - Members of the Subcommittee will have 5 business days to review applications and provide guidance on approval or non-approval
  - Once approved, CIVHC's Account Manager will forward the application and related documents to HCPF for final review and consideration
- Committee discussion
  - Proposed process
    - Evaluation of the process after implementation
      - It was suggested that the process be reviewed and revised as necessary.
      - An orientation meeting with the Subcommittee will be scheduled prior to implementation
    - Potential for duplication of work between the Subcommittee and the Data Release and Review Committee (DRRC)
      - CIVHC explained that while both Committees evaluate applications, the DRRC is mainly concerned with meeting the criteria for data release as stipulated in the CO APCD Rule and regulations such as HIPAA, the Subcommittee will be evaluating the financial aspects of the request, including reviewing the requestor's budget and determining the amount to be awarded from the Scholarship.
    - Time Commitment of Subcommittee Members
      - CIVHC will do as much pre-work and investigation as possible to ensure that applications are complete and have passed through the DRRC prior to being sent to Subcommittee members.

- It is anticipated that applications will be emailed every two weeks and that reviewing the documents would take approximately 2 hours.
- Communication would be predominately via email/website but there is potential for Subcommittee meetings as needed.
- Distribution of applications to Subcommittee and potential for discussion within the group
  - CIVHC has two options available to the group
    - Distribute the applications via email, allowing for members to send messages back and forth in discussion
    - Post applications on a dedicated, secure, online portal where members can access the documents and engage in discussion via a virtual message board (will need time to implement)
- Stakeholder representation on Subcommittee
  - Some Members overlap multiple categories defined in the original CO APCD legislation and other may have professional conflicts of interest
  - Stephanie sent the Committee a list of all Members and stakeholder roles for evaluation after the meeting
- Process for awarding/not approving grants
  - Traditionally has been “first come, first serve”
  - On occasion, HCPF has denied requests because they are too similar to other requests that received Scholarship dollars.
    - When this happens, CIVHC attempts to put the two requestors in touch so they can possibly collaborate
    - Due to the Data Use Agreement, data releases can only be used by the requestor that submitted the application – it cannot be shared with other requestors who have similar projects
  - Colorado-based requestors will get preferred treatment
  - Scholarship dollars are “use it or lose it” each year so CIVHC makes a concerted effort to ensure that the funding is exhausted.
  - There is the potential that organizations approved for Scholarship awards may not follow through accepting the award due to unforeseen circumstances on the part of the requestor – this has led to scrambling to allocate dollars at the end of the fiscal year
- Language in HB 1327, possible Rule promulgation, and additional concerns regarding proposed process
  - CIVHC agreed to investigate and to invite Committee members to upcoming meetings with HCPF in order to clear up regulatory questions.
  - Pete will be reaching out with additional information
- Subcommittee volunteers during meeting
  - David Keller
  - Mitchell Bronson
- **COMMITTEE MOTION:** The Committee passed a motion to approve the CO APCD Scholarship process as preliminary, pending further discussion with HCPF. David Keller made the motion and it was seconded by Mitchell Bronson.
- Scholarship Application/Criteria
  - CIVHC explained how discussions with HCPF led to the raising the eligible requestor’s budget cap to \$10 million.
    - Historically, there have been requestors with important projects that were ineligible due to having budgets either at \$5 million or just above.
    - It was noted that the draft application sent to the Committee was not updated to reflect the change to the \$10 million cap – Steph sent the revised application to the group after the meeting
  - The budget cap criteria would be applied to the requestor’s department budget should they be from a large university or hospital, not to that of the entire school/facility.
  - The Scholarship does not usually cover the costs for a requestor’s entire project, the applicant is required to pay a percentage. CIVHC recently proposed to HCPF a sliding scale for this percentage based on the requestor’s budget.

- **COMMITTEE MOTION:** The Committee passed a motion to approve the updated version of the Scholarship application. David Keller made the motion and it was seconded by Bethany Pray.
- Representative Ginal requested that CIVHC schedule time to present the CO APCD and the Scholarship to fellow legislators to make them aware of the resource and dispel any confusion regarding the amount available in the Scholarship fund.

### **Committee Business – Stephanie Spriggs**

- Scheduling the November meeting on a date other than the 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Steph sent a Doodle poll with date options following the meeting.
- Committee meetings during the Legislative Session
  - Due to obligations and conflicts during the Legislative Session, some Committee members have challenges attending meetings in February and May. CIVHC would like to help mitigate those challenges and would be happy to alter the meeting calendar to ensure maximum attendance.
  - Committee members are encouraged to think of solutions, this will be an agenda item in November.
- New CO APCD Annual Report Timeline
  - For the 2018 CO APCD Annual Report, CIVHC will shift to reporting on fiscal years rather than calendar years. The 2018 report will cover July 2017 through June 2018.
  - In order for the Report to be of more use to members of the General Assembly and other policymakers, CIVHC will prepare and release a draft report in November/December. Official submission will be on the first Monday in January, thus meeting the legislative requirement to submit before March 1.
  - The 2018 Report will be reviewed at the November meeting.

### **Public Comments - None**

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### **Next 2018 CO APCD Advisory Committee Meetings**

November TBD