

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 West Virginia Health Care Authority Offices, Charleston, West Virginia on May 15, 2008, pursuant to written notice posted on May 7, 2008 in the State Register, and the agenda posted on May 8, 2008 at the offices of The WV Health Care Authority and the WVHIN.

ATTENDEES:

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

Julian Bailes, MD, Chair
George Boxwell, D.O.
Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer
Ted Cheatham
Sarah Chouinard, MD
Robert L. Coffield, JD
J. Fred Earley, II, Esq.
Michael O. Fidler, MD
Sam Kapourales
Joe Letnaunchyn
Jennifer Plymale
Louise Reese
Jesse W. Samples
Kyle Schafer
Secretary Martha Yeager Walker
John Wiesendanger

Non-members present were:

Mary Angel
Christopher Boyce
Cam Brown, Consultant
Perry Bryant
Christopher Clark

Betty Halstead
Jenny Jensen
Shirley Jividen
Eric Kampsnider
Sallie Milam
Michael Morris
Shana Phares
Diana Rayburn
Gerald Roueche
Patty Ruddick
Jack Shaffer
Benjamin Strenthall
Nancy Tyler
Alan Viars
Jim Wallace
Carolyn White
Brad Young

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 from the January 24, 2008 meeting.

Mr. Fred Earley moved that the minutes be approved, Dr. Michael Fidler 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. The Legislature approved the Governor's budget request of \$3.5 million for the West Virginia Health Information Network which represents the State's seed share. The actual expenditures incurred as of April 30 were \$303,178 and commitments of \$352,303. Working against the beginning appropriation of \$1.4 million the budget balance remaining as of April 30, 2008 is \$766,050. Invoices and payments for the Federal Nationwide Health Information Network 2 (NHIN2) Project are beginning to move through the system.

Mr. Fred Early 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 presented the Executive Committee report and update.

The Executive Committee met on February 25, March 27 and April 21, 2008. The following are meeting highlights:

- Sallie Milam reported that the \$3.5 million budget request to build the network was approved by the Legislature.
- The primary user input communication update was provided by Mary Angel utilizing Ms. Cam Brown, a national HIE expert. The WVHIN Identity Package has been completed and the new website format is close to completion. The ad campaign will be rolled out in the very near future.

- Ms. Milam presented an update on the NHIN 2 project. And, the new CMS Physician EMR Incentive Project was presented by Jack Shaffer and discussed in great detail.
- The Technology Committee held their first meeting March 27 and the Consumer Employer Privacy Committee scheduled their last meeting around initial identification of privacy requirements for May 14. The output from this committee will be presented to the Board.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Sallie Milam, WVHIN Executive Director, presented the Executive Director's update.

The NHIN 2 project is enabling WVHIN to understand the complexities of exchanging information from one jurisdiction to another. In the December timeframe, WVHIN will be moving test data between the different exchanges across the country in accordance with national standards. The WVHIN has received two use cases for this project (1) registration and medication history and (2) lab results reports.

A variety of workgroups are involved with this project from legal, technical and security issues, to the content of the messaging that goes back and forth between the different exchanges. The second NHIN 2 forum was held May 1-2, 2008 in Dallas, Texas.

Six new participants will be working on the NHIN 2 project under federal grants, as opposed to contracts. These new participants are Bloomington Hospital, Cleveland Clinic, Community Health Information Collaborative, HealthBridge, Kaiser Permanente and Wright State University.

WVHIN is currently working on securing contracts with its providers in regard to the NHIN 2 project. New River Health Systems has decided to not participate in this project with the WVHIN. The servers will be installed June 10 in the state shop so that the WVHIN can begin to move data utilizing Accenture's NHIN 1 prototype in West Virginia.

Ms. Milam lead a discussion regarding the various benefits and resources WVHIN is receiving from its participation in NHIN 2. She explained that there are many legal ramifications and trust issues for sharing data across states that the WVHIN will need to work through as it begins to share data within West Virginia. Working through these issues with the NHIN 2 project allows WVHIN to gain building blocks for the West Virginia network. WVHIN is also learning organizational and operational issues through the NHIN 2 project and beginning to build the WVHIN business plan from the components of the NHIN 2 federal contract. Another positive factor in regard to the NHIN 2 project is that it is allowing the WVHIN to begin to build relationships with surrounding states and networks. This will be very important as West Virginia begins to exchange data. The NHIN 2 Provider Workgroup is giving WVHIN the opportunity to develop provider contracts, pamphlets and consent forms which will be used as the WVHIN begins to work with WV providers.

