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**Date:** August 21, 2025  
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**Subject:** Minutes of the South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

**Attendees:** *Committee Members* – Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou – DPH (*Teams*), Dr. Aunyika Moonan – SC Hospital Association (*Teams*), Mr. Brandt Smith – SC Medical Association (*Teams*), Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher – Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System (*Teams*), Mr. Kevin Tinch - Internetwork Engineering

*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 minutes for the May 15, 2025, meeting, which were previously shared with the DOC members, were presented and members were asked if there were any edits or questions. Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher pointed out that the dates referenced in the minutes needed to be corrected. Hearing no other amendments or objections, Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher motioned to approve the minutes; Dr. Aunyika Moonan seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved as written.
- III. Review of Data Requests
  - A. Request 1: Benjamin Jackson: University of South Carolina – “A comparison of costs and surgical outcomes for hallux valgus surgeries completed by orthopedic surgeons compared to podiatrists in SC: 2010 to present”
    - The study will be a retrospective analysis examining trends in hallux valgus (bunion) surgical procedures in South Carolina (SC) from 2010 to the present, to include patient demographics, specialty area of physician performing surgery, and costs over time.
    - 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. Aunyika Moonan seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with this modification.**

B. Request 2: Torrie Fields: TFA Analytics – “Comprehensive Palliative Care for Serious Illnesses (CPC SI)”

- The Comprehensive Palliative Care for Serious Illness pilot program is enrolling patients with serious illness to receive team-based palliative care services. The requestor seeks to evaluate the impact of this program on cost, utilization, and quality across all health insurance types. With hopes to develop a new model of care payment for individuals with serious illness.
- This project is done in conjunction with SC Hospital Association.
- Mr. Chris Finney expressed concerns with using the all-payer hospital data for a study such as this. He felt a study such as this is meant more for a claims-based system where you can control for enrollment. Dr. Aunyika Moonan indicated that they would also be requesting Medicaid claims data.
- **Approved: Dr. Brandt Smith motioned to approve the application; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**

C. Request 3: Lior Rennert: Clemson University – “Increasing mobile health clinic utilization in rural communities”

- In partnership with SC’s Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare, and SC’s Department of Public Health (SCDPH), the researcher is requesting these data to assist the allocation of mobile health clinics to provide service for maternal and child health, hypertension, diabetes, cancer, and other chronic conditions. This data will specifically be used to identify and prioritize communities for the delivery of these services.
- The DOC requested that RFA provide a timing variable in the form of week served (1-52) in lieu of actual dates.
- **Approved: Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher motioned to approve the application with this specification; Dr. Aunyika Moonan seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with this stipulation.**

D. Request 4: Timothy Lyons: BCBS Diabetes Free SC – “Outcomes Analysis of SC MOMs (Management of Maternal Diabetes) Program”

- The aim of this project is to compare maternal and infant outcomes from MOMs participants with a contemporaneous comparison group of non-MOMs patients. The researcher is requesting for RFA to provide Diabetes Free SC with deidentified data for MOMs vs. non-MOMs women to compare maternal and infant outcomes, including hospitalizations between the beginning of the third trimester and one-year postpartum, controlling for key

variables including maternal age, race, type of maternal diabetes, and insurance status.

- **Approved: Mr. Brandt Smith motioned to approve the application; Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher seconded the motion. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**

IV. General Discussion

A. 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. Dr. Aunyika Moonan updated the members on her communication to SCHA leadership regarding these additional fields. This was presented to SCHA leadership; they were supportive but would like it to be presented for full board approval in the November Board meeting. Ms. Dianne Davis gave an update on the implementation and time frame for adding additional fields. The plan is to give six months for sites to implement these changes

B. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2:00pm.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:32pm.

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

The minutes were approved on January 7, 2026

Sarah Crawford *Sarah Crawford*