



National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS)
Tentative Agenda
Next Generation Vital Statistics: A Hearing on Current Status,
Issues and Future Possibilities
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 705A, Washington, DC
September 11-12, 2017

Vision

A sustainable, secure and robust U.S. vital records infrastructure that meets the nation’s need for timely and accurate information.

Guiding Question

How do we transform today’s vulnerable vital records data collection network into a network of state systems that produce accurate and timely information supporting a breadth of local, state and federal data needs?

Objectives

Using a multi-stakeholder presentation and generative discussion approach, this hearing will:

- Identify the essential elements of the vital statistics system – the components and as a whole,
- Assess its current status and risks to its viability, and
- Consider what actions are needed both to protect and improve the system.

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Monday, September 11, 2017

9:00 am	Welcome and introductions	Bruce Cohen, PhD & Dave Ross, ScD: Hearing Co-Chairs
9:15 am	Overview – Importance and Need for Vital Records: Local, State, Federal, International Committee Q & A	Tara Das, PhD, MPH, MLIS: Texas Dept. of Health Valérie Gaston: Statistics Canada, Health Statistics
10:15 am	Panel 1. Current Status for Vital Records: State and Local Data Producers FOCUS: Why do states collect vital records? How are they collected? How are they managed? How and why are they shared?	

	<p>A) Introduction</p> <p>B) Births</p> <p>15 minute break</p> <p>C) Deaths</p> <p>D) State/Jurisdictional Health Information Technology and Information Technology:</p> <p>Committee Q & A</p> <p>Audience Input</p>	<p>Shawna Webster, CAE: NAPHSIS Rich McCoy: Vermont Dept. of Health and NAPHSIS</p> <p>Wanda Ortiz-Medina: Providence Hospital Susan Zannis: Southern NV Health District</p> <p>Robert C. Moore, IV, CFSP, CCO: Funeral director and NFDA John Fudenberg, D-ABMDI: Clark Co. Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner and IAC&ME</p> <p>Kari Guida, MPH, MS: MN Dept. of Health Linette Scott, MD, MPH: CA Dept. of Health Care Services</p>
11:55 am	Discussion and Public Comment	
12:15 pm	Lunch	
1:15 pm	<p>Panel 2. Current Status of Vital Records: Federal Perspective</p> <p>FOCUS: Why do federal agencies need vital records? How are they managed? How and why are they shared and used?</p> <p>A) Federal Data Steward</p> <p>B) Federal Health Users</p> <p>Committee Q&A</p> <p>C) Other Federal Users</p>	<p>Delton Atkinson, MPH: NCHS,CDC</p> <p>Karen Matsuoka, PhD: CMCS, CMS William Riley, PhD: OBSSR, NIH Ursula Bauer, PhD: MPH, NCCDPHP, CDC Michael D. Kogan, PhD: MCHB, HRSA</p> <p>Stephen C. Goss, MS: Social Security Administration Corryne Carter, MPA: Dept. of State Carolyn Clancy, MD: Dept. of Veterans</p>

	<p>Committee Q & A</p> <p>Audience Input</p>	<p>Affairs</p> <p>Aaron Firoved, PhD: Dept. of Homeland Security</p>
3:15 pm	Break	
3:30 pm	<p>Panel 3. Current Status for Vital Records: Other Users of Vital Statistics Data</p> <p>FOCUS: Who are other users of vital statistics? What are these data needed for?</p> <p>A) State users</p> <p>B) Commercial users: financial institutions, life insurance</p> <p>Committee Q & A</p> <p>C) Researchers</p> <p>Committee Q & A</p> <p>Audience Input</p>	<p>Rebecca Coyle, MEd: AIRA</p> <p>Michael Warren, MD, MPH: TN Dept. of Health and AMCHP</p> <p>Janet Hamilton, MPH: FL Dept. of Health and CSTE</p> <p>Susan McDonald, PBI Research</p> <p>James DeAngelis, Verus Financial LLC</p> <p>Dennis Becker, LexisNexis Risk Solutions</p> <p>Mohsen Naghavi, MD, PhD: Univ. of Washington</p> <p>Rebecca Russell, MSPH: March of Dimes</p>
5:15 pm	Discussion and Public Comment	
5:45 pm	Adjourn	

