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Subject: Minutes of the South Carolina Data Oversight Council Meeting

Attendees: *Committee Members* – Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou – DPH (*Teams*), Dr. William Jennings – BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina (*Teams*), Dr. Aunyika Moonan – SC Hospital Association (*Teams*), Mr. Brandt Smith – SC Medical Association (*Teams*), Mr. Kevin Tinch - Internetwork Engineering (*Teams*), Ms. Haley Young – SC Department of Health and Human Services (*Teams*),

Staff – Ms. Dianne Davis, and Mr. Chris Finney (*Teams*)

- I. Mr. Chris Finney, representing the RFA Liaison to the DOC, called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.
- II. The minutes for the January 7, 2026, meeting, which were previously shared with the DOC members, were presented. Members were asked if there were any edits or questions. Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the minutes; Mr. Brandt Smith seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved as written.
- III. Review of Data Requests
 - A. Request 1: Christina Andrews: University of South Carolina – “South Carolina Center for Excellence in Addiction Opioid Use Disorder Cascade of Care Study”
 - This request is an amendment to a request previously approved in the August 2023 meeting. The amendment is adding a new data source, Department of Public Health Vital Statistics mortality data, to the study.
 - **Approved: Mr. Brandt Smith motioned to approve the application; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**
 - B. Request 2: Orgul Ozturk: University of South Carolina – “Education and Birth Outcomes - Evidence from SC Accountability Programs and Policies”
 - This request is an amendment to a request previously approved in the November 2023 meeting. The amendment is requesting additional encounter data fields (length of stay, total charges, diagnosis codes, procedure codes, and injury codes) and 3 additional years of data through 2025.

- **Approved: Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the application; Dr. William Jennings seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**
- C. Request 3: Adam Soliman: Clemson University – “Population-Level Effects of Expanding Methadone Maintenance Treatment (MMT) on Overdose and Crime Outcomes”
- This study will evaluate whether expanding the supply of methadone maintenance treatment (MMT) reduces major societal harms attributable to illicit opioid use. Using linked administrative data, the researcher will assess individual-level outcomes associated with treatment access, including mortality, employment, and healthcare utilization.
 - **Approved: Mr. Brandt Smith motioned to approve the application; Mr. Kevin Tinch seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with no modifications.**
- D. Request 4: Lindsey Woodworth: University of South Carolina – “Aggregate Facility Level Hospital Surgical Volume Reports”
- The researcher is requesting aggregated data at the facility-date level to measure whether a hospital’s surgical volume affects the outcomes of patients who visit the emergency department around the same time.
 - The DOC requested that RFA suppress cell sizes and all associated statistics that are less than five.
 - **Approved: Dr. Aunyika Moonan motioned to approve the application with this modification; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with this stipulation.**
- E. Request 5: Mary E. Kurz: Clemson University – “An Analysis of Opioid Overdoses in South Carolina”
- This project examines the spatial distribution of opioid overdoses in the state of South Carolina and its potential associations with various resource availability. .
 - The DOC requested that RFA mask all ZIP codes less than 10. With the data being linked to Medicaid, it was decided to suppress at the more restrictive level of 10.
 - **Approved: Mr. Brandt Smith motioned to approve the application with this modification; Mr. Kevin Tinch seconded. With no objections, the application was approved with this stipulation.**

IV. General Discussion

- A. The Data Oversight Council has a standing approval where facilities can request specific information for planning and community needs purposes. The Community Needs application was revised to update some language and variables to be consistent with updates to other applications. Also, language in the application was modified to allow for vendors or partners to the facility to request these data on their behalf. With no objections from the Council, the updated application was approved.
- B. In the January 2026 meeting the need for a layout change was discussed and the proposed changes were sent to DOC members via email. The initial change included charge field expansions and the addition of an ethnicity field. A modification to this proposal suggested by SCHA has been made to include an additional race field (three fields in total): two race fields and one ethnicity field. Dr. William Jennings motioned to approve the modified proposal for the layout change; Dr. Abdoulaye Diedhiou seconded. With no objections, the new proposed layout change was accepted.
- C. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

The minutes were approved on August 20, 2026

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