



THE WEST VIRGINIA HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK

June 18, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

**PLACE OF MEETING:**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Health Information Network (WVHIN) was held at the Charleston Marriott Town Center, Charleston, West Virginia on June 18, 2009, pursuant to written notice posted on April 14, 2009, in the State Register, and the agenda posted on June 3, 2009, at the offices of The WV Health Care Authority and the WVHIN office.

**ATTENDEES:**

The following Board members or their designees were present in person or telephonically:

Julian Bailes, M.D., Chair  
Fred Earley, II, Esq., Vice Chair  
Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer  
George Boxwell, M.D.  
Robert L. Coffield, Esq.  
Michael O. Fidler, M.D.  
Peter Groen  
Joe Letnaunchyn  
Jennifer Plymale  
John Wiesendanger

**Members not present:**

James Brick, M.D.  
Ted Cheatham  
Sarah Chouinard, M.D.  
Sam Kapourales  
Louise Reese

Jesse Samples  
Kyle Schafer

Non-members present were:

Beverly Blanchard  
Cam Brown  
John Brehm, M.D.  
Brenda Hancock  
L. Clark Hansbarger, M.D.  
Michael Harmon  
Sallie Milam  
Jeffrey Mullins  
Amber Nary  
Lynn Poulos  
Deborah Tucker  
Carolyn White

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 WWHIN 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 from the February 12, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Fred Earley moved for acceptance of the minutes, Mr. Joe Letnaunchyn seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Sonia Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. As of May 31, 2009 the WVHIN's administrative account (5380) reflects YTD expenses of \$776,000 and commitments of \$268,000 which leaves an appropriation balance of \$456,000 remaining from our \$1,500,000 appropriation for FY 2009; WVHIN anticipates several large invoices to come in within the next couple of weeks, bringing its balance close to zero. Additionally, within that account, WVHIN has \$3.4M plus left of the \$3.5M to build the network – funds were paid out of this portion of the account to support RFP development.

Mr. Fred Earley made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Mr. Joe Letnaunchyn seconded the motion and the Board unanimously accepted the Treasurer's Report.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Dr. Bailes presented the Executive Committee report and update.

The Executive Committee met on February 23, 2009, March 23, 2009, April 6, 2009, May 11, 2009, May 26, 2009 and June 15, 2009. The following are meeting highlights:

- Learning more about MITA through Fox Systems' teleconferences
- State level legislation which may impact/affect the WVHIN
- Stimulus funding available for HIE through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- WVHIN's finance plans
- Potential WVHIN pilot opportunities

- Staffing
- The statewide roadmap for health information technology
- Opportunities available with SSA
- Review of Fox Systems, Inc. final report

Mr. Fred Earley made a motion to accept the Executive Committee Report, Mr. Joe Letnaunchyn seconded the motion and the Board unanimously accepted the Executive Committee report.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Sallie Milam, WVHIN Executive Director, presented the Executive Director’s update which covered the following topics

- ARRA funding and WVHIN’s approach
  - \$2B to ONC for Health IT, with \$300M for health information exchange
  - State must agree to match
    - FFY 10 (beginning October 1, 2009), no match is specified in law
    - FFY 11, not less than \$1 for each \$10 of federal funds
    - FFY 12, \$1 to \$7
    - FFY 13+, \$1 to \$3
  - Funds could be available in July-August timeframe from ONC
  - WVHIN’s plan: participating with Health Improvement Institute’s development of Strategic Plan for HIT for WV. Beginning to develop grant application. NGA has said that grants for HIE will be coming

out in the July/August timeframe with a 45-60 day turnaround. We have heard that grants may come through ONC, HRSA, or AHRQ. We continue to hold weekly stimulus workgroup meetings with our team from Strategic Healthcare to pursue this issue and prepare for the grant application process.

- NHIN2 – Discussion was held regarding governance
  - DURSA
    - As part of ongoing work on the Nationwide Health Information Network (“NHIN”) Trial Implementations – Option Year 1, a large, multi-stakeholder team was assembled to develop a comprehensive Data Use and Reciprocal Support Agreement that would govern the exchange of health data across a diverse set of public and private entities.
    - The DURSA provides the legal framework governing participation in nationwide information exchange by requiring the signatories to abide by a common set of terms and conditions that establish the Participants obligations and the trust fabric to support the privacy, confidentiality and security of the health data that is exchanged.
    - The DURSA touches on areas which include breach notification, privacy and security obligations, expectations

for NHIN participants, consent/authorization, dispute resolution, suspension and termination, etc.

- As of June 5, 2009, the DURSA was approved by Dr. Blumenthal and submitted into the DHHS clearance process.

- Consumer Preferences -- not kicked off yet

- Legislative Update -- Discussion around SB414 and HB 2885.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The WVHIN Finance Committee met on May 6, 2009. Those in attendance were: Joe Letnaunchyn, Ted Cheatham, Fred Earley, Sallie Milam, Sonia Chambers, Cam Hull Brown, Mary Anne Ford, and Raul Zavaleta. Absent: Louise Reese.

A discussion continued of a potential sustainability model, which had started at the February 3, 2009, committee meeting. The goal is to develop a viable sustainability model that is perceived as fair and reasonable by the health systems, physicians, other providers, and payers.

The following documents were shared and discussed:

- Income Statement and Cash Flow revised 5/4/09
- Draft Revenue Model revised v. 3, 5/1/09
- Health System Fees Draft v.4, 5/5/09
- ROI

The committee agreed to pursue two scenarios -- a full implementation plan with the governor's endorsement or pursue a pilot at Charleston, Huntington, or

Wheeling or Morgantown to demonstrate proof of concept. In both cases, WVHIN will attempt to obtain Stimulus funding.

Motion by Mr. Fred Earley to accept the Finance Committee's report.

Seconded by Ms. Sonia Chamber.

### **MITA REPORT**

Susan Fox, Ph.D., President of Fox Systems, Inc. was introduced to the Board Members. Dr. Fox gave the board a comprehensive review of MITA funding from various perspectives: governance, financing, functionality, architecture, and experiences in other states. Dr. Fox made recommendations, which the board discussed. There was general consensus to reject the governance model represented by a Medicaid centered exchange. WVHIN will pursue next steps with Medicaid that support a public-private partnership.

Motion by Mr. Fred Earley to accept the MITA Report and to recommend that it be forward to the administration for consideration. Seconded by Ms.Sonia Chambers.

### **WV HIT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Mr. Roger Chaufournier, Coordinator of the West Virginia Health Improvement Institute, gave a brief overview of the report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

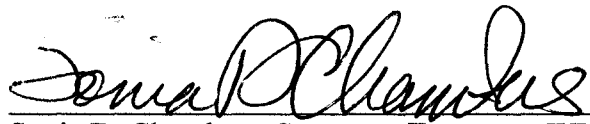
Dr. Bailes asked for any further comment from the public. No comments were made.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the WVHIN Board of Directors is scheduled for August 20, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in Morgantown, West Virginia. The meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of Ruby Hospital, Conference Rooms 3A-3B. Dr. Halbritter will be demonstrating the WVU EPIC System.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Dr. Bailes adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sonia D. Chambers".

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Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer, WVHIN