

ND HIT Steering Committee

January 15, 2009

3:00-4:00 pm

Conference Call

Facilitator: Lynette Dickson

Note taker: Kylie Nissen

Attendees:

Present

Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health
Kylie Nissen, Center for Rural Health
Doug Kjos, ND Health Care Review
Barb Groutt, ND Health Care Review
Jeff Swank, ND ITD
Kimber Wraalstad, Presentation Medical Center
Chad Peterson, Northwood Deaconess Health Center
Craig Hewitt, Meritcare
Bruce Levi, ND Medical Association
Dean Haus, ND Medical Association
Jenny Witham, Dept of Human Services
Nancy Willis, St. Alexius
Janis Cheney, AARP

Called in – not able to attend

Not Present

Art Bakke, ND ITD/Information Security
Terry Dwelle, ND Department of Health
Lisa Feldner, ND State CIO
Mark Grove, Great Plains Clinic
Ray Gruby, Gruby Technologies
Cathy Houle, MD West River Health System
Dana Halvorson, Senator Conrad's Office
Darin Meschke, ND Health Department
Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Management Association
Chip Thomas, ND Health Care Association
Darryll Vanyo, BCBSND
Tami Wahl, Governor's Office
Mary Wakefield, Center for Rural Health
Nancy Willis, St. Alexius
Todd Bortke, St. Alexius

Minutes

Agenda item: Workgroup Updates

Presenter: Chairs/Co-Chairs

Discussion:

Legislation/Policy: Nancy hasn't gotten in touch with Senator Lee. There was a bit of confusion in that Bruce was under the impression that we were going to send him a bill, and then he was going to talk to Sen. Lee about it. However, Judy Lee received the draft bill over 2 weeks ago and was going to take the draft to legislative council; we haven't heard anything back from her yet. All bills need to be introduced by Jan 19th/20th. Dean will check with Senator Lee to see where the bill is at and let her know that Rep. Svedjan is interested in sponsoring it. Also, Nancy will try to follow-up with Senator Lee and she will check with legislative council after this call. Nancy talked with some of the legislators at the republican legislator dinner; the legislators were told that the MedCenter and St. Alexius CEOs are both in favor of the HIT legislation. Holmberg told Nancy at that time that he is also interested in signing on with this bill. The bill that is being proposed will be sent out to the Steering Committee once we get it from Senator Lee.

Lynette will speak with the ND Congressional members during the NRHA Policy Institute next week in Washington DC and will reiterate the importance of HIT to them.

The stimulus package for Healthcare regarding HIT has taken direction from the HIMS report that is posted on our website.

Communication/Education: The HIT 101 demonstration was held on Tuesday, January 13th from 7:30am-2pm at the Capitol. Handouts included a map of hospitals, clinics, public health units, and LTC facilities that have EMRs and those that don't have them in North Dakota, HIT facts sheet, commonly used HIT definitions, BCBSND HIT grant map (shows who is working together on those HIT grant projects), and two EMR handouts. The EMR map was enlarged to approximately 4'x3.5' and displayed on an easel, it brought a lot of attention. Alan from Trinity Health brought a doctor and a nurse with him along with 2 computers and monitors for EMR demonstrations. Ann Rathke from NDSU didn't come due to the weather. St. Alexius had a demonstration on the other end of the Memorial Hall beginning at about 9:30am showing their telemedicine program. Food was provided throughout the day. Bottles of water with the ND HIT Steering Committee logo and website were available along with bags with the same information on them that could be used for the legislators to carry their food. BCBSND and the HRSA ORHP SORH grant program administered by the Center for Rural Health provided funding. In-kind contributions came from ND HIMA (Laurie), Trinity Health (Alan), ND AARP (Janice), Center for Rural Health (Lynette, Kylie), MSCTC - Moorhead (Carolyn), NDSU (Ann) and ND Dept. of Human Services (Jenny). Approximately 30 legislators signed up to receive ND HIT Steering Committee updates.

Funding/Resources: Nothing to report at this time.

HIE: Axolotl demonstration occurred, it was very informative. Alan O'Neill, CFO for Jamestown, is willing to be a pilot project. The presentation went through a roadmap for forming the Nebraska Information Initiative. Craig will send the presentation from Nebraska of their state initiatives to Lynette and it will be posted online. Nebraska is quite far along in their implementation compared to other states. Craig provided information about the HIT Steering Committee; showed a PowerPoint. Everyone is welcome to use the PowerPoint. All at the demonstration, including Pomeroy, were very interested in the bill. Pomeroy wants to be put on the HIT Steering Committee. Lynette will follow-up with Marty when she returns next week.

Privacy/Security: Nothing to report at this time.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact Senator Lee and find out the status of the bill and let her know that Svedjan and Holmberg want to sign on.	Nancy, Dean	This week
✓ Contact the legislative council to see if they have seen the bill	Nancy	Today

Agenda item: 2009 Steering Committee and Workgroup Conference Call Dates **Presenter:** Lynette

Discussion:
On website

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: HIT/HIE Conference/Workshops/Resources **Presenter:** Lynette

Discussion:
HIMS is in April in Chicago.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: HIT/HIE Funding Opportunities **Presenter:** Lynette

Discussion:
\$3.4 Million Available For 14 New Telehealth Grants - HHS is making \$3.4 million available for 14 new telehealth grants.

Agency: Health & Human Services Dept. (Health Resources & Services Admin.); Program: Telehealth Network Grant Program (TNGP) (Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-09-194) (CFDA Number: 93.211);

Eligibility: Nonprofits or public entities that can provide services through a telehealth network to rural or underserved urban communities or through a tele-home care network to patients in their homes located in either urban underserved or rural communities; Funding: \$3.4 million for 14 awards; Deadline: March 6.

Purpose: TNGP demonstrates how telehealth programs and networks can improve access to quality health care services in underserved rural and urban communities.

The telehealth grants go to networks that must:

- Expand access to, coordinate and improve the quality of health care services.
- Improve and expand the training of health care providers.
- Expand and improve the quality of health information available to health care providers, patients and their families..

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ARQH grant TA call was January 13th – The transcript will be available January 23rd.

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Next Conference Call
Thursday, February 5, 2009
3:00 – 4:00 pm CST