



## State Consumer Health Information and Policy (SCHIP) Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 19, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Location:** Florida Center 2727 Mahan Drive Building 3, Tallahassee, FL 32308

**Members Present:** Karen L. van Caulil, Ph.D., David Shapiro, M.D., Jarrod Fowler, Diane Godfrey, Dennis Hollingsworth, Lindy Kennedy, Cindy Meredith, Andrew Weatherill

**Agency Staff Present:** Pamela King, Milly Hardin, Meredith Hayes, Crystal Ritter, Dana Watson, Erika Pearce, Kim Davis Allen, Sketch Piers, Suzanne Kirayoglu

**Interested Parties Present:** Deborah Foote, Deborah McNamara, Dahlia Rose, Geri Newman, Tameka Jackson, Mary Kay Owens, Mackenna Davis, Ellen Navarro Anderson, Bruce Culpepper, Alex Gordon, Kyle Simon, Shelley Mannino, Michelle Mullins, Lyle Mioduszewski, Sherina Gonzalez, Vanessa Zellers, Jenny Raulerson, Lisa Rawlins, Jason Hand, Lan'Tejuanna Cooper

**Meeting Materials:** [State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com)

**Welcome & Roll Call:** Dr. Karen van Caulil welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am, and announced the meeting was being recorded. Dr. van Caulil asked Pamela King to take roll and read the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) statement.

Ms. King took roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Pamela read the ITN statement:

*On Monday, May 6, 2024, the Agency released AHCA ITN 012-23/24, Statewide Health Information Exchange Service, in the Vendor Information Portal. Therefore, we are now in the statutory blackout period for this ITN.*

*Section 287.057(25), Florida Statutes, prohibits any person from contacting an employee of the executive or legislative branches until 72 hours after the posting of an award from the solicitation. Any communication by or on behalf of a potential respondent during this period is strictly limited to the Procurement Officer as provided in the ITN. The Procurement Officer for this ITN is [Weston McKain](#).*



**Review and Approve Meeting Minutes:** Dr. van Caulil asked the Council if they had a chance to review the meeting minutes; all members agreed they had a chance to review the minutes. Dr. David Shapiro moved to approve the meetings minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Lindy Kennedy and carried unanimously.

**Previous Action Items and Status Updates:** Pamela King reviewed the action items and gave updates.

Provide Federal regulation slides to members as a reminder of changes that may impact HIE in Florida. <b>This was sent out after the last meeting of the Council.</b>
Consider looking into having an environmental scan done to see where the transparency website could potentially be improved. <b>This is being taken under consideration, pending available funds.</b>
Provide language to the members that they can use for inviting stakeholders to the transparency webinars. <b>Members can schedule webinars directly with Sketch Piers through a link on Florida Health Finder.</b>
Reschedule Department of Education presentation for the next meeting. <b>On today's agenda.</b>
Provide the Council with a copy of the new the 42CFR part II language. <b>This information was provided after the last meeting of the Council.</b>
Updated Florida Transparency guides with links. <b>Pending</b>
Provide Council with a copy of the slides that highlight changes that have been made to the transparency updates. <b>Pending</b>
Add an agenda item to the next meeting for each representative to share how their work supports the Council's mission and goals. <b>On today's agenda.</b>
Send the Council members an invitation to the July Patient Safety Culture Survey education session. <b>Complete</b>
Provide background on the Florida Center aspects at a future meeting. <b>Pending</b>

**HIECC Update:** Dr. van Caulil asked that Craig Dalton give the Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee (HIECC) update.

Mr. Dalton, gave the following HIECC update:

The HIECC met on August 8, 2024. As has been previously noted, the Agency shared that the HIE ITN was released, and the blackout period is currently in effect. The Florida Department of Health (DOH) provided HIECC with an overview of the Paramedicine program. The Committee discussed uses of the program, which vary based on specific community needs. The Agency will continue working on maximizing this opportunity with DOH.

Representatives from OneFlorida Clinical Research Consortium provided information on PCORnet (the National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network) and OneFlorida's activities in relation to using health data for research purposes. There are opportunities for the Florida HIE



to facilitate the sharing of deidentified data directly from sources to help reduce existing gaps in research data. The Committee discussed topics relating to authorization, connectivity, and research into other state's activities in regard to sharing health data for research. This topic will continue to be discussed at future HIECC meetings.

There was additional discussion about the potential for using research data and the Council requested that staff invite OneFlorida to their next meeting to provide information to them directly.

The next meeting of the HIECC is scheduled for November 13, 2024, from 1-3PM.

**Approval of new HIECC member:** Dr. van Caulil noted that there was one new HIECC nominee up for the Advisory Council's approval, Ms. Stacy Hall. After brief discussion about Ms. Hall's resume, Ms. Kennedy moved to approve the nominee. The motion was seconded by Diane Godfrey and carried unanimously.

Dr. van Caulil stated the Council is looking forward to having her join the HIECC.

**Discussion of Items for Retreat Agenda:** Dr. van Caulil noted that she and Ms. King spoke about this agenda item previously and suggested that this discussion needs to wait until a vendor has been selected and the procurement process is complete. The Council members were in agreement.

