
Facilitator:	Lynette Dickson	Type of meeting:	Teleconference
		Note taker:	Kylie Nissen

Present

Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health
Kylie Nissen, Center for Rural Health
Tami Wahl, Governor's Office
Karen Haskins, ND Health Care Association
Dave Peske, ND Medical Association
Mary Wakefield, Center for Rural Health
Darrell Vanyo, Blue Cross Blue Shield
Mark Grove, Great Plains Clinic
Doug Kjos, ND Health Care Review
Nancy Willis, St. Alexius
Dana Halvorson, Senator Conrad's Office
Lisa Feldner, ND State CIO
Kimber Wraalstad, Presentation Medical Center

Attendees:

Called in – not able to attend

Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Management Association
Janis Cheney, AARP
Cathy Houle, MD West River Health System
Chad Peterson, Northwood Deaconess Health Center

Not Present-

Ray Gruby, Gruby Technologies
Terry Dwelle, ND Department of Health (sent a representative)
Jenny Witham, Dept of Human Services
Craig Hewitt, Meritcare
Dave Remillard, ND Health Care Review

Minutes

Agenda item:	Work Group Updates	Presenter:	Chairs
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Communication/Education: Laurie Peters (Chair) requested input on the documents(HIT/HIE fact sheet and cover letter to legislators) they have developed. If you are not on that group and would like to look at the documents you can contact Lynette.

HIE – discussion about the Initiate webinar, which will be next Thursday. The information will be sent out to the steering committee and the HIE workgroup. March 20th webinar by Beth Wheeler. Lisa will send Lynette the specific webinar information.

- Talked about if anyone knew if Orion was a competitor to ND DataCore, no one on the committee knew.

- CMS demonstration project –St. Alexius, Great Plains clinic, and BCBSND shared that they had take a look at the details and it didn't seem North Dakota was eligible due to the number of physicians required for eligibility and/or the number of physicians using EHR – Mary W. recommended that these challenges (the design/eligibly requirements often exclude rural states such as ND) be conveyed to our congressional representatives. Darrell, Nancy, Jon Rice and Mark will pull together a list of issues with this demonstration project. Darrell will discuss internally at BCBSND, and back to Lynette.

Policy/Legislative- Dr. Rice updated the group on what BCBS was working on and Dana updated on what was going on with the federal budget. Conrad has put in a reserve fund for health IT in his proposal has passed the senate.

From Dana – the link is for the Feb. 29th briefing - www.allhealth.org - Health IT and Privacy: Is there a Path to Consensus?

Transcript:

http://www.allhealth.org/briefingmaterials/022908_alliance_hit_transcript-1127.pdf

Webcast/Podcast:

http://www.kaisernetwork.org/health_cast/hcast_index.cfm?display=detail&hc=2525

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For the next legislative session – if we want to request an appropriations for HIT we need to look at examples of what other states are doing (grant and loan programs); standardization.

Agenda item:

HIT Steering Committee/Workgroup Meetings

Presenter:

Lynette Dickson

Discussion:

- a) Tentative dates June 3, 4th, 5th or 6th
 - prefer 4th-6th
 - no objections to these dates
 - Medicaid is having their meeting June 5th (1-5pm) in Bismarck
 - **June 4th and morning of June 5th** - Confirmed

- b) Preferred location.
 - Bismarck
 - Ramkota has videoconferencing capabilities

- c) Preferred length – one or 1 ½ days
 - 1 ½ - start at 9 or 9:30am so people can drive there in the morning

- d) Suggestions with regard to what you would like to see accomplished at this meeting; the format, content (i.e. presentations) etc. for such a meeting.
 - The CRH will support some of the costs through the State Office of Rural Health grant.
 - It was suggested, if there is \$\$ to do so, we bring in presenters from other states that have had success; Indiana Health Information Exchange; Northwest Inland HIE; MN (Mike Uel) E-Health Initiative, Wisconsin HIE – try to concentrate on cross border issues.
 - half day meeting - Hold workgroup meetings and update work plans
 - Planning committee: Doug Kjos, Lisa Feldner, Dave Peske

Agenda item:

Update HIT Survey (Hospitals, Clinics, LTC)

Presenter:

Lynette Dickson

Discussion:

The CRH continues to work on the surveys. Lynette and Shelley from LTC Association connected. Shelley is willing to review and distribute the surveys to the LTC Assoc. list. Lynette has to get IRB approval through UND with the intent of distributing in April. Please send any edits for the surveys to Lynette.