

THE WEST VIRGINIA HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK

PLACE OF MEETING:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Health Information Network (WVHIN) was held at the office of The West Virginia Health Care Authority, Charleston, West Virginia on December 20, 2007, pursuant to written notice posted on December 7, 2007 in the State Register, and the agenda posted on December 17, 2007 at the offices of The WV Health Care Authority.

ATTENDEES:

The following Board members were present in person or telephonically:

Julian Bailes, MD, Chair
Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer
George F. Boxwell, DO, (for Olen E. Jones, Jr., Ph.D.)
Ted Cheatham
Sarah Chouinard, MD
Robert L. Coffield, JD
Michael O. Fidler, MD (for Joseph Selby, MD)
Sam Kapourales
Joseph Letnaunchyn, WVHA
Jennifer Plymale (for Charles H. McKown, Jr., MD)
John E. Prescott, MD
Jesse W. Samples
Gerald Roueche (for Secretary Martha Y. Walker)
John Wiesendanger

Non-members present were:

Mary Angel, WVHIN
John G. Brehm, MD, WVMI
Christopher Clark, WVHIN
Alaina Crislip, Flaherty, Sensabaugh & Bonasso
Margaret Filios, CDC/NIOSH
Michele Grinberg, Flaherty, Sensabaugh & Bonasso
Brenda Hancock, HCA
Michael Harmon, PEIA
Molly Hopdod, DHHR

Sallie Hunt, WVHIN
Leonard Kelley, WV Medicaid
Jim Kranz, WVHA
Larry Malone, WV Telehealth Alliance
Jacek Mazurek, CDC, NIOSH
Keith McCall
Michael Morris, WV Bureau for Public Health
Shana Phares, Office of the Governor's Pharmaceutical Advocate.
Diana Rayburn, WVHIN
Marshall Ruffin, MD, Accenture Health Sciences
Jack Schafer, WVTA/CHNWW
Benjamin Serenthal
Tom Susman, TSG Consultants
Julie Terry, Vision Shared, Inc.
Alan Viars, Videntity
Carolyn White, DDS

Additional non-members may have been present, but whose names were not captured on the sign-in log.

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Julian Bailes, Chair of the WVHIN Board of Directors, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order. Materials were distributed electronically to the Board members in advance and were presented on the screen via the webinar site throughout the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dr. Bailes called for approval of the minutes of the August 17, 2007 meeting. Dr. Michael Fidler moved that the minutes be approved, Mr. Joe Letnaunchyn seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Sonia Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer, with Sallie Hunt, WVHIN Executive Director proceeded with the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Hunt informed the Board that year-to-date expenditures total \$138,367 with existing commitments of \$287,721.

The remaining budget not yet committed totals \$1,028,943. Dr. Michael Fidler made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Mr. Joe Letnaunchyn seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dr. Bailes proceeded with the Executive Committee report and update. At the Executive Committee's November and December meetings, the committee discussed the next steps in building out the network, the Nationwide Health Information Network Trial Implementation Project (NHIN2) status and partners, the proposal for the WV Health Information Network to apply to the federal government to be recognized as a community leader for value-driven healthcare, the December 20th Board of Directors meeting agenda and proposed a FY09 budget. Based upon the discussions at the Executive Committee Meetings and the information presented, the Executive Committee recommended the following resolutions:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS:

1) The WVHIN Executive Committee recommends further efforts to engage consumers and stakeholders in the development of the WV network and the sustaining business model. WVHIN will pursue a solid educational background on technology, best practices, working partners and any other areas deemed necessary to serve the interests of WV.

2) The WVHIN Executive Committee recommends a FY 2009 state budget request of \$5 million for the West Virginia Health Information Network¹. Allocation would cover July 1, 2008 through June 31, 2009.

¹ This budget request is over and above monies received and authorized to be spent for NHIN 2.

3) The WVHIN Executive Committee supports application to become a designated Chartered Value Exchange as part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Value Driven Health Care program.

Ms. Sallie Hunt proceeded to further explain the three resolutions recommended by the Executive Committee.

Ms. Mary Angel discussed the community value exchange program set up through HHS.

A budget workshop will be scheduled in January for interested Board Members and speaking points will be made available for Board Members regarding the proposed budget request.

Ms. Sonia Chambers made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Report and to approve the Executive Committee resolutions, Mr. Joe Letnaunchyn seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the Executive Committee report and resolutions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Sallie Hunt, WVHIN Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's report. Ms. Hunt introduced the new WVHIN staff, Mary Angel, Outreach Communications Manager, Diana Rayburn, Administrative Assistant and Chris Clark, Chief Operating Officer.

The Consumer/Employer/Privacy Committee has been activated to deal with privacy and security issues and patient-centered uses of health information technology. Mr. John Wiesendanger is serving as Committee chairman.

