

Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2017
South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

DOC Members Present

Dr. Shae Sutton, SCDHEC *via phone*
Mr. Brandt Smith, SCMA *via phone*
Ms. Andrea Bickley, SCDHHS

RFA Staff Present

Chris Finney
Sarah Crawford

The May 18, 2017 Data Oversight Council (DOC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Sarah Crawford at 3:03 p.m. Introductions were initiated by Ms. Crawford. She then presented the minutes from the February 16, 2017 DOC meeting. No corrections were made the DOC meeting minutes. MS. Andrea Bickley motioned that the minutes be approved. Dr. Shae Sutton seconded the motion. The February 16, 2017 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The first application for the release of restricted data, submitted by Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions; Johns Hopkins University; was titled “Measuring the impact of the Medicare Readmissions Reduction Program (HRRP) on the volume services hospitals provide to low-income and minority communities”. This application was approved in the November 17th, 2016 DOC meeting with several modifications two of which being that the researcher not receive zip code and facility ID and RFA to provide the requested linkages to Census, AHA and AHRF data. The researcher felt that they did need zip code and facility ID and re-submitted their application with additional justifications. The DOC still felt that there was not sufficient justification for getting zip code and facility ID and RFA has a process in place for receiving the additional data and doing the linkage for the researcher. Dr. Sutton motioned to approve this request contingent on RFA doing the linkage and not providing the actual zip code or facility ID to the researcher. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion to approve with the specified restriction passed unanimously.

The second application for the release of restricted data was an amended request for re-release of de-identified data, submitted by David E. Murday, Research Associate, University of South Carolina Core for Applied Research & Evaluation; Arnold School of Public Health; University of South Carolina was titled “Identify factors related to selective participation in the SC SCI Prospective Cohort”. This study will use RFA inpatient hospital data and registry data to assess any selection bias regarding agreement to participate in the SCI Prospective Cohort Study. Ms. Bickley motioned to approve this request. Dr. Sutton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The third application for the release of restricted data, submitted by Dr. Diansheng Guo, Associate Professor; Department of Geography; University of South Carolina, was titled “Spatial Analysis of Healthcare Access and Utilization in South Carolina: A Big Data Approach”. The overall goal of this project is to carry out a series of spatial analyses of RFA data and to synthesize healthcare access and utilization patterns in the state level. There was concern over the amount of data being requested, since the researcher was requesting data on all patients with no restriction on the cohort. As well as the request for actual zip code for both the patient and health care facility and health care facility id. Ms. Bickley motioned to Table this request. Dr. Sutton seconded the motion. The motion to Table the request was unanimous pending the researcher receiving IRB approval.

The fourth application for the release of restricted data, submitted by John Pearce, PhD, Assistant Professor; Medical University of South Carolina, was titled “A study of air pollution mixtures and morbidity in South Carolina”. This request was originally approved at the August 20, 2015 DOC meeting. This amendment is a request to receive census block/tract of residents to add to the existing data. The Council wanted clarification of whether the researcher was

requesting Tract or Block. Also, the DOC would like to get more details on the feedback that the researcher received back from NIH. Dr. Sutton motioned to Table this request pending additional justification for receiving Census Block being provided by the researcher. Ms. Bickley seconded the motion. The motion to Table the request was unanimous.

The fifth application for the release of restricted data, submitted by Dr. Julie Kanter, Director of Sickle Cell Disease Research; Medical University Of South Carolina (MUSC), was titled “Predictors of Acute Care Utilization in Sickle Cell Disease”. This application was reviewed and tabled in the February 16, 2017 meeting. Since that meeting, the researcher provided a copy of their IRB approval and decided to no longer link to DHEC data. However, they still wished to receive zip code and hospital facility ID and provided additional justification. There was a question on whether the researcher had received consent from each patient for participation. This application did not have sufficient justification for receiving a linked individual level data set. The council felt this made more sense as an aggregate data request and approved the release of aggregate data tables by zip code, facility and DRG. If the researcher still needs a full data set, they will need to provide a clear description for the specific purpose of receiving the full merged data set. Dr. Sutton motioned to approve this request at an aggregate request. Ms. Bickley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with the specified modifications.

The sixth application for the release of restricted data, submitted by Khosrow Heidari, Senior Epidemiologist for Prescription Monitoring Program; SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), was titled “Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Surveillance”. Under the Article 15 of South Carolina Prescription Monitoring ACT, DHEC’s PMP is charged to monitor the pattern of use and distribution of licit drugs. Dr. Sutton abstained

from voting since this is a DHEC project. Ms. Bickley motioned to approve this request. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The seventh application for the release of restricted data was an amended, submitted by Maria Steenland, Doctoral Candidate with the Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, was titled “Unbundling payments for long-acting reversible contraception immediately postpartum among Medicaid-covered women in South Carolina”. The request was tabled at the February 16, 2017 meeting. The researcher made the requested changes from that meeting and resubmitted the application. The Council has asked for the researcher to provide the title for their alternate contact. Also, the Council has requested that RFA re-iterates with the researcher that this data cannot be used for other projects and if the researcher leaves the institution she is currently with, she is not allowed to take the data with her. Ms. Bickley motioned to approve this request. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The final application for the release of restricted data, submitted by Rie Sakai-Bizmark, Assistant Professor with LA BioMed at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, was titled “Impact of Pulse Oximetry (PO) Screening”. In the proposed study, the researcher will examine death records and inpatient hospital records in order to evaluate the effects of PO screening on health outcomes. The council requested more information on what death certificate data was being requested from DHEC. Also, instead of supplying the actual patient zip code, have RFA provide the mean household income from Census data by patient zip code. Ms. Bickley motioned to Table this request pending information on DHEC Vital Records request. Dr. Sutton seconded the motion. The motion to Table passed unanimously.

The first topic up for General Discussion, was the notification of Principle Investigator changes on a request from David E. Murday titled “Spinal Cord Injury Follow-Back Study (2014), Spinal Cord Injury Study – High Utilizers (2015)”. There were no changes to the study or the agency, just the PI.

The second topic up for General Discussion was the official approval of the DOC Protocols. These Protocols have been in place but there was not an official DOC approval on record. Ms. Bickley motioned to approve the DOC Protocols. Dr. Sutton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The final topic up for General Discussion was the planning of a supplemental DOC meeting. Due to the number of applications submitted to RFA since the applications were finalized for review in the May 18, 2017. An email will be sent to the Council to determine a date and time for the follow-up meeting.

This concluded the May 18, 2017 DOC Meeting. The next scheduled DOC meeting is August 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m. by Ms. Crawford.

FOLLOW-UP:

A supplemental DOC meeting was scheduled for Tuesday July 11th, 2017 at 2pm.