WVHIN is facing some budgeting issues in regard to the NHIN 2 project. The workgroup meetings are continuing to put stress on the NHIN 2 project budget. At the current time WVHIN is showing about a \$100,000 overage in the project, mainly because of the additional work group activity needed to work through the legal, security and technical issues. There is a possibility that this Board will need to make a decision as to whether WVHIN continues and completes this project by filling the budget shortfall or whether WVHIN discontinues the project without finishing.

PRIMARY USER INPUT COMMUNICATION REPORT:

Mary Angel, WVHIN Marketing and Communications Manager, reported on the primary user input communication plan. Branding the WVHIN is important, but its over-arching message is to improve patient care by delivering data when and where it is needed by a secure electronic means to the benefit of consumers and care providers. The WVHIN key message is that we want active position and provider input. We will roll-out services in line with what West Virginia wants and based on other success models.

The WVHIN staff has attended several meetings and conferences to help spread its message. The WVHIN exhibit booth is nearing completion and will be unveiled prior to the month of August when several large conferences are scheduled.

The new website is nearing completion and will be presented to the Board members interested in viewing the new site prior to going live.

Discussion was held around the pronunciation of the name of the West Virginia network, WVHIN. It was voiced that we want to make sure we are a part of the national picture.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Camilla Brown, from Strategies for Tomorrow, presented the strategic framework for the WVHIN HIE Pathway.

The vision for West Virginia's HIE Pathway is achieved by three phases. Phase 1, Messaging, is the routing of electronic data from point to point and the idea at this stage is to get absolutely everybody connected. Phase 1 must be successful in order to proceed to Phase 2 and Phase 3. Phase 2, Coordinated Care, which is not only routing the data, but you're able to look up data from information. Phase 3, Quality and Value, is where you have some centralized data and can analyze data longitudinally.

The WVHIN staff proposes that we begin an RFI and an RFP process. From the RFI and RFP process, multiple vendors will be selected to demo their systems to the WVHIN staff and a physician advisory group, formed from a group of West Virginia physicians.

Sonia Chambers moved to have the WVHIN staff pursue an RFI strategy and to set up demonstrations with vendors that have the ability to provide a phased or multi-level approach that would allow providers to move seamlessly from the lowest level to the highest level of exchange. The motion was seconded by Fred Earley. Dr. Bailes asked for any further discussion regarding this motion, discussion was held. Ms. Chambers amended her motion to include that the vendors must be able to effectively connect certified stand alone EMR systems to their product. The amended motion was seconded by Fred Earley. Discussion was held and agreement made that the WVHIN staff would draft the RFI and circulate it to the Board for comments. The amended motion was approved unanimously by the Board.

The physician advisory panel was discussed. Cam Brown made the suggestion that the WVHIN staff organize an informal group of physicians within an existing group or develop a new group of highly motivated physicians who can be engaged in the RFI process, take part in viewing demos and who can provide WVHIN with input.

Sonia Chambers made a motion that the WVHIN staff and interested Board members be tasked with pulling together an informational group of physicians and other providers to be engaged in the RFI process and to bring their learning back to the Board. Discussion was held. Ms. Chambers amended her motion as follows: the Board supports and sees as essential the input of physicians and other providers to building critical mass and that staff is directed to pull together physicians, to seek out the advice and counsel and learning of a group of physicians and other providers to participate in the RFI process. The amended motion was seconded by Dr. Mike Fidler. Dr. Bailes asked for any further discussion. The motion was unanimously accepted by the Board.

CMS PHYSICIAN EMR INCENTIVE PROJECT UPDATE:

Jack Shaffer reported that WV's proposal for physicians to receive incentive monies for EHR adoption was submitted to CMS Friday, May 9th. The submitted proposal met all the minimum criteria, plus all the desired criteria set forth by CMS. The proposal was supported by a variety of groups; the WV Health Information Network, the Office of Technology, World Health Education Partnership, Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Hospital Association. The first four pilot sites will be announced in June with the remainder of the sites, total of 12, in 2009. CMS will begin recruiting practices in the fall of 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

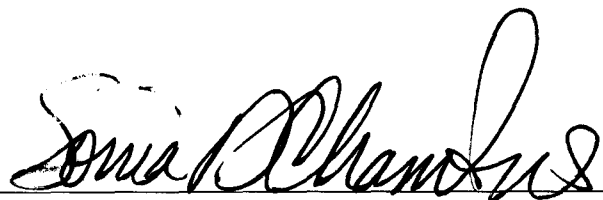
Dr. Bailes asked for any further comment from the public. No comments were made.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the WVHIN Board of Directors is scheduled for July 31 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Dr. Bailes adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sonia D. Chambers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer, WVHIN