**Member Mission Goals Discussion:** Dr. van Caulil read the mission statement:

*“The mission of the State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council is to assist the Agency in reviewing the comprehensive health information system, including the identification, collection, standardization, sharing, and coordination of health-related data, among federal, state, local, and private entities and to recommend improvements for purposes of public health, policy analysis, health information exchange and transparency of consumer health care information.”*

There was discussion about being able to modify the current mission statement during the strategic planning process. Agency staff will investigate the council's ability to modify the statement.

Dr. van Caulil noted that we have several new members of the Council. She asked all the members to take a few minutes to explain what each of their organizations do, their role, and how their work relates to health care transparency as a way for the Council members to better understand which constituencies we represent.



Each member provided a brief overview of their current roles and how they are able to contribute to the Council.

**Department of Education Resiliency Initiatives:** Andrew Weatherill gave a presentation of the Department of Education Resiliency Initiatives.

**BREAK:** The consensus of the Council was to take a five-minute break and continue through to finish the meeting before lunch.

**Florida Center Unit Updates:** Ms. King provided updates on the Florida Center's recent activities.

**Office of Data Dissemination and Transparency - Patricia Vidal, Administrator**

- **FloridaHealthFinder Website Updates:**
  - Refactoring Phase II is complete, and the final Phase III is underway and will run through the end of the year.
- **FloridaHealthPriceFinder Website:**
  - The 2024 All Payer Claims Database (APCD) onboarding process is complete.
  - The APCD data refresh with the 2023 data will be ready for publishing in early 2025.
- **MyFloridaRx Website:**
  - Working on designing and implementing a section for requirements of Senate Bill 1550 which includes posting prescription drug price increases received on reports from the Florida Department of Business Professional Regulation

**Office of Data Collection and Quality Assurance - Nancy Tamariz, Administrator**

- **Blood Clot and Pulmonary Embolism Policy (BCPEP) Workgroup**
  - The group has had 5 meetings, February 21, April 17, May 29, August 21, and September 18. Members will continue to meet monthly, if necessary, until December. The workgroup is making progress toward their goals and final report recommendations.
- **Discharge Data Reporting:**

Facilities are currently submitting their Q2 2024 reports. Certification deadline is November 30.

**Office of Health Information and Exchange – Pamela King, Administrator**

- **Health Information Exchange:**
  - The contract with the current HIE vendor was extended until September 2025.
  - The funding request from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that helps support the E-PLUS system and DOH's HIE system was approved for the Federal Fiscal Year ending September 2025.



- The team is working with DOH to update the Memorandum of Understanding to provide funds for their HIE system.
- **Emergency Patient Look-Up System (E-PLUS) Program**
  - E-PLUS was activated for Hurricane Debby on Friday, August 2
    - 10 Patient Search queried for clinical records and medication fill histories conducted; records retrieved for one patient.
    - Received Special Needs Shelter (SpNS) intake data from DOH and loaded into E-PLUS to alert Encounter Notification Service (ENS) subscribers of SpNS Encounters
      - 105 individuals checked into 15 SpNSs
      - 31 ENS Subscribers were notified of patient encounters at SpNSs.
  - Attended several conferences over the past month including Florida Sheriff’s Association, HomeCare Conference, and Hazards and Healthcare.
  - Working with the Florida Pharmacy Association to encourage pharmacies to “opt-in” to the E-PLUS use case and share medication information
  - Working with home health agencies and other like organizations that have a need to find missing individuals during disasters
  - Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) onboarded to E-PLUS in August.
- **Patient Safety Culture Survey Program**
  - The Agency has successfully implemented a Patient Safety Culture Survey (PSCS) procedure and process that corresponds to the newly developed PSCS application. The application’s registration process for facilities is scheduled to open in January 2025, prior to the start of the reporting period; June 1 through August 31, 2025.
  - The PSCS Business Unit continues to work in coordination with the application’s developer and IT staff to protect against security vulnerabilities, address potential bugs, and to ensure ease of use for each external user. Several rounds of user acceptance testing have been conducted both internally and externally to ascertain ways to improve the biennially registration and reporting process.
  - Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) and Hospitals continue to send the PSCS team the requested designee and facility information, the facility designee contact list is updated daily. The PSCS team remains in communication with the facilities, the facility associations, survey vendors, and all other interested parties. The Agency systematically sends notices to the surveying facilities, conducts virtual education sessions, and is always available to answer all inquiries received via the PSCS email inbox.

**Public Comments:** No public comments.

**Meeting Summary and Next Steps:**

New Action Items	Owner
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Invite One Florida to present during the next SCHIP meeting	
Send members acronym list	
Provide links to DOE stories	
Provide the Council with a summary list of items implemented in Florida Health Finder this year	
Share the type of data provided in ENS, Data elements	
Reach out to members about their ability to have someone facilitate a retreat and provide a venue	
Add Mission Statement to the agenda outline	
Check on any limitation the Council may have on developing an updated mission	
Confirm whether a member of the Council is limited to offering free meeting space if they are regulated by the Agency	

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, Dr. Shapiro moved to adjourn, with a second from Ms. Kennedy. With no objections, the Council adjourned at 11:50AM.