

Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2022
South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

DOC Members Present

Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou, SC DHEC (*phone*)
Ms. Elizabeth Fletcher, SRHS (*phone*)
Ms. Madison Hall, SC Governor’s Office (*phone*)
Mr. Brandon Hulko, Molina Healthcare (*phone*)
Dr. William “Tripp” Jennings, SC BCBS (*phone*)
Ms. Heather Kirby, SC DHHS (*phone*)
Dr. Aunyika Moonan, SCHA (*phone*)
Mr. Brandt Smith, SCMA (*phone*)

RFA Members Present

Sarah Crawford (*phone*)
Chris Finney (*phone*)

The August 18, 2022 Data Oversight Council (DOC) meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. The minutes from the May 19, 2022, regular DOC meeting was presented. Ms. Hall pointed out corrections to the wording but no significant changes to content. Ms. Hall motioned for approval of the meeting minutes with the suggested changes and Dr. Moonan seconded the motion; the minutes were approved unanimously.

The first application for the release of restricted data was from Amy Dworsky a Senior Research Fellow with Chapin Hall at University of Chicago, titled “Youth Homelessness Data Solutions Project”. This study will use inpatient hospital data to understand pathways from inpatient mental health treatment into homelessness and the predictors of homelessness during adolescence or early adulthood among youth who received inpatient mental health treatment. Mr. Hulko did not see the necessity of total charges and requested that either the researcher clarify the need for this field or remove it from the request. With this stipulation, Mr. Hulko motioned to approve the request and Dr. Diedhiou seconded the motion; the motion to approve the request with the stipulation passed unanimously.

The second application was an aggregate data request from Victoria Tibshrary an Independent Senior Consultant with Platt HMC, Inc. for a certificate of need request. This request is for a report of the statewide outpatient radiation therapy volume by facility in which treatment was provided and county of patient origin. Ms. Fletcher wanted clarification for why statewide data is needed and not just a specified service area. Dr.

Diedhiou motioned to approve this request with the following modifications: the researcher restrict the service are and that final reports come back to the DOC before the Certificate of Need Process. Dr. Moonan seconded the motion with the specified modifications; the motion to approve the request with these modifications passed unanimously.

The final application was an aggregate data request from Tracy Turner an Accounting Fiscal Manager with SC Dept. of Health and Human Services (SC DHHS) for a report on psychiatric bed usage. The report would allow SC DHHS to track, by facility, the number of admissions and average daily census of these beds across the state. Since this is a request from DHHS, Ms. Kirby recused herself from voting. Dr. Moonan requested that these reports be shared with the Behavioral Health Coalition. With this stipulation, Mr. Hulko motioned to approve this request and Dr. Jennings seconded the motion; the motion to approve the request with stipulation of sharing with the BHC passed unanimously.

The only topic under General Discussions was a requested modification to the confidentiality contract for the Kelsey Pukelis request approved in the February 17, 2022 DOC meeting. The modification would allow the university to be the primary signatory on the confidentiality contract, the PI would still be a signatory, but overall responsibility would fall on the university. Dr. Diedhiou motioned to approve this modification and Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion; this was unanimously approved by the DOC.

This concluded the August 18, 2022, DOC call and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next scheduled DOC meeting is November 17, 2022, at 2:00 pm.