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HIT Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2013

Attendees:

*Vice Chair - Lynette Dickson, Ctr for Rural Health
*Todd Bortke, St. Alexius Medical Center
*Barb Groutt, ND Healthcare Review (QIO)
*Jerry Jurena, ND Hospital Association
*Courtney Koebele, ND Medical Association
*Caryn Hewitt, Sanford Health
*Darin Meschke, Dept. of Health
*Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Mgrs. Assoc.
*Shelly Peterson, Long Term Care Association
*Mike Ressler, ITD
Tony Tardugno, BCBSND

*Pamela Thompson, Long Term Care Assoc.
*Lois Mackey, First District Health
*Doug McCrory, Dept. of Human Services

Pamela Crawford, Attorney General's Office
Tina Gagner, RN, ITD
Robin Hirsch, ITD
Jennifer Kunz, ITD
Mike Mullen, Legal Liaison
Chad Peterson, ITD
Sheldon Wolf, HIT Director – ITD

Not Present:

*Tim Blasl, ND Hospital Association
*Janis Cheney, AARP
*Lisa Clute, First District Health
*Neil Frame, Metro Area Ambulance
*Dan Kelly, McKenzie County Healthcare Systems

*Senator Lee, ND Legislature
*Jim Long, West River Health System
*Dave Molmen, Altru Health System
*Tami Ternes, Governor's Office
*Representative Robin Weisz, ND Legislature
*Nancy Willis, NDDHS
*Jenny Witham, Dept. of Human Services

**denotes appointed HIT Advisory Committee members or their representative.*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

II. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

a. The committee approved the agenda and the May 15, 2013 meeting minutes. Courtney Koebele moved to approve, Jerry Jurena seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

III. NDHIN Update – Chad Peterson/Sheldon Wolf

- a. NDHIN Direct is up and running.
- b. There are 91 signed Participation Agreements and 2 pending.
- c. Jamestown Regional Medical Center's VPN configuration is almost complete. Sanford Health and St. Alexius's VPN configuration has been submitted and they are working on their readiness assessments. Also working with the Department of Health. There will be workflow assessments set up with Jamestown, Sanford and St. Alexius.
- d. Continuing to receive applications for the Grant Application.

- e. We have received a Participation Agreement from Mobridge Regional Hospital in South Dakota. They send about 95% of their patients to Bismarck and feel it would be beneficial to sign up with the NDHIN due to their referral pattern. Our contract with Orion states that we can set up any participant that falls within 75 miles of the North Dakota border. The committee agrees this would be ok with the caveat that they understand that we cannot extend further resources to make sure their HIE is running. This application will need further discussion on legal and technical items.

IV. Legal & Policy – Mike Mullen/Pam Crawford

- a. Revisions were made to the Participation Agreement due to choosing to join Healthway. Main changes relate to reporting a security incident or breach while transmitting data through HealthWay.
- b. Business associate agreement was revised to reflect the new HIPAA Rules.
- c. The committee has no objections to the changes

V. Communication & Education – Robin Hirsch

- a. A packet has been developed to assist providers in the communication of the NDHIN to their patients. The packet includes an overview document, provider and consumer brochures, participation signs, and the NDHIN Policies.
- b. Absolute Marketing Group will be developing a brief 3-4 minute video based on the informational brochure that will be handed out.
- c. The video will be sent to facilities to share with their staff. There will also be webinars scheduled to review the video, informational packet and answer questions.
- d. TV ads will begin about 30 days after the provider training.

VI. Clinical – Chad Peterson

- a. We are requesting feedback on some configuration items in the Clinical Portal. A survey monkey will be sent out to the Clinical Workgroup to narrow down the list of notifications.
- b. There was a demonstration of an imaging solution at the last Clinical Workgroup meeting showing how it ties into various PACs systems across the state.
- c. Next meeting is June 27th.

VII. REACH – Barb Groutt

- a. There are 173 Priority Primary Care Providers and 15 Critical Access Hospitals that used REACH services and achieved meaningful use stage 1.
- b. Federal funding for REACH will be expiring in February. A lot of work is being conducted on sustainability to keep the services going after that time.
- c. Working on a pilot project with Blue Cross Blue Shield to augment a patient centered Medical Home activity.
- d. REACH is up and running with NDHIN Direct.

VIII. Medicaid – Doug McCrory

- a. The 2011 payments are caught up and 1/3 of the 2012 are finished.
- b. In the process of updating the website.

IX. Other

- a. A Chair needs to be appointed by the committee. There is nothing in the statute that states who is required to be the Chair of the committee. Lynette Dickson volunteered to serve as Chair. Courtney Koebele makes a motion to approve Lynette as chair of the HITAC. Caryn Hewitt seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously. Lynette will reach out to the committee to fill the Vice-Chair position.

X. Next Meeting

- a. Wednesday, August 7, 2013 @ 1:30PM
Phone # to Call: 1-877-820-7831 Passcode: 870041

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.