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

8:30 am	<p>Reconvene & Welcome</p> <p>Framing the Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current challenges & barriers regarding the vital statistics system • Potential consequences if current challenges are not addressed • Opportunities available to leverage technology and new innovation to support the vital statistics system 	Dave Ross, ScD and Bruce Cohen, PhD: Hearing Co-Chairs
8:45 am	<p>Panel 4. Challenges and Opportunities: Federal Level</p> <p>FOCUS: What are the current challenges and issues for federal users, and how might they be addressed?</p> <p>Committee Q & A</p> <p>Audience Input</p>	<p>Delton Atkinson, MPH: NCHS, CDC Eric Hughes, PhD: MITRE Corp. (under contract w/NCHS) TBA, CMS Ursula Bauer, PhD: NCCDPHP, CDC Bill Riley, PhD: OBSSR, NIH Stephen C. Goss, MS: SSA Benjamin Bolender, PhD: Census Bureau, Dept. of Commerce Corryne Carter, MPA: Bureau of Consular Affairs, Dept. of State</p>
10:15 am	Break	
10:30 am	<p>Panel 5. Challenges and Opportunities: State and Local Levels</p> <p>FOCUS: What are the current challenges and issues for State and local users, and how might they be addressed?</p>	<p>Lou Saadi: KS Dept. of Health & Environment and NAPHSIS Terra J. Abrams, MBA, BPM: DC Dept. of Health Mary Ann Sens, MD, PhD: Grand Forks County ND Coroner's Office and NAME Greg Davis, MD, MSPH: Jefferson County AL Medical Examiner's Office Amy Zimmerman, MPH: RI Exec. Office of Health & Human Services</p>

	<p>Committee Q & A</p> <p>Audience Input</p>	<p>Mary Beth Kurilo, MPH, MSW: ARIA</p> <p>Michael Hogarth, MD, FACP, FACMI: UC San Diego Health</p>
12:10 pm	Discussion and Public Comment	
12:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	<p>Panel 6. Future Directions</p> <p>FOCUS: In light of evolving technology and practice, what are the opportunities to reinforce and strengthen the national vital statistics system?</p> <p>Committee Q & A</p> <p>Audience Input</p>	<p>John Lumpkin, MD, MPH: RWJF</p> <p>Kalvin Yu, MD: Southern CA Kaiser</p> <p>Chesley Richards, MD, MPH, FACP: OPHSS, CDC</p>
3:00 pm	Discussion and Public Comment	
3:25 pm	Instructions for Audience Input and Break	
3:45 pm	Audience Input	
4:00 pm	<p>Moving Forward: An Integrated Vision – Discussion</p> <p>Focus: Identify key issues and key themes. Formulate framework to synthesize testimony.</p>	R. Gibson Parrish, MD, Facilitator
4:45 pm	Wrap-Up	Dave Ross, ScD and Bruce Cohen, PhD
5:00 pm	Adjourn	Dave Ross, ScD and Bruce Cohen, PhD

QUESTIONS FOR DAY 1, PANEL 1

A) NAPHSIS and State Vital Health Registrar

1. Explain where your role fits into the overall vital statistics system process. What is the workflow of that process at a high level?
2. What are the legal underpinnings of the current system?
3. How is the system financed? How does the financing approach impact your ability to participate in broader electronic data exchange?
4. How are the data used and by whom?

B) Births

1. Explain where your role fits into the overall vital statistics system process. What is the workflow of that process at a high level?
2. How does data sharing and transmission work?
3. How are data protected?
4. How are privacy and confidentiality issues addressed?
5. How are the data used and by whom?

C) Deaths

1. Explain where your role fits into the overall vitals data process. What is the workflow of that process at a high level?
2. How does data sharing and transmission work?
3. How are data protected?
4. How are privacy and confidentiality issues addressed?
5. How are the data used and by whom?

D) State/Jurisdictional IT Lead

1. Explain where your role fits into the overall vitals data process. What is the workflow of that process?
2. How does data sharing and transmission work?
3. How are data protected?
4. How are privacy and confidentiality issues addressed?

QUESTIONS FOR DAY 1, PANEL 2

1. How are vital statistics used by your agency?
2. How important of a role do they play?
3. What are the quality concerns regarding the data?
4. How are the data obtained/managed/shared/protected?
5. How do you verify or confirm the authenticity of birth and death certificates?

QUESTIONS FOR DAY 1, PANEL 3

1. What do you use the data for? Why are they important?
2. What is the current "experience" with vital records?
3. How does data sharing, transmission and protection work?

QUESTIONS FOR DAY 2, PANEL 4

1. From the vantage point of your agency, what are the challenges & barriers you are encountering in your use of vital records and statistics?
2. From your agency's perspective, what kinds of solutions do you believe would be helpful?
3. What would be some possible consequences if current challenges are not addressed?

QUESTIONS FOR DAY 2, PANEL 5

1. From the vantage point of your organization, what are the challenges & barriers you encounter in your using, accessing, or producing vital records and statistics?
2. From your organization's perspective, what kinds of solutions do you believe would be helpful?
3. What would be some possible consequences if current challenges are not addressed?

QUESTIONS FOR DAY 2, PANEL 6

1. What opportunities are available to leverage technology/new innovation to support the vital statistics system?
2. How would these opportunities improve the vital statistics system, e.g. data quality and timeliness?
3. What issues and challenges need to be addressed? What are options for approaches?