



Kansas Health Data Consortium

Meeting Summary: December 2, 2010

Welcome and Introductions:

Dr. Hareesh Mavoori welcomed the group to the fifteenth meeting of the Data Consortium, and introductions of the attendees were made.

Kansas Health Indicators:

Dr. Mavoori reviewed recent enhancements which have been made to the Kansas Health Data Indicators and noted that recent updates made to the Monthly Usage Statistics reflect over 2400 visits and views for each of the months of July through October.

Data Initiatives at State and National Levels:

- **Kansas Health Collaborative Quality Initiatives.** Dr. Mavoori provided an update on the Kansas Healthcare Collaborative (KHC) on behalf of Kendra Tinsley, KHC Executive Director, who was unable to attend today's meeting.
 - The KHC's second annual Summit on Quality was held in October 2010, with over 200 hospital representatives and providers in attendance. Speakers included 1) Dr. Tom Evans from the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative, 2) Dr. Jay Kaplan, an emergency physician and Medical Director of the Studer Group, and 3) Dr. Brian Wong, a family physician and CEO of the Bedside Project.
 - The Kansas on the CUSP initiative provides Kansas hospitals with an opportunity to participate in a national patient safety program, the goal being to reduce central line associated blood stream infections by using the Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP) and improving patient safety culture and practices. This is a two-year initiative, with no charge for hospital teams to participate. The project is funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and KHC will facilitate the implementation of this initiative in Kansas.
 - Over the past year, KHC launched the Immunization of Hospital Health Care Workers Project and Toolkit, which is a four-year campaign in which KHC will be providing resources and support for hospitals to improve influence immunization of their health care workers.
 - Additional information on these initiatives is available at the KHC website at: www.khconline.org.
- **Community Issues Management Initiative.** Dr. Mavoori provided an update on the Community Issues Management (CIM) Initiative on behalf of Dr. Sharon Homan, VP of Public Health with Kansas Health Institute, who was unable to attend today's meeting. The CIM is a joint initiative between KHI and the Department of Health and Environment (Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips, Kansas Health Officer with KDHE).
 - CIM is a web-based system, designed for local and regional organizations, to provide

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background on health issues, assess community needs, and mobilize action toward improvements. Key components are: 1) process tools (interactive system for collaborating); 2) data and reporting (GIS data, mapping); 3) library (for example, community issues notebook); and 4) information sharing (data access).

- Kansas would become the first statewide CIM partner, with shared leadership among KHI, KDHE, KALHD, KAMU, and KHPA. A steering committee comprising these organizations was formed in August 2010.
- KDHE has played active role with CIM financial support, with additional plans to expand CIM data capacity, and facilitate CIM use among other state partners.
- More information, contact Dr. Jason Eberhart-Phillips with KDHE or Dr. Sharon Homan with KHI.
- **Wichita Business Coalition on Health Care (WBCHC) Data Initiative.** A presentation on data needed for quality improvement initiatives and decision support in the Wichita area was made by Ron Whiting, Executive Director of WBCHC and Dr. Douglas Bradham, KU School of Medicine/Wichita.
 - Background on the establishment of WBCHC was provided, and advised the goal of WBCHC was better health, better care, and lower cost. A description of the pillars of value-based purchasing principles were shared i.e. standard performance measurements, public reporting of measurements, reforming the health care delivery payment system, and engaging consumers.
 - The importance of sharing data was emphasized, to allow for making informed decisions among purchasers and in order to measure and assess provider quality outcomes. The federal CMS office – which has regulatory oversight of Medicare and Medicaid Services – has given clear indication that greater alignment is needed between CMS and the commercial marketplace on these issues.
 - Data briefs recently published by WBCHC include: a) Hospital Quality; b) Patient Experience; and c) Ambulatory Care Quality. The next brief being developed relates to Diabetes Care, and it was noted that collaboration among medical providers for a diabetic patient is critical to the improvement of that patient’s health and to avoid hospitalizations.
 - The need for information-sharing among the health community is great but access continues to be a challenge i.e. difficult to get hospital utilization data, facility specific data, financial data, and timeliness of the data provided is an issue as well.
 - General comments from Data Consortium members included: 1) there are certain hospitals (critical care and ambulatory care centers) which are not engaged in data-sharing and how does that get changed; 2) the sharing of health care data is a huge culture change for providers and insurers and that the passage of Affordable Care Act (ACA) is exposing the medical community to this change; 3) all health care industry stakeholders have to be engaged and lead this charge together; 4) data sources and systems referred were AHRQ Hospital Data, NCQA (HEDIS dataset), InterQue, Dartmouth, and MONAHRQ
 - Dr. Mavoori thanked Mr. Whiting and Dr. Bradham for this presentation from the health care purchaser perspective. He added that the Data Consortium is a well-positioned public forum to facilitate data-sharing discussions between users and suppliers of data, by virtue of the members of the four workgroups involved in the publication of the Kansas Health Indicators having addressed some of the issues involved in balanced reporting on key health care measures.

Data Consortium Discussion Items – Advancing Data Policy

- **Data Analytic Interface (DAI).** Dr. Mavoori reported that recent DAI cost-comparison reports on Physician Services, Hospital Services, and Dental Services have now been published on a new Health Care Market Reporting web page (at http://www.khpa.ks.gov/medicaid_reports/Health_Care_Market_Reports.html). These reports currently include comparison costs for health care services and utilization for Medicaid and State Employees Health Plan data, with plans to expand this collection under the guidance of the Consortium to include reports from other important data sources available in Kansas, e.g. the Kansas Health Insurance

Information System (KHIIS) currently under integration with the DAI, the Licensure database, hospital discharge database, etc. .

- **DAI Based Studies.** Dr. Theresa Shireman, KUMC Preventive Medicine and Public Health, shared her DAI findings of Medicaid Mental Health Prescription Expenditures by various subsets of Medicaid Fee-for-Service Children. Brett Elliott, KHPA Analyst, shared results of his analysis using the DAI, related to the cost and care of the Kansas disabled and aging populations. These included overall expenditures, prescription drug patterns, chronic care management, hypertension, and diabetes care.

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