CCB/OSHPD Meeting notes

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* OSHPD generally excited and supportive
* Phil wants to meet with Merry and other in her Branch
* They suggested possibly getting the data from them directly rather than via CHSI and/or Scott offered support to get it more efficiently from CHISI—Michael made it clear that some of the delay was on his side/administrative, not just CHSI
  + Get the data from them based on “Business Use Case” agreement, rather than processes that are more complex
  + 2017 data are available now
  + 2018 will be in August
* Cautionary notes about the data
  + CHARGES not costs
  + $1 charges indicate pro-bono situation
  + If length of stay is > 1 year, charges are to be prorated to year, but not clear that this is done consistently
  + Charges are total charges per hospitalization, not just for “cause” being shown in CCB
* Things we will do in the CCB regarding these data
  + Clearly and “heavily” note the data are charges not costs
  + Truncate low and high outliers to some degree
  + Consider grouping small counties
  + Consider using medians rather than means
* Other notes/discussion
  + OSHPD has some cost:charge ratio data
    - Importantly, it differs by payer other factors
  + “Charge Master” files have “retail” costs of all procedures for all hospitals, BUT metrics are not necessarily consistent across hospitals (e.g. one may include doctor’s charges and another may not)
  + Hospital “Financials” data are exciting/important source of new data, and are on the way