

Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2018
South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

DOC Members Present

Dr. Aunyika Moonan, SCHA
Mr. Brandt Smith, SCMA
Dr. Daniela Nitcheva, SC DHEC (*phone*)
Ms. Andrea Bickley, SC DHHS (*phone*)

RFA Staff Present

Chris Finney
Sarah Crawford

The May 17, 2018 Data Oversight Council (DOC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Sarah Crawford at 3:10 p.m. Introductions were initiated by Ms. Crawford. The minutes from the regular February 15, 2018 DOC meeting and the special March 7th and 22nd meetings discussing the Community Needs Application were presented. Mr. Brandt Smith motioned that the minutes for all meetings be approved. Dr. Aunyika Moonan seconded the motion. The February 15th, 2018, March 7th and March 22nd meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The first application for the release of restricted data reviewed was submitted by David E. Murday, Research Associate; University of South Carolina, titled “Risk models associated with the number, causes, and costs of inpatient hospitalizations, using risk factors from the TRPM and WHO ICF”. The study will use the Inpatient Hospital data housed at RFA for risk modeling. Dr. Moonan motioned to approve this request with no modifications. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously and the DOC members requested a copy of this researchers study once it is complete.

The second application for the release of restricted data reviewed was submitted by Katheryn Isham, MD, Greenville Health System titled “Impact of the ‘39 Week Rule’ on Maternal Outcomes: A Statewide Analysis”. This study will use inpatient hospital data and DHEC Vital Records data housed at RFA to conduct a retrospective cohort study. Mr. Smith motioned to approve this request pending DHEC IRB approval. Dr. Moonan seconded the motion. The motion

to approve passed unanimously and the DOC members requested a copy of this researchers study once it is complete. RFA will also make sure the researcher is aware of the ICD-9 to ICD-10 conversion that occurred during the requested time frame.

The third application for the release of restricted data reviewed was submitted by Khoa Truong, Associate Professor; Clemson University, titled “Uninsured adults and healthcare utilization”. This study will utilize inpatient and emergency department hospital data housed at RFA for their continued research effort to understand health, healthcare utilization and care outcomes of the South Carolina population. Dr. Moonan motioned to approve this request with no modifications. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously and the DOC members requested a copy of this researchers study once it is complete.

The fourth application for the release of restricted data reviewed was an amendment to a request previously approved by the DOC on May 19, 2016 submitted by Laura Carpenter, Professor of Pediatrics; Medical University of South Carolina, titled “Carolina Autism Transition Study (CATS)”. This amendment is notifying the DOC of the addition of Department of Motor Vehicle data to their linked data sets for this project. Mr. Smith motioned to approve this request. Dr. Moonan seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously and the DOC members requested a copy of the IRB application and approval.

The fifth application for the release of restricted data reviewed was submitted by Melanie Gwynn, Ph. D. Candidate; USC Arnold School of Public Health, titled “Continuity of Care: An evaluation of single vs. multi-facility retention in HIV/AIDS care and patient health outcomes, in South Carolina”. Dr. Moonan motioned to table this request pending the approval of the DHEC HIV Registry and Ryan White Program data and the IRB decision. Dr. Nitcheva seconded the motion. The motion to table passed unanimously.

The final application for the release of restricted data reviewed was submitted by Sara Emerson, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor; Greenville Health System, titled “Using an Infant Mortality Risk Score to Deliver Targeted, Effective Safe-Sleep Campaigns to Newborns Identified as at Risk for Sleep-Related Death”. This study will use All Payor Inpatient data to add flags to DHEC Birth and Death Records data housed at RFA. Dr. Nitcheva motioned to approve this request. Dr. Moonan seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously and the DOC members requested a copy of this researchers study once it is complete.

The first topic of General Discussion was an aggregate request from Kevin Bennett. This was presented to the DOC since the requestor is wanting information at smaller geographic levels, county, zip code and Census Tract. The final reports will follow the suppression rule for small cell-sizes but RFA wanted to notify the DOC of the request for the data at these smaller geographic levels. The DOC members approved this request.

The final topic of General Discussion was a quick background discussion on the Community Needs Agreement. The Community Needs Agreement was an easier way for hospitals to apply for data for planning purposes without having to go through a DOC review each time. A template was created and approved by the DOC. For the original approved request, the DOC did not allow for the release of other physician and facility information for the outpatient surgery and therapy data. Dr. Moonan provided an update from the SCHABOARD, and in an effort of having full transparency the SCHABOARD unanimously agreed to release physician and facility information for the outpatient surgery and therapy data. It was decided that Mr. Finney will modify the current Community Needs Agreement to reflect these changes and will send it to Dr. Moonan. Dr. Moonan will share with the SCHABOARD and Hospitals and ask for volunteers to complete the revised application that will be reviewed in the next DOC meeting.

This concluded the May 17, 2018 DOC Meeting. The next scheduled DOC meeting is August 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. by Ms. Crawford.