Educational sessions have been held throughout the Fall with additional sessions being scheduled for the first of the year.

The WVHIN team visited The Health Bridge Health Information Exchange in Cincinnati, OH, on December 3-4, 2007 and a visit to The Delaware Health Information Exchange is scheduled for January 7-8, 2008.

At the January, 2008 Board Meeting the WVHIN's stakeholder engagement plan will be presented. Any input regarding this plan should be forwarded to Mary Angel.

The plan is to continue work on the WVHIN business plan this summer, complete the stakeholder initial engagement in May and work towards an RFP by December.

A Board Member retreat will be scheduled in October. At the retreat the following will be presented: the business plan, the results of our stakeholder engagement, our RFI and our suggestions as to what we believe the network should look like in terms of the RFP going forward to the vendors.

The WVHIN time line was presented which concluded the Executive Director's report.

Ms. Sonia Chambers made a motion to approve the Executive Director's Report as presented, Mr. Joe Letnaunchyn seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the Executive Director's Report.

CONSUMER/EMPLOYER/PRIVACY COMMITTEE REPORT:

John C. Wiesendanger, Chair of the WVHIN Consumer/Employer/Privacy Committee was next on the agenda. Mr. Wiesendanger reported that the Committee met

October 2, November 7 and December 5 to develop “next steps” in secure health information exchange in West Virginia. The privacy of information has been the main focus. The committee meeting documents will be posted on the WVHIN website.

On October 2, 2007 the committee received and accepted the WV Consumer/Employer/Privacy Committee Charter. The results of the Focus Groups that were funded by the WVHIN as part of the WVHISPC were reported.

At the November 7, 2007 meeting Jim Thomas, Attorney with the Jackson-Kelly Law Firm, presented the Individual Rights/Individual Participation Privacy Principle. Mr. Thomas will conduct a series of five presentations to the Consumer/Employer/Privacy Committee about Privacy and Security Principles.

At the December 5, 2007 meeting Jim Thomas presented the second in the series of five privacy principles, “Consumer Notice Issues”. The committee discussed several policy considerations for consumer privacy notice and made suggestions and recommendations.

The committee has conducted some 15 educational forums around the state which have been very positive in gathering feedback.

Mr. Wiesendanger ended his report by stating his pleasure with the work of the committee to date and to thank Sallie and her staff for the support that they have given the committee.

NHIN 2 UPDATE:

Ms. Sallie Hunt, WVHIN Executive Director, reported that WVHIN has won the Nationwide Health Information (NHIN) Trial Implementation contract from the

US Department of Health the Human Resources Office of the National Coordinator. West Virginia is one of nine health information exchanges that was awarded this contract.

West Virginia was assigned two use cases, the key functionality activities of Laboratory Results Reporting and Registration and Medication History. WVHIN will work with the six providers who participated in NHIN 1 to develop these two use cases.

A NHIN 2 kickoff event is being scheduled for January 18, 2008.

WV TELEHEALTH ALLIANCE REPORT:

Mr. Larry Malone, Chairman of the WV Telehealth Alliance, presented an update of The West Virginia Telehealth Alliance (WVTA) which is a statewide, non-profit organization in West Virginia. The group is comprised of stakeholders involved in telehealth and rural healthcare in West Virginia which will be focusing on telehealth services, telehealth research and telehealth education.

The FCC rural health program is a 400 million dollar program which will be funding the construction of 69 statewide or regional broadband telehealth networks across the country and in three U.S. territories. The WV telehealth alliance application was approved for \$8.4 million dollars and will be funded as part of the FCC's rural health program. The WV telehealth alliance is going to bring the level of connectivity in West Virginia up to the level it needs to be to provide for telehealth use and also for health information exchange. The principle hubs will be WVU through MDTV, CMC, Marshall University, School of Osteopathic Medicine, as well as West Virginia Net. The goal in year one is to have about 30 to 50 centers connected. In year two WVTA would like to connect another 150 centers and then at the end of years two and three, about 350 to 400 centers will have their connections either established or upgraded.

The WV Telehealth Alliance goal is to complete a statewide network analysis to identify service needs among the healthcare industry in West Virginia regarding the health information network and to construct and connect the healthcare industry in West Virginia with an integrated state health communication network.

MEDICAID TRANSFORMATION GRANT UPDATE:

Mr. Leonard Kelley presented an update on the Medicaid Transformation Grant. An agreement with a state university is being developed, more information will be available once the agreements are in place which will hopefully be in early January.

PUBLIC COMMENT:


Dr. Bailes asked if there were any comments from the public. No comments were made.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the WVHIN Board of Directors is tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2008. E-mail communication will be sent out regarding this January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Dr. Bailes adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.


Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer, WVHIN