

## CDC I-Catalyst Project – I-Catalyst Program Project 1: OPHSS/CSELS Data Hub Interview Protocol Guide and Questions

### Background Information:

CDC's Division of Health Informatics and Surveillance (DHIS) in the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services maintains a Data Hub of externally-acquired data sources [American Hospital Association (AHA), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP), and Truven Health Analytics MarketScan® data] for agency use. DHIS coordinates agency-wide purchases and acquisitions of external data sources, and provides services to facilitate the use of these data. Evolving technology creates opportunities for adding innovative services (e.g., visualization) to the existing portfolio to better meet data user needs. The team will explore whether data users and other stakeholders have a need for additional services, such as visualization, to enhance data access and availability.

**Interviewer to Respondent:** Hi, my name is ...Thank you for your time. I know you are busy, I only need about 30 minutes of your time. I'm from CDC's Division of Health Informatics and Surveillance (DHIS) in the Center for Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services (CSELS) working on a project involving CDC Data Hub, and want to ask some questions to learn more about your public health research and data source usage. Thank you for participating in this data collection effort. We will use the opinions and impressions you provide only for analyzing the general trends and directions of strategic planning, implementation, collaboration and partnership development within your respective region and across regions. You will not be identified in any published reporting. Individual respondents will not be identified in study reports except with their express permission. However, you should understand that we cannot promise confidentiality of the information you share with us due to our need to comply with provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and also in the event of unlikely but possible litigation or legal proceedings.

1. Can you please tell us about the types of data you currently use and your data needs?
2. How do you identify data sources that are potentially useful for your work?
3. Can you please tell us how you learn more about the content of potential data sources?
4. Can you please tell us about a data source you considered and how you determined whether or not it would meet your needs?
5. Can you please tell us which data tool(s) you typically use to access and explore data?
6. Can you please tell us about a data tool you tried and your experiences using it?

Thank you for your time.

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