



Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2014

**National Association of
Health Data
Organizations (NAHDO)**



**NAHDO's purpose is to
develop and facilitate
networks of health
information professionals to:**

*.....Advocate for proper
protections of health information
while preserving access to such
data by the appropriate users.*

NAHDO's MISSION

The National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO) is a national, not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to improving health care through the collection, analysis, dissemination, public availability, and use of health data.

NAHDO provides information on current issues and strategies to develop a nationwide, comprehensive, integrated health information system. NAHDO also sponsors educational programs, provides assistance, and fosters collaboration for the exchange of ideas and experiences. By doing so, NAHDO works to enhance the understanding of health data systems and increase the usefulness of health data.





Executive Director's Message

In 1986, who would have ever dreamed NAHDO would make it to 30? Twenty-nine years ago, in response to a need for health care data, 25 states came together under the leadership from the Washington Business Group on Health to shape a vision for data collection, analysis, and dissemination.

"In a striking display of multistate cooperation, agencies from New Jersey, Iowa, Colorado, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Maryland, Arizona, and Illinois formed the nucleus of the new National Association of Health Data Organizations."

Today, the vision remains as relevant as it was then, perhaps even more, as health care and payment reform accelerates.

As we approach middle age, I assure you that NAHDO is strong financially. Our membership remains stable. Our joint collaboration with the University of New Hampshire in the form of the APCD Council allows us to leverage skills and staff expertise to meet the rapidly-growing needs of states implementing APCDs.

Besides the growth of APCDs, another milestone occurs in 2015. I will have served as NAHDO's Executive Director for 15 years. It continues to be a privilege to serve our members and stakeholders across the country to advance the worthy cause of health care data collection and reporting. We are stronger together and it is more effective and efficient when states align around common issues.

I do not nor cannot do this alone. I rely on NAHDO's Board, its members, and stakeholders across the country to provide technical assistance, advocacy, and shared learning. There are very real challenges to public reporting and data availability, requiring concerted messages and efforts to address these challenges. I appeal to everyone who cares about public data and information to join our efforts and help keep the vision alive.

Be sure to join us for our 30th Anniversary Meeting in DC, October 2015! We have so much to celebrate.



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MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION

NAHDO maintains a national learning network of health care data experts with interests in improving the utility and accessibility of health care data bases. NAHDO works to facilitate state-to-state exchange of best practices in data collection and release and provide advocacy for and technical assistance to health data reporting initiatives.

NAHDO is known for its high-quality meetings and workshops. For the past seven years, has incorporated All-Payer Claims Database workshops into general NAHDO meetings. Meetings from 2013 found below:

**NAHDO's 28th Annual Meeting: HEALTH DATA SUMMIT:
Reaching New Heights and Pushing New Boundaries to
Transform Health and Health Care, Denver, CO**

**7th Annual APCD Workshop: APCD Data Collection:
Building the Foundation for Meaningful Analysis, Denver,
CO**

NAHDO is a membership organization. All of our activities are directed to strengthening our mission and member services capacity. We rely on our members to guide our work. NAHDO offers three types of membership:

- Public
- Non-profit Healthcare Organizations
- Corporate

Membership remains strong in all three categories.

NEW MEMBERS IN 2014:

- Kansas Department of Insurance
- Human Services Research Institute

NAHDO's purpose is to:

*...Promote comparability of
health information through the
development of guidelines and
standards for data collection,
analysis, and dissemination.*

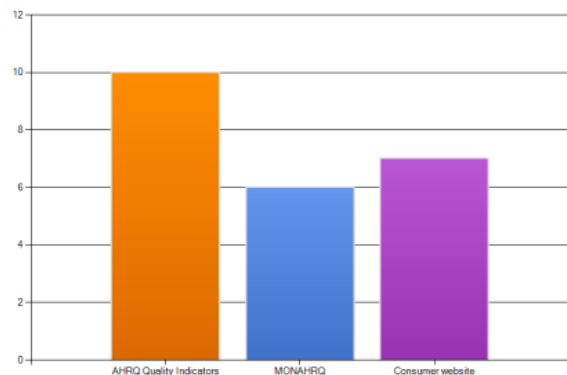




MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION CONTINUED...

