



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

1000 ASSEMBLY STREET
REMBERT C. DENNIS BUILDING, SUITE 421
COLUMBIA, SC 29201
803 734-3793
RFA.SC.GOV

Date: May 15, 2025
Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office / Microsoft Teams

Subject: Minutes of the South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

Attendees: *Committee Members* – Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou – DPH (*Teams*), Dr. William Jennings – BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (*Teams*), Dr. Aunyika Moonan – SC Hospital Association (*Teams*), Mr. Brandt Smith – SC Medical Association (*Teams*), Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher – Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (*Teams*)

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

- I. Ms. Sarah Crawford, RFA Liaison to the DOC, called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.
- II. The May 15, 2025, meeting minutes, which were previously shared with the DOC members, were presented and members were asked if there were any edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Dr. Aunyika Moonan 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
 - A. Request 1: Swann Adams: University of South Carolina – “A Systems Theory Approach to The Study of Colon and Lung Cancer Health Disparities Using Novel Data Linkages”
 - This research project will utilize administrative data to create a population-based, diverse cohort of lung and colon cancer patients that will allow the researcher to comprehensively examine disparities in cancer therapies, the joint and individual effects of treatment and co-morbidities, and multi-level contributors across multiple domains to cancer survival trajectories.
 - With multiple health care facility characteristics being requested, the DOC wants RFA to remind the researcher of facility confidentiality stipulations.
 - The DOC requested that the researcher submit any reports to RFA for review prior to publication.
 - **Approved: Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou motioned to approve the application with these stipulations; Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with these stipulations.**

- B. Request 2: Hilary Hoynes: University of California, Berkeley – “The Effects of School-Based Behavioral Health Supports in South Carolina”
- The purpose of this proposed research is to understand the impact of providing school-based mental health resources in public schools in South Carolina. Inpatient and emergency department data will be used to assess mental health related encounters with the medical system.
 - The DOC members asked to receive a copy of the researcher’s final report.
 - **Approved: Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the application; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**
- C. Request 3: Dulaney Wilson: Medical University of South Carolina – “Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) in South Carolina”
- The purpose of this request is to utilize all-payer hospital claims data to examine the statewide incidence of Spinal Cord injury (SCI) in SC.
 - With multiple health care facility characteristics being requested, the DOC wants RFA to remind the researcher of facility confidentiality stipulations.
 - **Approved: Dr. William Jennings motioned to approve the application; Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with this stipulation.**
- D. Request 4: Jason Parton: University of Alabama – “Southern Regional Drug Data Research Center”
- The Southern Regional Drug Data Research Center (SR-DDRC) is a new effort to address the deadly substance use crisis facing the US South through funding provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the US Department of Justice.
 - The researcher has requested the county of the health care facility, which could potentially identify the facility. With that consideration RFA will remind the researcher of the confidentiality stipulations for both patients and facilities.
 - The DOC also stipulated that no analysis by actual county of facility be published.
 - **Approved: Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou motioned to approve the application; Dr. William Jennings seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with these stipulations.**
- E. Request 5: J. Benjamin Jackson: University of South Carolina – “Trends in adult acquired flatfoot deformity (AAFD) in South Carolina”

- This study will be a retrospective analysis of the incidence, operative management, and economic burden of Adult Acquired Flatfoot Deformity (AAFD) in the state of South Carolina (SC).
- The researcher requested a health care professional ID to be able to classify providers by specialty type. Since IDs have changed significantly over time, the DOC recommended including healthcare professional classification and specialty code in place of the actual health care professional ID.
- **Approved: Mr. Brandt Smith motioned to approve the application; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with this modification.**

IV. General Discussion

- Up for general discussion was a continuation of the discussion around adding an ethnicity field to the data layout for the hospital data submitted to RFA. RFA would like to separate races and ethnicity to allow for more accurate rate calculations. RFA is in the process of modifying the hospital data layout to account for other needed changes and would like to add this change as well. RFA will provide DOC members with a write-up giving the details of the proposed changes and some background on the data collection.
- The next meeting is scheduled for August 21st, 2025, at 2:00pm.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm.

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

The minutes were approved on August 21, 2025

Sarah Crawford *Sarah Crawford*