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**Date:** May 16, 2024  
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**Subject:** Minutes of the South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

**Attendees:** *Committee Members* – Dr. Aunyika Moonan – SCHA (*Teams*), Dr. Marcus Ferguson – DHHS (*Teams*), Mr. Brandt Smith – SCMA (*Teams*), Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou – DHEC (*Teams*), Dr. William Jennings – BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (*Teams*), Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher – Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (*Teams*), Mr. Brandon Hulko, Molina Healthcare (*Teams*)

*Guest* – Lior Rennert and Kerry Ann Howard, Clemson University (*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 2:04pm.
- II. Ms. Sarah Crawford introduced Dr. Marcus Ferguson the interim representative for SC DHHS. The November 16, 2023 meeting minutes, which previously had been shared with the DOC members were presented and they were asked if there were any edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher motioned to approve the minutes; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved as written.
- III. Review of Data Requests

Request 1: Lior Rennert; Clemson University – “Study 1: Data-driven approaches for opioid use disorder treatment, recovery, and overdose prevention in rural communities via mobile health clinics and peer support services  
Study 2: Disease Modeling and Analytics to inform Outbreak Preparedness, Response, Intervention, Mitigation, and Elimination in South Carolina (DMA-PRIME)”

- Dr. Lior Rennert and Dr. Kerry Howard were present on the Teams call to address any questions or concerns from DOC members.
- This application is part of an effort to develop and implement a modeling framework to identify and target high-risk communities in South Carolina with mobile health clinics. These studies are funded under separate grants

but both studies need to be linked because all the information involves forecasting for these vulnerable populations. So, the requests were combined to allow for a complete picture of the populations.

- After discussion, the DOC recommended that RFA staff create specified age groups in place of individual age and the DRG and CPT codes were not needed for this request, so they would be removed from the application.
  - **Approved: With specified modifications, Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve application; Mr. Brandon Hulko seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with the specified modifications.**
- B. Request 2: Jorge Luis Garcia; Clemson University – “Guaranteed Basic Income in South Carolina: Do Unconditional Cash Grants Release Individuals from Poverty Traps in a Rural Setting?”
- The purpose of the proposed research project is to assess the effects of a Guaranteed Basic Income program in rural South Carolina. Particularly interested in understanding the short and long-term effects of unconditional cash grants on program participants' education, employment, household expenditures, food availability, financial stress, economic situation (e.g., assets, rental, credit, insurance), and health.
  - **Approved: Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the application; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved without any modifications.**
- C. Request 3: Orgul Ozturk; University of South Carolina – “Education and Birth Outcomes - Evidence from SC Accountability Programs and Policies”
- Amendment*
- The researcher submitted an amendment to their request originally approved by the DOC on November 16, 2023. This amendment is for the addition of another agency as a data source, SC Dept. of Juvenile Justice.
  - **Approved: 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. Reappointment of DOC members and designating a DOC chairperson.

- Ms. Sarah Crawford reminded 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.

B. Imago MRI reporting

- The DOC was asked to review Legislation and decide on whether this type of MRI facility meets the state data reporting requirements.
- Mr. Chris Finney pointed out that this facility does not collect insurance, so they do not collect all the required fields. However, they could provide a stripped-down file like the free-standing layout.
- DOC members agreed that they should be considered health care providers and therefore should submit.
- Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou did ask if the DOC can compel an institution to report and what to report.
- Mr. Chris Finney will talk with internal RFA counsel, get their interpretation of the legislation and will update in the next meeting.

C. No other items were brought to the Council for discussion. The next meeting is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 2:00pm.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

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

The minutes were approved on August 15, 2024

Sarah Crawford *Sarah Crawford*