

**Minutes of the Health Information and Analysis Oversight Council
Meeting of September 20, 2016**

Council members present: Secretary Marylou Sudders, Executive Office of Health and Human Services (Interim Chair); Ms. Laura Adams; Ms. Alicia B. Curran; Ms. Fay Donohue; Commissioner Daniel Judson, Division of Insurance; 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, Secretary Marylou Sudders, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

I. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES [VOTE]

Secretary Sudders introduced the vote for approval for the prior meeting's minutes. Mr. Seltz moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Peters duly seconded the motion. The Council voted unanimously to approve the prior meeting minutes.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Secretary Sudders welcomed Ray Campbell as the new Executive Director of CHIA, and asked him to begin his presentation. Mr. Campbell walked through his first eight weeks, including outlining his main goals around CHIA and its role, highlighting that CHIA is a data agency not a health care policy agency. Ms. Rosenthal arrived for the Council meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Mr. Campbell outlined his three priorities for the foreseeable future: CHIA FY17 and FY18 budget development, meeting with stakeholders, and developing the agency's strategic plan. Mr. Campbell walked the Council through the hiring of Accenture Consulting, responsible for assisting CHIA in the budget process and strategy development. Clarifying questions were asked from the Council on Accenture's role and its potential impact on the MA APCD. Mr. Campbell explained that due to the timing of the Accenture engagement they will not be involved in the MA APCD strategic development. The primary focus is the budget. Secretary Sudders reiterated the importance of business process redesigns and that Accenture was hired to direct that endeavor at CHIA.

The Council further asked about its role in strategic planning, and the timeline of these endeavors. Mr. Campbell stated that CHIA needs guidance from the Council on what level of involvement is desired. Ms. Peters added that by December 2016 at the latest the Executive Office for Administration and Finance would need a FY18 budget plan from CHIA.

Mr. Campbell then introduced the Director of Communications and External Affairs, Andrew Jackmauh, to present on CHIA's recent and upcoming publications. Mr. Jackmauh highlighted key recent and forthcoming publications. After a brief conversation regarding which publications were statutorily mandated, Mr. Campbell added that Accenture may also assist in determining which publications should be produced.

Mr. Campbell then introduced CHIA's General Counsel, Dianne McCarthy, for her to discuss CHIA's endeavors to address the impacts of the *Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual* Supreme Court decision. Ms. McCarthy walked the Council through recent events regarding a national effort by the APCD Council and the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) to enable state APCDs to receive self-insured data from ERISA plans. She explained that NASHP has produced formal comments for submission to the Department of Labor to enable various means to collect self-insured

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data. Ms. McCarthy asked Council members to review the comments and consider submitting them on behalf of their respective organizations.

Ms. McCarthy then addressed the submission of substance abuse data to CHIA and the impact of regulations 42 CFR Part 2. She explained that CHIA's Chief Information Officer has developed two methods to address this issue. One strategy would involve a third party vendor receiving and hashing the substance abuse data on behalf of CHIA, or creating deployable software to carriers where they would internally hash the data themselves before submission. The alternative strategy would enable an in-house solution where CHIA hashes the data then disposes of the necessary personal health information. Ms. McCarthy explained that CHIA met with the payer Harvard Pilgrim Health Care on September 19 to get their feedback on these ideas and was met with positive interest in next steps.

III. BUDGET DISCUSSION

The Council then moved to discuss CHIA's budget development. Ms. Peters discussed the Administration and Finance Committee meeting from September 13 where the initial FY17 budget was approved. Mr. Campbell discussed a memo outlining CHIA's proposed budget cuts for FY17 and their impact. He cautioned that while the budget for FY17 allows CHIA to "hit pause" on its operations and any investments, the FY18 cuts will be more severe.

The Council asked about the FY18 budget creation progress, and Mr. Campbell answered that the focus was solely on the FY17 budget at this time and that CHIA needed to determine its strategic goals before addressing FY18. Mr. Campbell suggested that the Council reconvene in about a month to discuss the FY18 budget, which the Council agreed to. A brief discussion ensued on whether participating remotely was permissible for Council members in order to increase meeting attendance, and it was decided that remote participation was acceptable. It was also asked by the Council that the budget landscape through FY21 be further understood, especially whether CHIA expects renewal of full funding in FY21.

Secretary Sudders noted that the FY17 budget needed approval. Ms. Donahue moved to approve the budget, which Ms. Adams duly seconded. The FY17 budget was unanimously approved by the Council. The Council requested that any strategic planning documents and reports produced through the Accenture engagement be shared with the Council.

IV. CLOSING

Secretary Sudders concluded by more formally welcoming Mr. Campbell to CHIA. She noted that his presentation on the *Annual Report on the Performance of the Massachusetts Health Care System* to the Health Policy Commission was well done, and in a format that enabled productive conversation. The Secretary also thanked the CHIA staff for effectively transitioning Mr. Campbell.

There being no other official business to discuss, Mr. Seltz moved to adjourn the meeting which Ms. Tseng seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.