

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

DOC Members Present

Dr. Aunyika Moonan, SCHA(*phone*)
Mr. Brandt Smith, SCMA(*phone*)
Dr. Daniela Nitcheva, SC DHEC (*phone*)
Mr. Merritt Francis, Governor’s Office
Samuel Fields, DHHS (*phone*)

RFA Staff Present

Chris Finney
Sarah Crawford

The February 21, 2019 Data Oversight Council (DOC) meeting was called to order by Ms. Sarah Crawford at 3:03 pm. Introductions were initiated by Ms. Crawford. The DOC welcomed the new official from the Governor’s Office Mr. Merritt Francis. The minutes from the regular November 15, 2018 DOC meeting was presented. Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned that the minutes be approved. Mr. Brandt Smith seconded the motion. The November 15th, 2018 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The first application for the release of restricted data reviewed was submitted by Brandon Wilcher, Doctor of Public Health Candidate; Georgia Southern University, titled “Exploration of Access to Public Mental Healthcare”. The study will use the Inpatient and Emergency Department to get an increased understanding of gaps in mental health access. Dr. Moonan had a concern over the researcher not having access to those seeking private mental health. It was clarified that the study would focus more on the access to public mental health care. Dr. Nitcheva motioned to approve this request as written and Dr. Moonan seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

As the second application was being presented the meeting was interrupted by a fire alarm causing the meeting to be adjourned at 3:25pm.

A subsequent call was set up to review the final application on March 14th at 9am. The second application for the release of restricted data reviewed was submitted by Jennifer Runkle,

Research Scholar; North Carolina State University, titled “Climate change and severe maternal morbidity: interplay between social and environmental stressors”. Dr. Moonan expressed concern over the generalized objective of the study and felt that the request was too broad and therefore the objective and aims needed to be refined. Dr. Nitcheva expressed concerns over the number of years of data, 20 years, and the possibility of changing programs over time. There was also a concern of the researcher requesting that the hospital facilities be identified, there was no real justification for this request. Finally, Mr. Fields expressed concerns of the number of years and the amount of data being requested and the possibility of accidental exposure. With these concerns, Dr. Moonan motioned to table this request and ask the research to refine their request with more targeted objectives and to ensure they are requesting minimum necessary for their study. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion to Table passed unanimously.

This concluded the continued March 14th, 2019 DOC call and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 am by Ms. Crawford. The next scheduled DOC meeting is May 16th, 2019 at 3:00 pm.