NAHDO is updating our data organization survey. The last survey was done in 2012. The information we gather about structural, budgetary, collection, and release policies and practices are aggregated into agency profiles. This information serves as the basis for numerous media inquiries, state technical assistance, and advocacy efforts.

If your agency has not responded to the online questionnaire, please do so today (contact us at info@nahdo.org for the link).



Respondent Priorities for Future Webinars:

- Data release, de-identification
- ICD-10-CM/PCS
- Consumer reporting
- Transparency applications

NAHDO IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Connect with us on Facebook & Twitter (@NAHDONews) for conference updates. We will be using #healthdata and #nahdo during the conference.



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MEMBERSHIP & EDUCATION CONTINUED...

Webinars held in conjunction with the APCD Council for the APCD Learning Network:

- *Turning Claims Data into Better Health Outcomes*, hosted by Cindy Berry and Joe Zilka of SAS, February 11, 2014.
- *Risk Adjustment and Rate Review- The Massachusetts Perspective*, presented by Marilyn Schlein Kramer, Deputy Director, Health Information and Kathy Hines, Director Data Compliance and Support, Center for Health Information and Analysis, April 9 and April 10, 2014.

Webinars NAHDO coordinated with other partners:

- **Challenges in Trend Analysis webinar:** March 26, sponsored by the CDC for the ICD10 Transition Workgroup Project.
- **ICD-10-CM/PCS Map-It Tool Demonstration:** This tool, recently released by AHRQ and CDC, is an automated mapping tool that utilizes General Equivalence Mappings (GEMs) to provide both forward and backward mapping between ICD-9 and ICD-10 codes. Presenters from NAHDO and UC Davis will provide background information on the tool, its use, and its accessibility followed by a live demonstration of the tool, June 3, sponsored by the International Society of Disease Surveillance (ISDS) and the CDC.

Publications, in collaboration with UNH for the APCD Council

- *Recommendations for Collecting Payer Information on Benefits Design and Payments to Providers for Non-claims based services*, produced for the Maryland Health Care Commission, October 18, 2013.
- *Recommendations for a Statewide Health Facility Data Reporting System in Alaska*, produced for the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association.
- Peters, A., Sachs, J., Porter, J., Love, D., & Costello, A. (2014). Invited Commentary: *The Value of All-Payer Claims Databases to States*, North Carolina Medical Journal, May/June 2014, Volume 75, Number 3, p. 211-213.

“Wow, what a well-oiled machine your team is!”

“The APCD meeting and annual conference were both smashing events. I personally accumulated many quanta of new knowledge from the speakers, staff, and exhibitors. I think the small group sessions were an important vehicle for discussion among participants as well.”

“Our folks in attendance at last week’s Workshop and Conference were very complimentary and said it was a good show with the right audience and chances to talk to a lot of folks.”



GRANTS & CONTRACT HIGHLIGHTS

NAHDO's grants and contracts help sustain the organization and promote NAHDO's mission. All grants and contracts are aligned with NAHDO's mission and are geared to improving the health data infrastructure.

Technical Assistance to CDC Surveillance Programs for ICD-10 Transition

CDC programs use ICD-9-CM codes to conduct surveillance (e.g., chronic disease and injury surveillance, health care utilization, health care-associated adverse events), for case finding lists to identify cases of reportable cancers and certain birth defects, disabilities, and blood disorders, and to provide public use data files for public analysis. With the University of California Davis (UCD) Team as subcontractors to provide clinical and coding expertise, NAHDO is working with high-priority programs to assess readiness and map source data sets and analytic concepts into the ICD-10 structures.

