

**Minutes of the Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council
Meeting of December 17, 2015**

Council members present: Undersecretary Alice Moore, designee of Secretary Marylou Sudders, Executive Office of Health and Human Services (Interim Chair); Ms. Laura Adams; Ms. Alicia B. Curran; Ms. Fay Donohue; Mr. Bill Geary; Commissioner Daniel Judson, Division of Insurance; Mr. Colin Hill; Ms. Lauren Peters, designee of Secretary Kristen Lepore, Executive Office for Administration and Finance; Dr. Meredith Rosenthal; Executive Director David Seltz, Health Policy Commission; and Ms. Karen Tseng.

Noting the presence of a quorum, Undersecretary Alice Moore, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, called to order the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

I. WELCOME

Undersecretary Moore welcomed members of the Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council (Council) to their second meeting. With new members present, she invited the Council to make brief introductions before turning to the other agenda items.

After introductions were complete, Undersecretary Moore directed Council members to consult the first folder within their packet for their open administrative items.

II. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES [VOTE]

Undersecretary Moore introduced the vote for the prior meeting's minutes. Mr. Geary made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Donohue duly seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the prior meeting minutes without further discussion with the quorum present. Ms. Adams was not present for the vote.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Boros presented the four accomplishments highlighted in the report, and noted their relevance to the strategic plan. The group paused to allow for questions from the Council throughout the presentation.

Undersecretary Moore asked about the impact of data privacy laws such as HIPPA on the collection of data in regards to CHIA's behavioral health efforts. Mr. Boros replied that it can be difficult to reconcile programs and claims data based on legal restrictions, and that CHIA defers to the federal government for guidance on the matter. CHIA is currently advocating with the federal government in consideration of future possibilities with MA APCD data. Ms. Adams commented that she faced similar restrictions in Rhode Island, and would like to be of assistance. Mr. Boros noted that Dianne McCarthy, CHIA's General Counsel, is making efforts on the matter, and would be in touch with Ms. Adams.

Mr. Geary, Ms. Adams, and Ms. Donohue inquired about the accessibility of CHIA data and its future uses and capabilities for commercial and consulting purposes. They inquired about the demand for consulting, legislative and analytic requests for CHIA. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Tseng commented that CHIA and the Council could analyze the requests to assess if there

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are routine questions that could become standard reports versus those that are truly ad hoc. Mr. Boros noted that CHIA will provide metrics on data release requests in future discussions.

IV. APPROVAL OF FY17 BUDGET DECISION [VOTE]

Mr. Boros called the Council's attention to the FY17 budget motion recently passed by the A&F Committee. Mr. Geary made a motion to approve the decision, which Ms. Donohue duly seconded. The Council voted to approve the A&F Committee's motion without further discussion.

V. APPROVAL OF BYLAWS [VOTE]

Undersecretary Moore called for a vote to approve the Council Bylaws. Mr. Geary made a motion to approve the Bylaws. Ms. Curran duly seconded the motion. The Council voted to approve the Bylaws without further discussion.

VI. CHIA DATA ASSETS: OVERVIEW & OVERLOOK

Mr. Boros presented the Council with an overview of CHIA's data assets: MA APCD; Case Mix; hospitals, Registered Provider Organizations, primary care practices, and other providers; health insurance, insurers, and contracting information; and survey data. The group paused to allow for questions from the Council throughout the presentation.

Ms. Rosenthal inquired about the possibility of making partial data releases available to allow for more timely data. A brief discussion ensued about the latency of data and CHIA's efforts to remediate this issue by moving toward a schedule that would allow for the release of data after only three months of claims runout instead of six months as done previously.

Mr. Geary commented that the Council and CHIA could potentially reduce the reporting burden of payers and providers by examining what data is owed, when it is owed, and to which agency. Undersecretary Moore and Ms. Peters outlined the Baker Administration's efforts to promote administrative simplification and, where possible, streamline such requirements.

Mr. Boros presented future goals for CHIA's data. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Seltz requested that Mr. Boros outline how stakeholders are engaged in decision making on this issue at a future meeting. Ms. Tseng inquired about the other established committees, and asked to be part of the nomination committee, to which Undersecretary Moore stated she would inform Interim Chair Sudders of Ms. Tseng's interest.

VII. CLOSING

There being no other business to conduct, Mr. Seltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Curran duly seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.