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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*), Ms. Haley Young – SC Department of Health and Human Services (*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 2:35 p.m.
- II. The minutes for the August 21, 2025, meeting, which were previously shared with the DOC members, were presented. Members were asked if there were any edits or questions. 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: Orgul Ozturk: University of South Carolina – “Sibling Spillover and Long-Run Outcomes”
 - The researcher has additional modifications to make to the application and has withdrawn it. They will resubmit later.
 - B. Request 2: Maggi Miller, USC Office for the Study of Aging – “Statewide Prevalence, Geography, and Trends of Prion Disease Deaths in South Carolina”
 - This project seeks to link Alzheimer’s disease registry data and hospital encounter data to (a) geographically characterize prion disease cases in South Carolina over time and (b) identify suspected cases by examining hospital visits and diagnostic procedures. The researcher aims to assess the feasibility of an “early warning” system to detect these diagnoses and support timely evaluation and treatment.

- Mr. Chris Finney indicated that several thousand relevant cases exist in the hospital data. While cases of the disease itself are rare, the number of records available for model-building is large. For the purpose of a mail-out permitted under ADRD legislation, patient addresses will be provided only for identified potential cases; no names will be provided.
 - **Approved: Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the application; Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**
- C. Request 3: Heather Sandstrom, Urban Institute – “Hello Family Spartanburg Project Evaluation: SIPPR Grant Project Expansion”
- The purpose of this project is to analyze hospital data on infants’ emergency medical care utilization as part of the Hello Family Spartanburg pay-for-success project evaluation.
 - The DOC requested that RFA provide encrypted ZIP Codes and provider IDs with necessary associated information. RFA will also group hospital perinatal service levels so individual hospitals are not identifiable.
 - **Approved: Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou motioned to approve the application with these modifications; Dr. Aunyika Moonan seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with these stipulations.**
- D. Request 4: Jorge Luis Garcia, Texas A&M – “Guaranteed Basic Income in South Carolina: Do Unconditional Cash Grants Release Individuals from Poverty Traps in a Rural Setting?”
- This request is an amendment to an original request approved at the May 2024 DOC meeting. The researcher is requesting additional years of data, linking to additional data sources, and creation of a DSS-based comparison group. The project is assessing the effects of a Guaranteed Basic Income program in rural South Carolina.
 - **Approved: Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the application; Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**
- E. Request 5: Christina Andrews, University of South Carolina – “South Carolina Center for Excellence in Addiction Opioid Use Disorder Cascade of Care Study”
- This is an amendment to an original request approved in August 2023. The researcher is requesting patient MSA/city and additional years of data. The purpose of the study is to create and deploy a statewide Opioid Use Disorder

(OUD) Cascade of Care to measure healthcare system performance in identifying individuals with OUD and engaging and retaining them in treatment.

- RFA will mask city/MSA values with small cell sizes (<5).
- **Approved: Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou motioned to approve with this stipulation; Dr. Aunyika Moonan seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with this stipulation.**

F. Request 6: Taryn Farrell, University of South Carolina – “Autoimmune Disease Burden: Assessing Current Trends in South Carolina and Barriers to Receiving a Diagnosis and Treatment Initiation”

- The study seeks to address research gaps regarding the burden of autoimmune disease among rural and underserved populations in South Carolina and to better understand barriers to diagnosis and treatment initiation.
- The DOC requested that RFA provide ordering and timing variables in place of actual dates.
- **Approved: Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher motioned to approve with this modification; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with the suggested modification.**

G. Request 7: Ilhom Akobirshoev, Brandeis University – “Addressing Severe Maternal Morbidity of Black and non-Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals by Targeting Clinical and Health System Factors”

- The researcher is conducting an NIH-funded study utilizing longitudinal linked birth and hospital discharge data from two states to examine the risks of severe maternal morbidity and mortality across the perinatal period (antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum), and to assess the impact of clinical and health system factors among deaf and hard of hearing women and their non-disabled peers.
- Mr. Chris Finney reported identifying approximately 4,600 deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals relevant to the cohort.
- **Approved: Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the application; Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**

IV. General Discussion

- A. Dr. Aunyika Moonan provided an update from the SCHA Board Meeting. The Board discussed revising file layouts for hospitals and other healthcare facilities to separate race and ethnicity fields. The Board unanimously approved the change. RFA will develop a preliminary plan and propose a schedule for updates to be sent to the DOC for final approval.
- B. RFA presented the Community Needs Assessment application, provided background information, and explained the need to update the application and revise the contract for consistency. RFA will make these updates and present the revised version to the DOC for approval.
- C. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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

The minutes were approved on May 21, 2026

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