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HIT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2015

Attendees:

- *Todd Bortke, CHI St. Alexius Medical Center
- *Janis Cheney, AARP
- *Neil Frame, Metro Area Ambulance
- *Barb Groutt, ND Healthcare Review (QIO)
- *Jerry Jurena/Tim Blasl, ND Hospital Association
- *Courtney Koebele, ND Medical Association
- *Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Mgrs. Assoc.
- *Sharon German, Sanford Health
- *Darin Meschke, Dept. of Health
- *Shelly Peterson/ Pamela Thompson, Long Term Care Association
- *Tami Ternes, Governor's Office
- *Mike Ressler, Information Technology Department
- Mike Mullen, Special Attorney General
- Tina Gagner, RN, ITD
- Sheldon Wolf, HIT Director – ITD
- Alicia Baumann, Admin Assistant, ITD

Not Present:

- *Chair - Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health
- *Vice Chair - Dan Kelly, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems
- *Dave Molmen/Mark Waing, Altru Health Systems
- *Tory Brabandt, DHS
- *Troy Aswege, BCBSND
- *Janis Cheney, AARP
- *Lisa Clute/Lois Mackey, First District Health
- *Lisa Feldner, NDUS
- *Senator Lee, ND Legislature
- *Jim Long, West River Health System
- *Representative Robin Weisz, ND Legislature
- *Jenny Witham, Dept. of Human Services

**denotes appointed HIT Advisory Committee members or their designee*

1) Approval of Agenda

- a) No changes

2) Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes, April 8, 2015. No changes were requested by the board members, therefore the minutes were considered approved.

3) New HITAC Member

- a) Welcome to Sharon German, representing Sanford Health, she took Caryn Hewitt's position. Sharon comes on board with a great asset to our team as she works with all of HIE across the region and give us a new perspective to what is happening around the region. Sharon is the Enterprise Director of IT Applications for Sanford and the Bismarck Site Lead. In addition to work with HIE of all states that we have clinics and hospitals. She works with SYSDOC, which is the EMR Occupational Medicine Clinic and other smaller applications in the Bismarck region.

4) NDHIN

- a) Update on North Dakota Health Information Network, we keep growing and getting different people involved, we are up to 704,000 unique patient records in the system at this time. 1182 user IDs and 10.5 million transactions last week ran through the rhapsody system. The system had 65 logins last week with 232 patient recorded accessed. We expect that to grow as providers obtain "single-sign on" capabilities. We are working on that with Trinity, MidDakota Clinic and Sanford Health.
- b) Direct trust is coming out with a Health Provider Directory (HPD) for direct secure email accounts. Once that is completed, providers will have access to a provider directory for every member of Direct Trust that has a Direct Trust account. We plan to participate in the test environment by working with Orion on this test project.
- c) We have the imaging exchange set up and tested at Altru. Orion health & E-Health Technologies put out a press release regarding the partnership. We currently are looking to expand this service with other providers and are currently working with Trinity. We will be conducting user acceptance training with them in the next week or so.
- d) We have had some conversations with Social Security Administration to see if they can use HealthyWay to log in and obtain information on clients. As they work with other HIEs, they are able to reduce the amount of time it takes to determine SSA eligibility 33-40%. In one state survey, a 3 million dollar saving was found for providers when they used these types of services as patients can have eligibility determined quicker for Medicare and Medicaid which subsequently lessens write-offs. Sheldon met with SIMS ND people to give them a presentation of the NDHIN.

- Image Exchange Press Release:
<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/ehealth-technologies-and-orion-health-announce-partnership-2015-06-09>

5) Personnel

- a) Charles Peterson has resigned from his post with NDHIN. His last day was May 31, 2015. We have a few good candidates and will start interviews after the 18th.

6) Meeting Time Change Discussion

- a) We had a request to move the start time from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM for the start time. Normally our meetings run from 45 minutes to an hour. All those in the meeting were in favor of the meeting time change. The meeting will be changed to start at 2 PM Central Time.

7) ONC Co-operative Agreement Update

- a) Not much of an update at this time. Just a reminder that Friday, June 12th is the due date of when we should be hearing back on if we were accepted into the co-operative agreement. We applied for a 1.7 million dollar cooperative agreement so that we can go out to provide additional assistance to critical access hospitals, long-term care, behavioral health and pharmacies and seek additional certifications.

8) REACH

- a) REACH is still operating under the last and final extension of the regional extension center program. In the current year, there was a no cost extension for those states with resources left. Since March, there have been 10 more eligible providers who had agreements with REACH who have reached meaning full use stage 1 and estimate another 50 or more will be through the process before the year ends. A lot of this work is being transitioned to the QIOs for meaning full use stages 2 & 3.

9) Medicaid

- a) No update at this time

10) Other Business

- a) No other business brought by the HITAC members

11) Adjourned at 1:51 pm