

NM Health Information System (HIS) Act Advisory Committee Meeting
Toney Anaya, Santa Fe, NM
11 July 2017 2:00 – 3:15 pm

HIS Advisory Committee Members present:

Kristina Fisher - Think New Mexico
Susan Gempesaw - Presbyterian Healthcare System
Nandini Kuehn - Health Consumer, Healthcare Consultant
Michael Landen - NM Department of Health [NMDOH], Chair
Michael Nelson – NM Human Services Department [HSD]
Janice Torrez - Blue Cross Blue Shield of NM
Judith Williams - Health Data
Jeff Dye - New Mexico Hospital Association
Mark Epstein - NM Health Connections

Members not present:

Denise Gonzales - Health Consumer
Bill Patten – Holy Cross Hospital (Taos)
Steven McKernan - UNM Hospital

NM Department of Health Attendees:

Victoria Dirmyer – Health Systems Epidemiology Program
Ken Geter - Health Systems Epidemiology Program

Public Attendees:

Ellen Interlandi - NM Hospital Association Meredith Root-Bowman - Presbyterian Healthcare Glen
McDermott - NM Office of Superintendent of Insurance
Abel Romero – Intern with Think New Mexico
Phillip Wilkinson – Intern with Think New Mexico
Judy Giannettino – Presbyterian Healthcare System

2:00 pm Introductions

2:10 pm Review Meeting Minutes

- Minutes approved.

2:15 pm Review Agenda

- Agenda approved.

2:20 pm Update on Website

- Website rules are in process, there will be a public hearing once approved.
- DOH is hiring a contractor to develop the website for Jan. 1, 2018 release.
- Approximately \$30K will be allotted by DOH for the website contract.
- The advisory committee will not be involved in the procurement process.
- In the interest of time and limited budget, the website will be a simple, static website. It will not be a data query system.
- The data on the website will be pre-analyzed Medicaid and Medicare data.

- More information about the website contract will be provided at the next advisory committee meeting.

Discussion Point 1: The committee would like to review the website content again before the website goes live.

2:30 pm Update on Medicaid Data for Website

- A summary was given of the meeting between HSD and DOH staff last week.
 - The Medicaid data on the website must be validated using accepted methodologies to address issues of risk adjustment and outliers.
 - MCOs will not be shown by facility.
 - HSD will provide DOH with a refresh of the data by the end of July 2017.
 - HSD does not currently have the staff to perform data validation. This duty will fall to DOH staff.
 - DOH and HSD will meet again to address data validation issues.
- There was concern that too much aggregation and averaging of the data may obscure important aspects of the data.
- There was discussion about how the upgrade to MMIS [HSD data system used to provide Medicaid data to DOH] may assist with improving the timeliness of reporting from providers and improving data quality of claims. MMIS would function as a pass through for data exchange between HSD and providers; not likely to assist with improving data quality.

Discussion Point 1: NM Hospital Association noted that a contract is in the works with Truven/IBM Watson to scrub HIDD [Hospital Inpatient and Discharge Data] data before it is submitted to DOH. Multiple hospitals in NM submit their HIDD data [required under the Health Information Systems Act] through Truven/IBM Watson. With this contract, all NM hospitals would be able to submit data for validation prior to final submission to DOH. In theory, this will assist with improving data quality.

2:40 pm Review and Discuss NMDOH Annual Reports

- Slides showing highlights of the 2015 HIDD and ED Annual Reports were presented [can be accessed <https://nmhealth.org/about/erd/hsep/>].
- ED slides:
 - Concern about why we use the term “admissions” vs. “visits.”
 - Discussion about how to obtain Federal (IHS) facilities’ data (not currently included in the report).
- HIDD slides:
 - Suggestion to list conditions by highest prevalence rate rather than alphabetically.
 - Suggestion to show tables/graphs of cause of hospitalization by payer type.
 - For out of state hospitalizations: summarize primary diagnoses for these patients.
- Discussion about linking ED, HIDD, and IBIS to the new website.

3:10 pm Next Steps/Future Meeting

- Next Meeting: Thursday, September 14th, 2017 from 2:00-4:00pm at New Mexico Hospital Association building in Albuquerque, NM.

3:15 pm Adjourn