NAHDO-CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Network

NAHDO continues to facilitate the access to and use of hospital discharge and claims databases for creating standardized health indicators measuring morbidity and health outcomes related to environmental exposures. Goals for the project include:

- Promoting access to and the use of health care data in tracking applications
- Providing education and outreach on priority topics
- Facilitating CDC tracking program goals

California Health Care Foundation – California Health Database Inventory--Developing Health Data Dashboards for County Policymakers

California Health Database Inventory (CHDI) is a project to map the availability of relevant public and population health data sources at the county level in California and create a database that catalogues the attributes of these data sets for use by multiple community stakeholders.

Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) Standards HCUP-US Partner Website Support to Partners

The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) has engaged NAHDO for data standards work related to the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP). This work is funded through a subcontract with Truven Health Analytics under the HCUP contract. NAHDO's Data Measurement Scientist Consultant, Barbara Rudolph, Ph.D. serves as the state voting member on the National Uniform Billing and Claims Committees (NUBC) and (NUBC). This representation is important to promote standards that align with state administrative data practices and analytic uses.

West Health Policy Center Project, State APCD Development Manual

As a part of the All-Payer Claims Databases Council, NAHDO will work with the University of New Hampshire to develop a "Manual for APCD Development" that compiles collective learning from states in all aspects of APCD implementation and use.



NAHDO is a co-leader and founder of the All Payer Claims Database Council to promote the implementation of statewide APCDs.

“The APCD Council team has been supporting Maryland’s development of two new APCD reports. In addition to providing valuable technical knowledge, they leveraged their learning network of state APCD’s to enrich our analysis and ability to collaborate with other states and insurance carriers.”

KEY PARTNERSHIPS

All-Payer Claims Database Council

NAHDO is a Co-Leader and Co-Founder of the APCD Council. The APCD Council is a collaboration between the New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice (NHIHPP) at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) in Durham, New Hampshire, and NAHDO.

NAHDO works closely with the APCD Council to advocate for and provide technical assistance to states planning and implementing statewide APCD systems. While the Council’s work is not funded (provided by in-kind services from UNH and NAHDO), the Council has received funding for specific deliverables.

During 2014, the Council received funding through its Vendor Showcase and was awarded various contracts with states and other organizations to provide technical support and contribute to papers featuring APCD topics.



Joint Public Health Informatics Task Force (JPHIT)

NAHDO is a founding and voting member organization of the Joint Public Health Informatics Taskforce (JPHIT). JPHIT is a collaboration of public health associations committed to improving population health through informatics, health IT and information exchange, serving as a thought leader on emerging informatics issues for public health. NAHDO Board member, Patricia Merryweather, is serving with Denise Love on this task force.

Public Health Community Platform Steering Committee

As part of the Steering Committee, NAHDO has the opportunity to guide development and provide community based insights as CDC begins the next phase of the Public Health Community Platform project.



***NAHDO's Executive Director
"called on NCVHS to lead a
national discussion about
privacy and
confidentiality issues aimed
at bringing about greater
cooperation in maximizing
the utility of local
data."***

**The Community as a Learning
System: Using Local Data To
Improve Local Health**

***From a report of the National
Committee on Vital Health Statistics***

REPRESENTING HEALTH DATA PROGRAMS NATIONALLY

Advocacy for Data Program Interests

NAHDO's Executive Director continues to advocate for and represent state and health data program interests via the following:

- As Co-Lead of the APCD Council (in collaboration with Josephine Porter, UNH), NAHDO continues to respond to media and other inquiries about APCD initiatives and to provide technical assistance and guidance to states in the form of the APCD Learning Network and individual state contracts.

In addition to participating in teleconference webinars for local and state APCD stakeholders, The NAHDO Executive Director presented at the following venues:

- Utilization Review Accreditation Committee (URAC) Annual Conference, State APCDs, Washington DC, October, 2013
- Princeton/AcademyHealth Rate Review Meeting of States, New Orleans, LA, October, 2013
- Hawaii Health Information Corporation and Governors Health Care Transformation Staff, Honolulu, HI, February, 2014
- Joint Public Health Informatics Task Force (JPHIT) – ICD- 10 Transition Project Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March, 2014
- Pay for Performance Summit/HIS: workshop and panel - State APCDs, San Francisco, CA, March, 2014
- Michigan Health Information Network: APCDs, Live Webinar, Plenary by Webcam, May, 2014
- DHHS/ASPE Panel on De-identification: Mosaic Effect and Disclosure Risks - State Perspective , Washington, DC, June, 2014
- Michigan Health Care Cost and Quality Advisory Committee, Webinar, Live Webinar, Plenary by Webcam, July, 2014
- Data Disclosure: Release of Hospitalization Data at the Sub-county Level, CDC/EPHTN, Atlanta, GA, August , 2014

NAHDO is convening experts to address next steps in addressing emerging issues in hospital public use file release.

