

Healthcare Database Advisory Committee
Meeting #3 September 4, 2014 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska
1233 Lincoln Mall Rm 100
Lincoln, NE 68508

- I. **Call to Order** – Anne Lucille O’Keefe, Vice Chairperson
Meeting called to order at 12:11

II. **Roll Call**

In attendance: Lee Handke – BCBS, David Stitzel – Aetna, Deborah Bass – Health Information Exchange Representative, Anne Lucille O’Keefe – Public Health Dept Douglas County, Carol Trocinski – UHC, Li Wu Chen PhD – Academia representative, Ruth Vineyard – DHHS, Bruce Ramage – Director, Nebraska Dept of Insurance,

Not in attendance: Russell Ebke, MD – Physician representative, Sherry Wupper – Consumer Advocate representative, Lori Crowther- Mueller Recreational Products, Jeannette Wojtalewicz - CHI Network, Bart Karlson- ConAgra, Russell Gronewold – Bryan Health, Joseph Acierno - Chief Medical Officer DHHS,

III. **Approval of Minutes of meeting on June 5, 2014**

No quorum was present, minutes cannot be approved.

IV. **Opening remarks**

Anne Lucille O’Keefe– Proposed to have presentation first, then continue discussion. Motion passed

JP Sabby introduced David Newman, the Executive Director of the Health care Cost Institute

Speaker David Newman:

- The Health care cost institute is a self-sustaining legal board. There is no guaranteed representation by insurers. Insurers have one seat on board. Board elects own members.
- Institute has two public mission – do national research on cost and utilization trends in the country (healthcare). 2nd - licensing data that they hold to academic researchers for non-commercial, non-proprietary research. Put in public domain at no charge.
- Institute began to get claims data from insurers from 2007 and on. And as of February/March of this year, 5 billion claim data. Now has 10 million claim “mines” in all 50 states including claims in: employer sponsored Medicare advantage, and individual market.
- By end of year, claim data will be available for more than 100 million people

- Tricare will be granting data. Medicaid and CHIP in the pipeline.
- Medicare: 100% of Medicare A and B, 40% of D and 40% of C.
- WEBSITE – www.healthcostinstitute.org
- Deborah Bass: How is institute sustainable? Response: insurers pay, foundation support, license fee to academia
- Ruth Vineyard – How do they get license? Who controls the fees? Response: Academic universities gain access through a partnership program. Projects are vetted by institute and the institute has the rights managers who issue licenses.
- Ruth Vineyard – What is the methodology? Response: Methodology and data dictionary available online. Contributors do not get access to data. All standardized data and secured. Claims refresh every six months.
- Li-Wu Chen – How much interaction is there with universities? Response: Universities come to them for the data. Not used by university for public reporting
- Lee Handke – Does everybody need to submit a request for research? Response: – can only license to academia as everything is put in public domain.
 - o Currently works with Vermont. Held under rights granted by Vermont. Governed by state mandate. Vermont has an APCD.
 - o High fixed cost for states - \$1.5/per citizen. MA is paying \$4 million/year. Responder noted that they haven't done anything meaningful with the data.
- Ruth Vineyard – What if states don't have an APCD? Response: suggested that state PARTNER with institute.
- Ruth Vineyard – Are there other entities like the institute? Response: Not that holds as much data.
- Deborah Bass – What would it cost for 1.8 million individuals? Response: There is a cost sharing formula and insurers pay.
- Lee Handke– (referring to bill) can CHHI help? Response: “some of the things the statute aims to change may not be desirable”
 - o Cannot identify insurers individually
 - o CHHI is not a commercial service.
 - o Tier one of data – everybody can access, 2) register, have a password. Shows price/quality. Insureds who insurer is participating in initiative.
- Deborah Bass – Are consumers getting behind this? Response: ongoing discussions with consumer reports.
- Li-Wu Chen – Is there information regarding the quality of healthcare? Response: There is some – insurers are standardizing quality measures,
- Margaret Kohl from Senators' Gloor's office – Explain more about new initiative to gather information on new payment structure. Response: Refer to press release issued today.
- Senator Nordquist – are you working on states that have registries? Response: Yes, CHHI is launching a registry Oct 1 (Hep C)
- Deborah Bass – knowing what you know, what are your next steps? What should we consider? Response: If you want an APCD, lots of APCD envy. Know what you want to

do, understand the real value at the end of the day. Is there a positive ROI for our state? Collecting the data is only half of the expense. “doing something with the data” is the other half. Security issues from general citizenry.

- CHHI holds about 20% of data for Nebraska
- Working with 7 universities, waiting list with 13

V. Discussion

- Anne Lucille O’Keefe– Report must be written during meeting. NDOI offered to start drafting report based on the minutes. Have 2/3 scenarios based on where we want to go and can strike at a later date.
 - a. Option 1 – too expensive and shouldn’t move forward
 - b. Continue study, need funds for proper report (and bring on a contractor).
 - c. need more time, etc
- Last meeting is November 5th. JP Sabby will talk and try to get a meeting in October scheduled with drafts ready for then.
- JP will work on tentative dates.

Ruth Vineyard – There is still confusion about how legislation is written. Is a follow up needed?

Anne Lucille O’Keefe– hope that report (that we may contract for) would cover those issues

David Stitzel – agrees the requirements are confusing

Anne Lucille O’Keefe– could we asked for a presentation from senator Nordquist on clarification and expectation for bill?

Martin Swanson - We will reach out to senator and put on agenda for next meeting (tentative) but that the intent of the bill isn’t relevant. Martin advised that it is the committee’s report within the confines of the statute. Martin reminded that can’t make any decisions today as there is no quorum.

Lee Handke – do we want to see any presentations for actual ADPCs?

Bruce Ramage – if there’s time – yes. The more information the better.

Lee Handke - Would be happy to reach out to Colorado/civic for a presentation. How much did it cost? How was it setup?

Martin/JP – reached out to Kansas, nothing responded

Anne Lucille O’Keefe– can we try to put something on the agenda for next time?

Next meeting – cannot be Oct 6th.

VI. Public Comment

No comments received

VII. Adjourn

2:43 pm

Recorder: Cari Clauss, Federal Aid Administrator Nebraska Department of Insurance