“Overview and New Directions for NCVHS”

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The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

• One of the oldest statutory public federal advisory bodies to the HHS Secretary
• Focuses on health data and statistics, standards, and health information policy
• Provides advice and assistance to various HHS groups and agencies (HHS Data Council, CMS, CDC, HRSA, AHRQ, others)
• Serves as a forum for interaction with private and public sector groups on a variety of health data and information issues
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<td>1949</td>
<td>Established as federal advisory committee</td>
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<td>1974</td>
<td>Public Health Services Act gave NCVHS official status as statutory public advisory committee to the Secretary of HEW (now HHS)</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>HIPAA charged NCVHS with advising Secretary on health data standards and privacy policy</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Medicare Modernization Act charged NCVHS with recommending standards for electronic prescribing</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Affordable Care Act charged NCVHS with advising the Secretary on Operating Rules for HIPAA Administrative Simplification</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>NCVHS designated as the Review Committee (under ACA provisions), to review status of adoption/implementation of standards/operating rules, and advise on changes needed</td>
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NCVHS Configuration

- 18 members appointed for four year terms
- Organized around four core areas:
  - Standards (including HIPAA administrative transactions, code sets, identifiers)
  - Population Health
  - Privacy, Confidentiality and Security
  - Data Access and Use
- Holds quarterly meetings, convenes public hearings, listening sessions, workshops, roundtables
- Develops and delivers practical, timely, thorough recommendations to the Secretary
- Provides periodic reports to Congress
- Releases reports and resources to the industry
## NCVHS Domains

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<td>Vital and health statistics policy; population-based data to enable communities to identify disparities and become learning systems for health</td>
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<td>Emerging issues related to health information privacy, confidentiality and security and data stewardship</td>
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<td>Principles, best practices, guidelines, gaps on the availability, accessibility, use, utility, usability, and usefulness of HHS data resources</td>
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NCVHS Recent Notable Contributions

Visioning Documents

  ▪ Emphasized role of all factors influencing health

• National Health Information Infrastructure (2002)
  ▪ Led to the creation of Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

• Towards Enhanced Information Capabilities for Health (2010)
  ▪ Concept paper highlighting availability, accessibility, standardization and privacy and security of health information

Population Health

• Community as a Learning Health System Framework (2011)
• Supporting Community Data Engagement – NCVHS Roundtable (2014)
• Electronic Standards for Public Health Information (2014)
Administrative Simplification
- Fifteen years of oversight/advice on adoption/implementation of standards, code sets, identifiers, operating rules to fulfill HIPAA and ACA administrative simplification provisions
  - HIPAA Reports to Congress (2011 - 2014)

Privacy and Security
- Privacy and Security of Personal Health Records (2009)
- National Stewardship Framework for Health Information Privacy (2009)
- Stewardship Framework for the Use of Community Health Data (2012)

Data Access and Use
- Steps to improve Usability, Use and Usefulness of HHS Data Resources (2014)
New Areas of Work for 2015-2016

Standards

• ACA Review Committee responsibilities
• ICD-10 post-implementation
• Public Health Standards (message exchanges with EHR systems, others)
• Other (HIPAA Report to Congress, All-Payer Claims Databases, other)

Privacy and Security

• Rules Review (SAMHSA revisions; Common Rule)
• State of HIPAA and HIPAA Modernization
• Select topics (P&S and Precision Medicine; Data Segmentation; Data Provenance; Accounting of Disclosures; Guidance on various topics – Encryption, Minimum Necessary, Cloud, Mobile Devices)
New Areas of Work for 2015-2016

**Data Access and Use**
- Refining guiding principles for data access and use
- Assessment of accessibility, usability, usefulness, use of federal data resources

**Population Health**
- Community health data indicators
- Advancing the availability and use of community health data
- Population health management
- Vital and health statistics policy issues (including standardization, interaction with EHRs, eVitals)
- Other public health data policy areas (i.e., national health survey strategies, alternative data sources, etc.)
- Cross-collaboration and coordination with the BSC
NCVHS Website and Resources

- www.ncvhs.hhs.gov

- All meeting announcements, letters to the Secretary, reports, tools, and other resources available from this site

- Electronic/remote access to meetings and meeting materials
Thank You!

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