

West Virginia Health Information Network
Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2008

PLACE OF MEETING:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Health Information Network (WVHIN) was held at the Stonewall Resort, 940 Resort Drive, Roanoke, WV on Thursday, October 30, 2008, pursuant to written notice posted on October 20, 2008 in the State Register, and the agenda posted on October 24, 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, M.D. Chair
George Boxwell, D.O.
Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer
Ted Cheatham
Sarah Chouinard, M.D.
Robert L. Coffield, J.D.
Fred Earley, II, Esq.
Michael O. Fidler, M.D.
Sam Kapourales
Jennifer Plymale
Jesse W. Samples
Kyle Schafer
Jerry Roueche for Secretary Martha Yeager Walker

Non-members present were:

Mary Angel
Cam Brown
James Comerci, M.D.
Nancy Malecek
Sallie Milam
Jim Morris
Michael Morris

Amber Nary
Dave Oliverio
Rob Parsons
Shana Phares
Diana Rayburn
Jack Shaffer
Paul Valario
Alan Viars
Jim Wallace
Tom Witmer

The following board members were not present:

Jim Brick, M.D.
Joseph Letnaunchyn
Louise Reese
John Wiesendanger

Additional 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 October 9, 2008 meeting minutes.

Dr. Michael Fidler moved that the minutes be approved, Jennifer Plymale seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT, EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

The Treasurer's Report, Executive Committee Report and Executive Director's Reports were not presented as full reports. They were given as full reports during the October 9, 2008 meeting.

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/CHRONIC DISEASE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ROADMAP TO HEALTH INITIATIVE

OF THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE D ON HEALTH:

Dr. James Comerci, chairman of the Health Information Technology/Chronic Disease Management Committee of the Roadmap to Health Initiative of the Senate Select Committee D on Health, presented his committee's recommendation that the WVHIN coordinate WV's health information technology priorities and the WVHIN assume the responsibility for managing the health information technology fund.

Dr. Comerci delivered a summary of the presentation which will be presented to the Senate Select Committee D for final approval and will then be presented to the Chair as the Select Committee D on Health as part of the Roadmap to Health. Dr. Comerci's committee's focus was primarily on health information technology and chronic disease management.

- The first recommendation is to strive for and recommend 60% EMR adoption in WV physician offices and clinics in three years. This will be accomplished through facilitating and encouraging on-going projects such as EMR resources that are already in

community health clinic projects like VISTA, Healthy WV Initiative and other state projects. Continuing to encourage adoption of EMRs within hospital systems will also assist us in fulfilling this recommendation. It will be important to drive EMR adoption with financial features, like tax incentives, vendor discounts and some form of enhanced reimbursement.

- The second recommendation is that the state of WV use the CCHIT (Committee on Certification of Health Information Technology) certification with caviots for special exceptions and bring back the WV E-Health Initiative white paper on EHR/EMR adoption.
- The third recommendation is for a single common path for health information exchange through the West Virginia Health Information network
- The fourth recommendation is that the funding mechanism to provide for startup funds and sustainability for the network would include a private or public fund. This would be a health information technology fund that would be managed by the WVHIN. The WVHIN would have discretion concerning the use of funds for the project. It would be used for, but not limited to, the development and sustainability of the Health Information Network beginning with health information exchange, but also

eventually be used to promote health decision support tools for health care providers, consumers and education.

Sonia Chambers moved that the WVHIN Board support the HIT priorities and accept the recommendations from the Health Information Technology/Chronic Disease Management Committee of the Roadmap to Health Initiative of the Senate Select Committee D on Health, and accept the responsibilities if requested. The motion was seconded by Dr. Michael Fidler and the motion passed unanimously.

HIT/HIE INITIATIVES:

Cam Brown, Consultant from Strategies for Tomorrow, reviewed additional HIE/HIT Initiatives that are currently underway in West Virginia with the Board. These initiatives are:

- The Community Health Network of West Virginia (CHN)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) E-Prescribing
- Medicaid Transformation Grants
- Medicaid Transformation Grants: Advanced Medical Home (AMH)
- Medicare Physicians Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI)
- The Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA)
- The Roadmap to Health Project (Legislative)
- WV Telehealth Alliance

This list will be updated as new HIE/HIT Initiatives emerge.

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 was scheduled for December 2, 2008 at 1:30 p.m., location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Dr. Bailes adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m.



Sonia D. Chambers, Secretary-Treasurer, WVHIN

