

THE WEST VIRGINIA HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Health Information Network was held at the office of The West Virginia Medical Institute, Charleston, West Virginia on January 26, 2007, pursuant to written notice in the State Register on December 22, 2006 and on January 23, 2007 at the offices of The West Virginia Health Care Authority.

PLACE OF
MEETING

The following Board members were present:

ATTENDEES

Julian Bailes, MD, Chair
Ms. Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer
George F. Boxwell, DO
Sarah Chouinard, MD
Robert L. Coffield, JD
Robert M. D'Alessandri, MD
Mr. J. Fred Earley, II, Vice-Chair
Keith Huffman, JD for Mr. Ted Cheatham
Mr. Sam G. Kapourales
Mr. Joseph Letnaunchyn
Jennifer Plymale for Charles H. McKown, Jr., MD
Mr. Kyle Shafer
Mr. Phil Schenk
Mr. Gerald Rouche for Secretary Martha Y. Walker
Mr. John Wiesendanger

Members excused:

Michael O. Fidler, MD
Mr. Jesse W. Samples

MEMBERS
EXCUSED

Non-members present were:

Ms. Terri Barrett
Ms. Kate Berry
Mr. Perry Bryant
Mr. David Campbell
Ms. Linda K. Cipoletti
Mr. Chris Clark

Mr. Les DelPizzo
Ms. Brenda Hancock
Mr. Michael Harmon
Ms. Lou Ann Hartley
Ms. Sallie Hunt
Ms. Felice Joseph
Mr. Jim Kranz
Mr. J. P. Little
Mr. Larry Malone
Mr. John Marks
Ms. Helen Matheny
Mr. Chris Morris
Mr. Mike Morris
Mr. W. Grant Norman
Ms. Shana Phares
Ms. Mary Ratliff
Ms. Patty Ruddick
Joseph Selby, MD
Ms. Juliet A. Terry
Ms. Carolyn J. White

Dr. Julian Bailes, Chair of the WVHIN Board of CALL TO ORDER

Directors, welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order.

Materials distributed to the Board members in advance included the Agenda, the minutes of the October 31, 2006 meeting for approval, power point presentations by Kate Berry for SureScripts, Mary Ratliff, Henry Ford Health System ePrescribing Project Data, RxHub Info for Payers YTD 2006 by J. P. Little; Prescription Study; Ethic Commission's Approval Letter and Bylaws; WVHIN Treasurer's Report; RTI Interim Solutions Report; WVHIN Consumer/Employer/Privacy Committee Report; WVHIN Executive Committee Report and the WVHIN Technology Committee Report.

Dr. Bailes called for approval of the minutes of the

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MINUTES

October 31, 2006 meeting. Dr. D'Alessandri moved that the minutes be approved and the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

Sonia Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer proceeded with the Treasurer's Report. She informed the Board that year-to-date expenditures total \$4,943.00. Ms. Chambers referred the Board to the summary report available in the Board packets for details. Mr. Early made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and the Board unanimously approved the approval of the Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER'S
REPORT

Dr. Bailes announced to the Board that Committee reports from the Executive, Technology and Consumer/Employer/Privacy Committees were in the Board packets for their review and approval. Dr. D'Alessandri made a motion to approve the reports as written and the Board unanimously approved the Committee reports.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

Dr. Bailes gave a status report regarding the national search for Executive Director. Five candidates were interviewed on January 5, 2007 and two additional candidates were interviewed January 26, 2007. All Board members were encouraged to recruit appropriate individuals and refer them to Sallie Hunt. It is the intent of the Committee to compile a final list of candidates by the end of February for the Board's consideration at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
SEARCH