NAHDO is recruiting members and experts in health care data collection, analysis, and reporting who are willing to represent NAHDO and our members in various conferences and webinars. Let the NAHDO staff know if you are interested (info@nahdo.org).

TREASURER'S REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2014

NAHDO'S fiscal year ends September 30, 2014, after the publication date of this annual report. NAHDO continues its solid financial performance by ending the year in a positive financial position, thus building organizational financial reserves.

NAHDO Financial Report

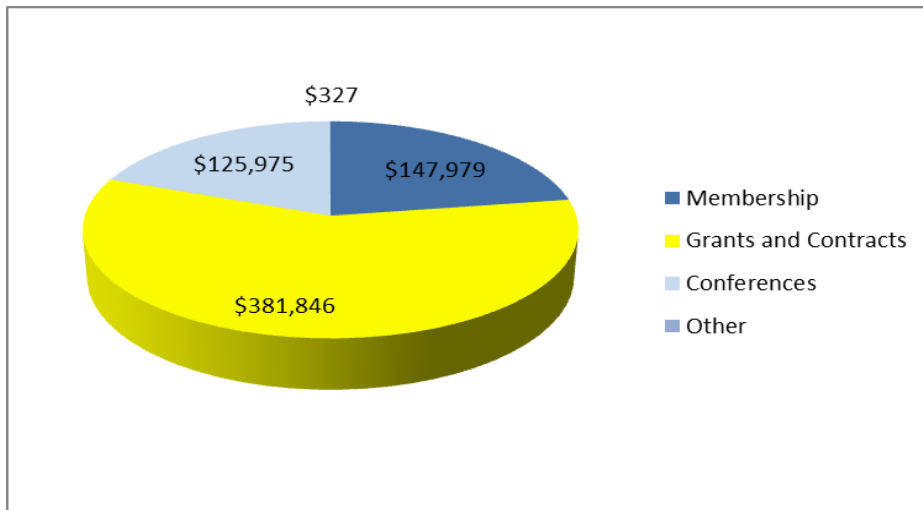
	9/30/2010	9/30/2011	9/30/2012	9/30/2013	9/30/2014 YTD*
Revenue					
Membership	\$ 123,008	\$ 133,667	\$ 130,375	\$ 152,042	\$ 147,979
Grants and Contracts	\$ 411,935	\$ 572,736	\$ 362,556	\$ 234,427	\$ 381,846
Conferences	\$ 92,494	\$ 92,245	\$ 90,425	\$ 119,350	\$ 125,975
Other	\$ 3,423	\$ 2,089	\$ 318	\$ 146	\$ 327
Total Revenue	\$ 630,860	\$ 800,737	\$ 583,674	\$ 505,965	\$ 656,127
Expenses	\$ 588,171	\$ 625,144	\$ 539,671	\$ 429,979	\$ 636,309
Gain/Loss	\$ 42,689	\$ 175,593	\$ 44,003	\$ 75,987	\$ 19,818
Fund Balance	\$ 361,792	\$ 537,385	\$ 581,388	\$ 657,375	\$ 676,895

*Year-to-date numbers and not audited.

Although grant and contract funding continue to decline, these revenues have been offset by increasing membership and conference revenues and the organization's ability to control costs in response to shifting revenues.

2014 YTD Financial Report

(11 months-----unaudited)



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NAHDO members and supporters throughout the country who believe in the power and value of publicly available health care data bases and the importance of quality, pricing, and health system performance reporting.

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