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Date: February 15, 2024
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Subject: Minutes of the South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

Attendees: *Committee Members* – Dr. Aunyika Moonan – SCHA (*Teams*), Ms. Heather Kirby – DHHS (*Teams*), Mr. Brandt Smith – SCMA (*Teams*), Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou – DHEC (*Teams*), Mr. Kevin Tinch – Internetwork Engineering (*Teams*), Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher – Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (*Teams*,

Staff – Ms. Sarah Crawford and Mr. Chris Finney (*Teams*)

- I. Ms. Sarah Crawford, RFA Liaison to the DOC, called the meeting called to order at 2:03pm.

- II. Ms. Sarah Crawford presented the November 16, 2023 meeting minutes, which previously had been shared with the Members and asked if any Member had edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Brandt Smith seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved as written.

- III. Review of Data Requests
 - A. Request 1: Amy Finkelstein; Massachusetts Institute of Technology – “Impact of SNAP on Elderly Health Care Use and Health Outcomes” *Amendment*
 - The researcher submitted an amendment to their request originally approved by the DOC on December 20, 2022. The researcher is requesting to revise the cohort and adding a comparison group of individuals that would be pulled from SC DHHS Medicaid Claims data.
 - **Approved: With no modifications, Ms. Heather Kirby motioned to approve the amended application; Mr. Kevin Tinch seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved.**
 - B. Request 2: Anna Chorniy; Northwestern University – “Plan Value-Added: Impact of Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) plan benefits on beneficiaries’ health and health-related outcomes”
 - The overall aim of this study is to produce evidence regarding the “add-on” benefits of MMC plans and their relative effects on outcomes of

children with asthma, accounting for factors at individual, family, and neighborhood levels. This evidence will be used to simulate different ways of assigning patients to MMC plans that best serve their needs and, ultimately, reduce health disparities.

- **Approved: Mr. Brandt Smith motioned to approve the application; Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved without any modifications.**

C. Request 3: Greg Meetze; SC Dept. of Disabilities and Special Needs – “Needs Assessment to Update SC Traumatic Brain Injury State Plan.”

- Title 44 Chapter 38 Article 1 of the SC Code creates a central information surveillance system and registry for traumatic brain injuries under SCDDSN. For this specific request, the data will be used to identify a stratified sample of participants in the surveillance registry who are potential subjects for interviews in the assessment process.
- The application references that SC DDSN is contracting with USC and MUSC for some of the work with these data. Mr. Chris Finney recommended that any additional sharing of these data be transferred by RFA and all individuals should sign the confidentiality agreement.
- **Approved with recommendations from RFA: Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the application; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved without any modifications.**

IV. General Discussion

- A. RFA staff updated the DOC on the status of the Civil Investigation Demand from the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC contacted RFA with an update on the status of the Civil Investigation Demand and RFA shared details with DOC members. The Commission has voted 3-0 to issue an administrative complaint and authorize Commission Staff to seek a preliminary injunction from a federal district court in the Western District of North Carolina. The SC data was secondary, but there may be requests for data if there is a trial. RFA staff will keep the DOC apprised of any additional updates.
- B. Reappointment of DOC members and designating a DOC chairperson.
 - Ms. Sarah Crawford informed the members that several DOC members terms are expiring this year and will be contacting people individually for reappointment letters.

- The Governor’s Office suggested that DOC members recommend a member to serve as Chair. It was suggested that members email their recommendations to Ms. Sarah Crawford.
- C. Legislation to establish the Executive Office of Health and Policy (S.915 and H.4927)
 - RFA staff alerted DOC members of the proposed legislation combining multiple state agencies that includes revisions to the Data Oversight Council Legislation 44-6-170.
- D. No other items were brought to the Council for discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16th, 2024 at 2:00pm.
- V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm.

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at: <https://rfa.sc.gov/boards-committees/dataoversight>.

The minutes were approved on 5/16/2024

Sarah Crawford 