

# ND HIT Steering Committee

July 12, 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  
Chad Peterson, Northwood Deaconess Health Center  
Dave Peske, ND Medical Association  
Lisa Feldner, ND State CIO  
Ray Gruby, Gruby Technologies  
Lyle Halvorson, AARP  
Craig Hewitt, Meritcare

**Attendees:**

*Responded - Unavailable*

Darrel Vanyo, Blue Cross Blue Shield  
Karen Haskins, ND Health Care Association  
Mark Grove, Great Plains Clinic  
Janis Chaney, AARP  
Laurie Peters, ND Health Information Management Association

*Not Present-*

Lindsey Henjum, Senator Conrad's Office  
Terry Dwelle, ND Department of Health  
Dave Remillard, ND Health Care Review  
Doug Kjos, ND Health Care Review  
Jenny Withum, Dept of Human Services

## Minutes

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**Agenda item:** Stakeholder Meeting on August 23rd **Presenter:** Lynette

Currently, 9 Stakeholders have responded that they will be attending. Lynette will send another email out to the Stakeholder Group to see who will be attending the meeting on August 23, 2007.

**Discussion:**

Reviewed tentative meeting agenda.  
8-8:30 Registration  
8:30-9 Update from Governor's Office & Steering Committee  
9-10:30 Work groups meet individually  
10:30-10:45 Break  
10:45-11:30 Work Groups (continue work)  
11:30-12:30 Reconvene for Wrap-up; each group reports to the entire group

Janis, Jenny, Lynette, Lisa, Darryl, Craig and Kylie are going to try meeting one more time to iron out the last details of the meeting. Anyone else that would like to be in this meeting is

Lindsey Henjum is putting in for travel and will try to attend the meeting. If she is able to attend she has volunteered to facilitate the Policy/Legislation work group.

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

Set up meeting for planning committee Lynette

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**Agenda item:** Update from the Governor's Office **Presenter:** Lisa Feldner

**Discussion:**

Lisa and Jenny made an appointment with the Governor’s office and met with Ryan Bernstein who was temporarily in charge; he took a look at the legislation and asked for examples from other states that have been successful (Utah and Washington), Lisa also sent him some additional literature on HIT. Portfolio statements have been made. Ryan’s duties have been passed on to Tami Wahl who is the liaison for health. The Governor’s office received an invitation from the National Gov. Assoc. requesting one person from ND to serve on the National HIT Committee. Lisa will pass on any information she receives from Tami and will also give Tami Lynette’s email address and let her know to contact Lynette if she needs additional information.

We want to have some direction from the Governor’s office well before the August 23<sup>rd</sup>. meeting.

| Action items                                     | Person  | Deadline |
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| Send Tami’s email address to Lynette             | Lisa    |          |
| Add Tami’s email address to our group email list | Lynette |          |

| Agenda item: | Update – Submitted Grant Application | Presenter: | Lynette |
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**Discussion:**

**Flex Critical Access Hospital(CAH) HIT Network Pilot Project Grant** - The CRH along with Northwood Deaconess and North Region Health Alliance (NRHA) submitted an application 6/29, should hear back by September 1. The overall project goal is to facilitate the exchange of health information by implementing an interoperable EMR along the continuum of care that is patient-centered, facilitating patient safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care services. Three ND CAHs, one tertiary referral hospital, and ancillary providers including a community health center, will serve as the network model in this pilot project. An innovative ‘overlay’ system will be used that includes a clinical portal and integration engine which allows the exchange between disparate systems. The project includes a strategic plan involving (final) planning, testing, infrastructure building, and implementation phases, as well as the use of performance measures related to diabetes care management.

**BCBSND Rural HIT Grants** – BCBSND selected 11 of 17 who will submit a full application due August 1. Proposals will be selected by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**FCC Rural Health Pilot Program** – The CRH submitted a request for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences (UNDSMHS) to construct a high-speed data network to connect the school of medicine’s four main campus sites and its own clinical medical sites to several rural health care facilities in North Dakota. This network, The UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences Health Care Research & Education Network (HCREN), will be designed to facilitate research into the most appropriate use of high-speed network technologies to improve health care delivery and health care education to rural and medically underserved areas.

Funding is being requested from the Rural Health Care Pilot Program for 85% of the costs required to construct this network, for 85% of reoccurring costs to maintain the data lines and for 85% of any costs required to provide the network with connections to Internet-2 (The National LambdaRail is not available in North Dakota at this time.)

**USDA** – The CRH and the Department of Health, are working with 10 NW hospitals to submit a request to the USDA.

No other Committee members reported additional proposals they are involved with or know of.

\*\*A suggestion was made that the Committee and stakeholders members share any grant applications that they know have been submitted or are being proposed.

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**Agenda item:** Presentation – Utah Health Information Network (UHIN)      **Presenter:** Henry Gardner, VP  
Corporate Relations  
Zions Bank

**Discussion:** See PowerPoint:  
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To demo the UHIN website:  
<https://uhin.providerpay.com/>  
Username: DEMOP  
Password: DEMOP  
  
<http://www.uhin.com/>

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