



WVHIN Consumer/Employer/Privacy Committee Report January 2007

The committee continues to develop a potential membership roster. In addition, we are continuing to work with and support the WV Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative Solutions and Implementation Working Groups and attend consumer meetings and forums. Three consumer forums have taken place:

1. Public Education Forum held November 20, 2006. Charleston WV. Participants include:

Linda Jackowitz, Mary Babb Cancer Center
Dr. Clark Hansbarger, WVU School of Medicine - Charleston
Kay Stoltz, WV League of Women Voters
Merle Provance, Health Connections Wellness Center
Bonita Whitman, WV Legal Aide Society
Perry Bryant, West Virginians for Affordable Health Care
Leonard Kelley, WV DHHR, Bureau for Medical Services
Megan Hughes
Chris Meadows
Mary Huntley, CAMC
Julie LeJune WVMU
Joan Armbruster, AARP
Sylvia Watkins, AARP

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Issues: operational, administrative, individual security and confidentiality

2. Patient Support Group Meeting held December 13, 2006, Morgantown WV.
Participants
Included approximately 18 individuals (patient, care givers, family) and 2 health care professionals, Jerry Toppins, Mylan Pharmaceuticals and Patty Policicchio, WVU Hospital.

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3. A phone conference meeting was held December 21, Charleston WV with mental health consumers and providers. Participants included:
Sallie Hunt
Patty Ruddick, WVMH
Mary Huntley
John Marks, WVMH
John Bianconi, BHMF

Mental Health Resource/Stakeholders:

Dave Sanders, West Virginia Mental Health Consumer Association

John Linton, WVU, Behavioral Medicine

Sheila Kelly, BHMF

Michael Ross, West Virginia Alliance For Mentally Ill

Rich Kiley, Appalachian Mental Health Care,

Steve Small, BHMF

Two persons not on call but were involved include John Vannin, West Virginia University and John Russell, West Virginia Behavioral Health Providers Association.

Content: Discuss issues related to the security/confidentiality of mental health/substance abuse and related health information.

The RTI SWG/IPWG will be planning at least one additional community forum. The forum will be scheduled following the WVHIN's receipt of the SWG report and recommendations. This meeting is planned for late January or early February in Flatwoods, WV.

John Wiesendanger, Chair /s/
Consumer/Employer/Privacy Committee
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