

July 10, 2008

3:00-4:00 pm

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ND HIT Steering Committee

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

Attendees:

Present

Lynette Dickson, Center for Rural Health
Kylie Nissen, Center for Rural Health
Chad Peterson, Northwood Deaconess Health Center
Darrell Vanyo, Blue Cross Blue Shield
Lisa Feldner, ND State CIO
Dana Halvorson, Senator Conrad's Office

Called in – not able to attend

Cathy Houle, MD West River Health System
Mary Wakefield, Center for Rural Health
Kimber Wraalstad, Presentation Medical Center

Not Present

Janis Cheney, AARP
Terry Dwelle, ND Department of Health
Mark Grove, Great Plains Clinic
Ray Gruby, Gruby Technologies
Karen Haskins, ND Health Care Association
Craig Hewitt, Meritcare
Doug Kjos, ND Health Care Review
Bruce Levi, ND Medical Association
Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Management Association
Dave Remillard, ND Health Care Review
Tami Wahl, Governor's Office
Nancy Willis, St. Alexius
Jenny Witham, Dept of Human Services

Minutes

Agenda item: HIT Steering Committee/Workgroup Meeting – Recap **Presenter:** Lynette

Discussion:

The HIT Steering Committee/Workgroup Meeting was held in Bismarck at the Radisson on June 4-5, 2008. Financial support for the cost of the meeting was funded through the Center for Rural Health State Office of Rural Health Grant and Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota. Over 40 participants and approximately 20 completed the evaluation and all reported that it was a useful meeting. The evaluation summary is on the website. The vision of eventually connecting all healthcare facilities is slowly coming together, starting with regional projects then eventually expanding statewide. Three regional efforts working actively on the adoption of technology are (North Region Health Alliance Information Systems, Northland Healthcare Alliance, North Western Health Information Technology Network (NWAIT)).

For example: Chad Peterson reported that HIE is the focus of the newly formed North Region Health Alliance Information Systems group. Northland Healthcare Alliance has received a HRSA, ORHP Network Development grant (3 year) to work on developing the MPI.

Northland Healthcare Alliance, North Western Health Information Technology Network (NWAIT) has recvd the same grant to work on HIT network development.

A legislative plan was started through discussion but much work remains ahead. The survey results will play a vital role in demonstrating to the legislature where ND is with regard to HIT. There are only a few rural hospitals that still need to complete the survey and all but 2 of the larger hospitals have completed the survey. Lynette will send the preliminary survey results to Darryl for the HIE group to discuss.

It was reported that Senator Robinson was very intrigued by speaking to our committee and also was also impressed that the committee decided to stop in at the Interim IT legislative committee meeting. Senator instructed Roxanne, legislative council analyst, to put the committee on the agenda for the next meeting. Roxanne will contact us when a date is set.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send the preliminary survey findings to Darryl V.	Lynette	

Agenda item:	Workgroup Updates	Presenter:	Committee Chairs
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Discussion:

Communication/Education – July

- The committee discussed modes of educating consumers on basic HIT, one of which is to utilize large health care system's current television segments(e.g. Altru's Medical Minute -weekly). Altru has already been contacted and has given permission. Laurie Peters (Chair) will explore whether or not other tertiary facilities have something similar. Talking points/Basic topic areas will be developed by the committee. Another potential venue may be the BCBSND ,member newsletter; AARP has already put a brief article in their newsletter; REC magazine and Med School publications.

Privacy/Security

- No report.

Funding/Resources – July

- This Work Group has met a twice since the June meeting in Bismarck and are working on gathering information which will provide background for any legislative request or potential grant funding opportunities. To include:
 - 1) Healthcare facility surveys
 - 2) Compilation of volunteer hours to support statewide HIT efforts on the HIT Steering Committee/Stakeholder Work Groups ("cost" of time, travel, phone costs, etc.) Approximate total volunteer hours 2,288.5
 - 3) Compilation of all grants (federal and non-federal) that have been brought into North Dakota to support HIT. Approximate federal money = \$18,285,380; and approximate amount non-federal grant funds \$1,095,200, for a an approximately total of \$19,380,580. (This will be sent out to the committee members to provide feedback regarding other grants that have been provided that are not listed.)
 - 4) Compilation of organizational funds that have been provided to the statewide HIT efforts (e.g. meeting expense, conference calls, travel cost to attend national meetings to represent ND)
 - 5) The Center is surveying recent graduates from the following disciplines PA students Radiology Tech, Med School, and Clinical Laboratory Science graduates with regard to their exposure/utilization of an EMR and/or Computed Radiography(CR) for RTs. In their clinical rotations and how important it was that a facility has an EMR in their selection of a place of employment.
 - 6) Survey PH Units - Lynette has contacted Kelly Nagel who agreed to work with Darin Meschke to develop the appropriate questions to query public health units with regard to IT capacity.
 - 7) Committee member has been assigned a state to review their appropriated grant programs and will submit the info to the Chair to be compiled and used to develop language for a potential grant program, the committee will then make a recommendation to the Steering Committee to see if this is a direction they deem appropriate.

HIE – July

- Work Group has not met since the June meeting. Lynette will send the preliminary results from the hospital HIT survey, prior to their next meeting so that they can be presented. New meeting time is July 24th, 11-12pm.

Legislative/Policy – July

- This group will work together with the Communication/Education group. They are checking on the schedules of the interim committees and will decide who will attend and what content will be presented. Senator Judy Lee contacted Lynette a while ago and said that they may want to have this group present at the next LTC Interim Committee meeting. It was suggested that we present what we discussed at the June Meeting. To include: background of the Steering Committee/Work Groups etc.; a personal story as to why HIT/HIE is vitally important, to quality patient-centered care; basic HIT definitions (?); what other states are doing and what we are working on for the future.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item:	Other	Presenter:	Chad Peterson, Lynette Dickson Lisa Feldner

Discussion:

- North Region Health Alliance Information Systems group’s will hold their first meeting August 4th at the Ina Mae Rude Center at UND, from 1-4pm. Chad will contact BCBSND to have Dr. Hanekom present on Medical Home at one of their meetings.
- South Dakota received a CMS Demonstration Grant and will partner with ND, Iowa, and MN. ND Community Health Centers are included. There is some question if CHCs are eligible. Other CMS Demonstration grants are coming down the pipeline.
- July 14, 2008 – Save the Date announcement for “Connected Nation” has been sent to all committee members. Broadband connection is the focus of this conference in Fargo. They are a business soliciting the state for a potential project in ND to map broadband connections and follow-up with communities to encourage the optimization of broadband use. Mapping has not been a popular idea with the broadband carriers due to security reasons.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send the Connected Nation agenda out to the committee.	Lynette	

Next Conference Call
Thursday, August 7, 2008
3:00-4:00 CST