Les DelPizzo, Chief Operating Officer for Quality

SECURITY AND
PRIVACY

Insights of Delaware, presented the WV Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative Interim Report of Solutions. This project is to identify key barriers and proposed solutions to health information exchange that result from organization-level business practice policies and laws and regulations that underlie them, and that were identified and documented by the Variations Workgroup. Mr. DelPizzo requested that the WV Solutions Work Group continue with this work upon the conclusion of the RTI contract in April, as an ad hoc committee of the WVHIN Board in order to continue the work in progress. At the conclusion of Mr. DelPizzo's power point presentation, Dr. Bailes asked for approval of the report. Ms. Chambers commended this project and stated she would like to see this work continued and moved that WVHIN Board adopt the report and create a subcommittee of the Board to continue this project. After a brief discussion as to whether this committee should be a part of the Privacy Committee, it was agreed that the new committee should stand alone and not be a part of the Privacy Committee at this time. The Board unanimously approved the report and the creation of a new ad hoc committee.

COLLABORATIVE
INTERIM REPORT
OF SOLUTIONS

Sallie Hunt presented the letter from the WV Ethics Commission that stated that the WVHIN Board bylaws are in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and that the Ethics Committee finds that there are no additional provisions in the

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proposed bylaws that are inconsistent with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. There being no questions or discussion, Dr. Bailes asked the Board for a motion to approve the Bylaws. Ms. Chambers moved for approval, and the Board unanimously approved the Bylaws as written.

Dr. Bailes announced that the educational component of the meeting was next with presentations on e-prescribing. The first presentation was given by Mr. J. P. Little from RxHub followed by Ms. Mary Ratliff of Mary Ratliff Consulting. Ms. Kate Berry from SureScripts was next on the agenda. Ms. Shana Phares from the WV Governor's office was last to speak on the topic of E-prescribing. Ms. Phares informed the Board that Governor Manchin has directed that an implementation plan be developed to expedite the deployment of e-prescribing in WV. Ms. Phares asked the WVHIN Board for support to work on an implementation plan in a collaborative effort with the State to expedite the deployment of e-prescribing in WV. A motion was made by Ms. Chambers for the WVHIN Board to partner with the State in the creation of an implementation plan and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Bailes continued the meeting with the Broadband Grant Application discussion. Larry Malone, Chairman of the broadband working group in WV, a collaborative project of the WV Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of the grant

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application and its primary focus. Mr. Malone stated that this grant opportunity is an 85% match of federal dollars to healthcare providers primarily in rural areas to enhance their telecommunication connections as part of a health information network and telemedicine opportunities. This grant also will provide funding to support the costs of connecting state and regional networks which is important for the academic healthcare institutions in the State.

David Campbell continued the discussion and spoke of the aggressive timeline of this effort and the importance of submitting a unified application. Public and non-profit healthcare providers are eligible for funding to construct the dedicated broadband network. Primarily, monies will be used for infrastructure or fees associated with having broadband connections. Mr. Campbell stated that the Governor, the legislative leaders and congressional delegation will be briefed and the final plan ready for submission by the end of February. Mr. Malone and Mr. Campbell will continue to keep the WVHIN Board apprised of the status of the grant application.

Administrative Issues was next on the agenda and ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES Sallie Hunt led the discussion. Ms. Hunt directed board members to their travel reimbursement forms in their packets and asked that they be signed and turned in by the close of the meeting. Ms. Hunt shared a slide of the WVHIN web page. The construction of the web page is in early development and comments and recommendations as to what

should appear on the web are welcome. It was suggested that the WVHIN Board minutes be included on the website, as well as presentations that are given at the meetings.

Dr. Bailes commended Sarah Chouinard, MD on her recent article entitled *Transforming Health Care in West Virginia*. Dr. Chouinard is Medical Director of Primary Care Systems, Inc., and Chief Medical Advisor of Community Health Network of West Virginia in Clay, WV.

DR. CHOUINARD
COMMENDED

Dr. Bailes announced the next meeting of the WVHIN Board of Directors has not been established but email communication will be sent with details in the near future.

NEXT MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer, WVHIN