

ND HIT Steering Committee

April 3, 2008

3:00-4:00 pm

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Facilitator: Lynette Dickson **Note taker:** Kylie Nissen

Attendees:

Present

Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health
Kylie Nissen, Center for Rural Health
Tami Wahl, Governor's Office
Karen Haskins, ND Health Care Association
Darrell Vanyo, Blue Cross Blue Shield
Mark Grove, Great Plains Clinic
Dana Halvorson, Senator Conrad's Office
Kimber Wraalstad, Presentation Medical Center
Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Management Association
Janis Cheney, AARP
Chad Peterson, Northwood Deaconess Health Center
Terry Dwelle, ND Department of Health
Craig Hewitt, Meritcare

Called in – not able to attend

Lisa Feldner, ND State CIO
Doug Kjos, ND Health Care Review
Dave Peske, ND Medical Association
Cathy Houle, MD West River Health System
Ray Gruby, Gruby Technologies
Dave Remillard, ND Health Care Review
Mary Wakefield, Center for Rural Health

Not Present-

Nancy Willis, St. Alexius
Jenny Witham, Dept of Human Services

Minutes

Agenda item: Update - Work Groups – Committee Chairs **Presenter:** Chairs

Discussion:

Legislative/Policy – Bill introduced 4/3/08 S. 2812. Feel free to contact Lindsey Henjum or Dana Halvorson.
The following documents will be placed on the website.

- 03.28.08 Medicare Telehealth Improvement Act.pdf
- 03.11.08 Summary.doc
- 04.01.08 Statement for the Record.doc

Funding/Resources – Will meet next week

Privacy/Security – no update provided

Communication/Education – The work group has worked on revising the HIT HIE fact sheet sent to legislators Dec. 2006 and a letter to legislators. Laurie has requested input on the documents.

HIE work group - The group participated in a demo by Initiate in March.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: HIT Steering Committee/Work Group Meeting **Presenter:** Lynette

Discussion:

Date: June 4-5th

Location: Radisson, Bismarck

A. Presenter Suggestions

- MN E-Health
- Inland NW out of Spokane, WA
- Indiana Health Information Network
- Wisconsin Rural Cooperative Initiative
- Utah Health Information Network(UHIN) is now moving into the clinical end, they were mainly just doing claims last year.
- Rhode Island Information Network – Laura Adams testified at a budget hearing and she has been a pioneer on the advanced IT in Rhode Island.
- Neil Neuberger – Healthtech Strategies

Additional suggestions:

- Panel of state legislators (Sen. Judy Lee) Ask key legislatures their opinion of where they think IT should go in North Dakota
- Governors vision/thoughts/input on HIT for the state.
- Blue Cross Blue Shield new statewide project – recently announced at Dakota Conference
- It was suggested to use BTWAN; check into the cost of videoconferencing at the Radisson
- Other statewide projects – Immunization/MMIS – Initiate When will both be available to other entities?

B) What committee members plan to attend?

- Tami - yes
- Darryl - yes
- Dana - no
- Kimber - yes
- Laurie - yes
- Janis– yes 4th
- Dave– yes
- Chad– yes
- Terry– 5th yes
- Darrin – yes
- Craig– yes
- Lynette– yes
- Kylie – yes

C) Potential financial support?

- SORH – Lynette will assess what is available in the SORH budget
- Craig Hewitt Meritcare and Darrell Vanyo BCBSND offered to ask their respective organizations

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Forward budget to Darrell and Craig	Lynette	
✓ Ask Jon Rice to present new BCBSND statewide project	Darrell	

Agenda item: Other **Presenter:** Lynette, Kimber, Terry

Discussion:

- A. Suggestions are still need for Environmental Scan surveys - send to Lynette.]
- B. Kimber Wraalstad mentioned that Presentation Medical Center (Rolla, ND) received a grant, on behalf of a network of 10 hospitals. This is a HRSA, Office of Rural Health Policy, Rural Health Network Development grant (\$180,000 each year for 3 years). The funds will be used to develop the NW Alliance for HIT. The seed money received from BCBSND and Flex provided the ability to propel them towards receiving this grant.
- C. Terry Dwelle mentioned that a statewide survey of consumers on healthcare is in the works on behalf of the statewide Vision and Strategy Group. BCBS is spearheading/funding it with the use of an outside consulting group. Others providing input: LTC, NDHA, BCBSND, ND Health Department. The question was raised whether how they would like to receive their information on health (i.e. internet, etc.) May be able to get certain questions in the survey. This will be a telephone survey

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Check with BCBSND to see what if any questions are being included with regard to technology and healthcare.	Darrell	

