

# ND HIT Steering Committee

May 3, 2007  
3:00-4:30 CST

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**Facilitator:** Lynette Dickson      **Type of meeting:** Teleconference  
**Note taker:** Kylie Behm

*Present*

Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health  
Kylie Behm, Center for Rural Health  
Doug Kjos, ND Health Care Review  
Dave Peske, ND Medical Association  
Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Management Association  
Chad Pederson, Northwood Deaconess Health Center  
Janis Chaney, AARP  
Craig Hewitt, Meritcare  
Jenny Withum, Dept of Human Services  
Lisa Feldner, ND State CIO

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**Attendees:**

*Responded - Unavailable*

Darrel Vanyo, Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Lindsey Henjum, Senator Conrad's Office  
Terry Dwelle, ND Department of Health  
Dave Remillard, ND Health Care Review  
Ray Gruby, Gruby Technologies

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*Not Present-*

Karen Haskins, ND Health Care Association  
Mark Grove, Great Plains Clinic

*Guest*

Tom Pomonis, Information Technology Services, ND Dept. of Human Services

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## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Presentation: Overview of the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC) national meeting      **Presenter:** Tom Pomonis, Information Technology Services, ND Dept. of Human Services

**Discussion:**

- Lynette will post Tom's handout and additional information on the CRH website
- HISPC Grants
  - awarded to 34 states;(ND did not participate in the grant projects)
  - RTI oversees the grants invites all states, even if they did not accept the grant, to their meetings
  - the grants involved: a common set of scenarios was given to each state and the states were asked to report on what they would do with each scenario.

**Action items**      **Person**      **Deadline**

✓ Email Lynette additional information to post on the CRH website      Tom Pomonis

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**Agenda item:** FCC Rural Pilot Program Update      **Presenter:** Lynette

**Discussion:**

Background: October, CRH coordinated statewide conference calls to solicit interest in developing an application for ND. December, NDHA indicated they had been looking at this with their grant writer at which point, NDHA and Dept of Health agreed to take the lead in compiling the components for the application. In March they declined, indicating that they didn't see the need and the 15% match would be prohibitive for hospitals. NDHA surveyed hospitals of which 13 responses were recvd. Karen indicated that there wasn't interest or a need to expand the BTWAN and the 15% was prohibitive. Therefore, Don Larson,( UND Computer Services) Lynette Dickson then took the lead on the grant , met via teleconferences with interested parties, and completed an application due Monday, May 7, 2007.

The focus is to expand the internet connectivity and connection to Internet 2 for the five ROME sites(Jamestown, Devils Lake, Williston, Hettinger, Dickinson) as well as the four UNDSMHS sites(Grand Forks, Fargo, Bismarck, Minot). A design study of the rural hospitals was also written into the application.

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**Agenda item:** QIO Conference/HIT Summit Update      **Presenter:** Lynette

**Discussion:** Doug and Lynette discussed the possibility of having the HIT Summit in partnership with the QIO conference (as was suggested as a possibility at the April teleconference). They decided that is was too short of notice to be feasible, but there will be technology lectures at the QIO conference.

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**Agenda item:** Utah HIT Round Table Update      **Presenter:** Lynette

**Discussion:** The following will be attending the Utah meeting: Lisa Feldner, Jenny Withum, Darrin Meschke, Doug Kjos, and Lynette Dickson.

A very short, informal presentation will be made by Lisa, Jenny, and Darrin.

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**Agenda item:** ND Strategy and Vision Group Update      **Presenter:** Lynette

**Discussion:** Lynette spoke with Melissa Olson, with regard to the ND Vision and Strategy Group. On January 20<sup>th</sup> the group identified six Year 1 priorities. One of the six top priorities was HIT.

The Coordinating Team of the original group will meet, May 29<sup>th</sup> to determine where to go on each priority. No promises were made regarding resources for the HIT Committee. This will be discussed along with the five other priority areas.

Members of the Coordinating Team are: Bruce Levi, Chip Thomas, Shelly Peterson, Rep. from Governor's Office, Jim Cooper, Chamber of Commerce representative, Mike Unjem, Terry Dwelle, and Melissa Olson.

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**Agenda item:** Joint Steering committee/stakeholder group meeting – June 28, 2007      **Presenter:** Lynette

**Discussion:**

- A) Finalize five workgroups Suggested groups:
  - **Health Information Exchange Workgroup**–  
The following are examples of possible projects to start with:
    - Work with the state Immunization Registry (Coordinate with schools and link to the NDIIS. It was suggested to contact Kim Senn with the ND Dept. of Health to be part of the Stakeholder Group/subcommittee);
    - Transactions – Provider Choice – Coming off of NDIIS and may be something that we can support (this has to happen within 6 months).
    - Technical group
    - PHR
  - **Legal Workgroup** – privacy and security focus
  - **Communication/Education Workgroup** – Includes payer, provider, consumer ND HIMA is currently working on a program to provide education with regard to Personal Health Records. Laurie Peters suggested we work with them as a place to start. Initiative will start soon – designed to hit every community. They will include why it's important, what to include on a PHR, suggested format, etc. It was suggested that we possibly start by implementing a web portal across a secure Internet gateway. Start with immunization and then possibly medications, allergies, most recent clinical information, etc.
    - **Finance** – local, state, federal public and private funding opportunities
    - **Federal and State Legislation** - Extend to the Federal government system (VA). It was suggested that we invite policy experts to participate.
- B) Select Committee Chair or co-chairs for each workgroup from Steering Committee members
  - **HIE Workgroup** –Co-Chairs –Darrell Vanyo and Chad Pederson; Lisa Feldner, Ray Gruby, Terry Dwelle, Laurie Peters, Doug Kjos, Craig Hewitt (will participate where most needed)
  - **Legal Workgroup** (privacy and security focus) –  
co-chairs Jenny Withum and Laurie Peters
  - **Communication/Education Workgroup** – Janis Cheney
  - **Finance/Resources** –
  - **Federal/State Legislation** – Dave Peske, Lindsey Henjum(?)

C) Agenda/structure for the meeting

Purpose: Get everyone together to keep moving forward

Lynette will contact members of the stakeholders group and see if they are still interested in being involved and if so, what subcommittee are they interested serving on. At the meeting, there will be a ½ in which each group will work together to determine goals, objectives, tasks etc.

D) The following volunteered to assist with coordinating the meeting

Lynette, Kylie, Janice, Jenny

There will be a approximately 70 people in attendance.

| Action items   | Person                     | Deadline     |
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| ✓ Email Lynette and indicate which workgroup you would like to be in   | Committee Members          | June 7, 2007 |
| ✓ Check with the Heritage Center and/or other locations for the June meeting   | Kylie                      | June 7, 2007 |
| ✓ Email Lynette any agenda items   | Committee Members          | June 3, 2007 |
| ✓ Find out if there is anything that we need to do since the committee is now officially recognized through the IT legislation which was approved. | Jenny will check with Lisa | June 7, 2007 |