

Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2019
South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

DOC Members Present

Dr. Aunyika Moonan, SCHA(*phone*)
Dr. Daniela Nitcheva, SC DHEC (*phone*)
Mr. Brandt Smith, SCMA (*phone*)
Ms. Madison Hall, Governor's Office (*phone*)
Mr. Samuel Fields, DHHS (*phone*)

RFA Staff Present

Mr. Chris Finney
Ms. Sarah Crawford

The November 21, 2019 Data Oversight Council (DOC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Sarah Crawford at 3:01 pm. Ms. Madison Hall was introduced to the DOC as the replacement for Mr. Merritt Francis from the Governor's Office. The minutes from the August 15, 2019 DOC meeting were presented. Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned that the minutes be approved and Mr. Samuel Fields seconded the motion. The August 15, 2019 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The first application for the release of restricted data reviewed was submitted by Ana Lopez-Defede, Director for the Institute for Families in Society; University of South Carolina titled "Evaluation and Reporting of Maternal and Infant Quality Improvement Metrics for the SC Birth Outcomes Initiative (SCBOI)". This request was an amendment to an application originally approved in the August 17, 2017 DOC meeting. This study uses RFA inpatient hospital data, Medicaid Data and SC DHEC Vital Records data to provide data outcomes for the South Carolina Birth Outcomes Initiative (SC BOI). An amendment to the application to include details on how access to the portal is granted, managed and tracked was requested by the DOC in the August 15, 2019 meeting. These details were provided in the amended application, Mr. Smith motioned to approve the current and Dr. Moonan seconded the motion. The motion to approve amended request passed unanimously.

The second application for the release of restricted data was by Jennifer Runkle, Research Scholar; North Carolina State University titled "Climate change and severe maternal morbidity: interplay between social and environmental stressors". This request

was an amendment to an application approved in the May 16, 2019 meeting. The submitted amendment was a request to include postpartum readmissions for severe maternal morbidity (SMM) up to 42 days after the delivery discharge date. Mr. Fields motioned to approve the amended request as written and Dr. Nitcheva seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

The third application for the release of restricted data was submitted by Joshua Sellner, Epidemiologist; SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, titled “Chronic Disease, Injury, and Maternal Child Health Surveillance - 2017”. This amendment was tabled in the August 15, 2019 meeting. The DOC requested that the requestor provide more justification and clarification for how the dates will be used. This additional information was provided. DOC members clarified that these data be used for surveillance and Internal DHEC use only. The DOC also requested that the current SSC DHEC CEO/Director information be added to the application. In addition, RFA will review and confirm data results before release. With these specifications, Dr. Moonan motioned to approve this request and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

The fourth application for the release of restricted data was submitted by Marinna Smith, Undergraduate Student; SC Honors College at University of South Carolina titled “Opioid-related Emergency Department Admissions in Pregnancy and Medication-assisted Treatment in South Carolina”. Hospital Emergency data will be used to examine opioid-related admissions by county in pregnant women from 2013-2017 in comparison to the locations of medication-assisted treatment provider locations. The DOC did request a copy of the final report once it is completed. Mr. Smith motioned to approve this request and Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

The fifth application presented to the DOC was submitted by Stefanie Ebelt, Sc.D.; Emory University titled “The Environmental Exposures and Health Across the Nation (ENVISION) Study: A Time-Series Study of Air Pollutant Mixtures, Heat, and Other Environmental Exposures with Acute Morbidity”. This study will use the inpatient and

emergency department data to clarify the impacts of environmental exposures on acute severe morbidity in urban and rural locations across the US. The DOC had concerns over the request of all inpatient and emergency department data and the Health Care Facility ID. The DOC proposed that in place of receiving ALL Inpatient and Emergency Department data, the cohort be restricted based on the 'Database Creation' section of the requestor's application and that only an encrypted facility ID be provided. With these modifications, Dr. Moonan motioned to approve, and Ms. Hall seconded the motion. The motion to approve with the specified modifications passed unanimously.

The first topic up for General Discussion was an update on the request for the release of SC Hospital Financial Data from the Joint Annual Report (JAR). The SC Hospital Association provided a memo from their Financial Council with a list of approved elements for release. Mr. Smith motioned to approve the list of data elements for public release provided and Mr. Fields seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

The final topic under General Discussion was the meeting schedule for the 2020 calendar year. These dates were approved and distributed to the members.

This concluded the November 21, 2019 DOC call and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm. The next scheduled DOC meeting is February 20, 2019 at 3:00 pm.