

Memories of the CO APCD

Can you share a favorite CO APCD Moment/Analysis?



"We have enjoyed partnering with CIVHC on projects that examined the impact of Hepatitis-C on local communities and have also valued working to understand the how different subpopulations of Colorado's Hispanic community have met the mental health challenges."

Michele Lueck,
Colorado Health Institute,
President

"I recall Jonathan Mathieu running some data on pharmacy cost, and noting that some drugs had gone up by a multiple. This was a year or two before Martin Shrkeli and the whole rare drug inflation thing. It was a moment when I could see the value of tracking prices that otherwise would have gone unnoticed. The geo price variation on procedures in general. I think then and now most people have no idea that you can have fivefold differences in prices in the same region, even in the same institution."

Jay Want,
Peterson Center on Healthcare,
Executive Director

"The publication of hospital prices as a percent of Medicare."

Douglas McCarthy,
Issues Research Inc.,
President

"When it became clear that the APCD could be financially self-sustaining, a major goal of our two rounds of implementation funding and recruiting Ana English would be another highlight for me. The breast cancer screening data, as prevention was my area of focus for most of my career, including some national groups I serve on today."

Ned Calonge, The Colorado
Trust, President and CEO

"Personally a couple: the data that showed the outrageous billing from non-par providers (including the neutral monitoring providers). The other was the report that clearly showed CO's astronomical hospital costs - a fact that we are not proud of but a fact that we could see happening."

Janet Stout-Pogar,
Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield,
Regional VP

When The Colorado Trust approved the initial funding, and it was announced at one of the health care quality meetings. Phil Kalin was such a great advocate for the APCD and was so thrilled to receive the funding support."

Laurel Petralia, Regis University,
Role Director

"I was on the steering Committee/board when Jay Want and others returned from a HC conference and Jay said we have to collect the "data"."

Michael E Huotari,
Stakeholder

"Learning about the cost and incidence of vaginal and cesarean section births."

Karen Zink,
Southwest Women's Health,
Nurse practitioner

"Working with the CIVHC team on care coordination and transitions of care activities was fun and productive."

Michael Boyson,
Telligen,
Program Specialist

"I think the APCD advisory board discussions are good. A good opportunity to share different perspectives on the same data."

Robert Smith, CBGH,
Executive Director

"I started with CIVHC the day the original CO APCD website went live. Another was winning an award for having the most innovative APCD in the nation. My absolute favorite moment was working with the CIVHC team, who are all passionate about the Triple Aim. The first price comparison for knees and hips for hospitals across the state. It was such a long time coming and it was very exciting to see it happen!"

Tracey D. Campbell,
BRIDGE Healthcare Partners, LLC,
CEO