



## ND CAH Quality Network

### Joint Executive & Stakeholder Committee Meeting

June 26, 2019 ♦ 10:00am – 12:00pm (CT)

Conference Call Number: 1-866-809-4014, passcode 7776782#”

**Mission:** *To support ongoing performance improvement of North Dakota’s Critical Access Hospitals.*

#### Present

**Officers:** Coleen Bomber (Vice Chair)

**Executive Members:** Peggy Reinke (Lisbon), Lori Seim (Park River), Jenna Bredahl (Jamestown), Mariann Doeling (Carrington), Alfred Sams (Bottineau)

**Stakeholder Members:** Lynette Dickson (CRH), Darleen Bartz (Health Resources – ND DoH), Bridget Weidner (Health Facilities - ND DoH), Shila Thorson (North Dakota Health Information Network)

**Senior Project Coordinator:** Jody Ward (CRH), **Project Coordinator:** Angie Lockwood (CRH), **Project Specialist:** Julie Frankl (CRH)

## MINUTES

### I. Welcome - Roll call and Welcome

- Review of minutes from previous meeting and motion to approve will take place at next meeting

### II. Workplan Update

- Stakeholder Partner Sharing
  - ND DoH Health Resources & Health Facilities (Bridget)
    - Working on revision to hospital licensing rules in regards to Lab requirements. The medical association asked for review for language changes to surgical tissue samples being examined by Pathology.
    - Will also be looking at updates to ER equipment and changes to state law regarding PA licensing rules regarding physician notification.
    - Reminder that there have been changes to swingbed regulations to align the language with LTC changes.
  - ND DoH Health Resources & Health Facilities (Darleen)
    - Department of Health budget passed.
    - HB 1126 relating to basic care facility end-of-life services has passed.
    - HB 1355 relating to the moratorium on basic care and nursing facility bed capacity has passed.
    - SB 2317 relating to the waiver of all or a portion of a license standard if the department determines the lack of compliance does not adversely affect the health or safety of residents has passed.
    - Cottage food bill was defeated and are moving forward on rule making.
    - DoH has one interim study studying licensing process for health facility construction and renovation projects, including consideration of the appropriate role of the state department of health
    - For a list of interim committees and studies assigned:  
<https://www.legis.nd.gov/files/resource/66-2019/miscellaneous/committee-structure.pdf>
  - NDHIN (Shila)
    - Upgraded Amadeus platform
    - Changes to PDMP Dr. First – will be able to see what prescriptions someone has and when and where it was picked up. Will also be able to see NARC and risk scores.
    - Phase 2 includes onboarding Veterans and Social Security Administrations.
    - Patient care data home hubs - works with states that participate in HIT. Providers will be able to see history on a patient in other states (example snowbirds in AZ). Other states can then submit their history to the patient’s home hub.
    - ND DoH & HIT posted comments on a CMS proposal regarding inoperability rules.
    - HIT commented on CMS TEFCA revisions.

- Had 60 participants and the State HIMSS conference last week. Went very well.
  - Advanced Healthcare Directory – anyone can upload a pdf of their advanced directive. They will also get a card with a code that can be scanned at the facility. Hoping to roll out this August.
  - Expanding to include other providers – working with EMS – includes Chiropractors, Optometrists, Dentist.
- CRH (Lynette)
  - Currently hosting Scrubs Academy at the Med School. There are 84 middle school aged kids participating this year.
  - Dakota Conference was 2 weeks ago in Minot and went well.
- Network update and discussion (Jody)
  - ND CAH Quality Network Annual Meeting
    - Held April 18, 2019 in Bismarck. The agenda included top CAH deficiencies for Medicare Conditions of Participation and Life Safety Code for CAHs, Readmission Reduction: Avoiding the Avoidable and ND Health Information Network and ND CAH Quality Network updates. In an effort to support the transition of ND CAHs to value-based payments an educational presentation described how to use the *Care Coordination Canvas Tool* to develop, evaluate, refine, or expand care coordination. The meeting evaluations revealed a strong interest for future training.
  - Care Coordination
    - Currently collaboration of UND CRH Flex Program, Blue Alliance-BCBS, QHA and ND DoH are in discussion on bringing education to ND CAHs on developing a care coordination program (structure), and enhancing those programs already in motion. From the April 2019 Network Annual Meeting, positive feedback was received on CAHs wanting more information. After Blue Alliance-BCBS hosts their meeting July 30, 2019, the group will make a plan to come together and leverage both Network and Blue Alliance-BCBS meeting evaluations, future event planning will take place.
  - MBQIP Update
    - Hospital reporting for CAHs is going very well. CAHs in ND are reporting for over two years 100% of the time on emergency Department Transfer Communications, project measure directed by the Federal office of Rural Health Policy. Additionally, ND CAHs have met a 100% reporting threshold for the NHSN Annual Facility Survey on Antibiotic Stewardship. CDC recommends that all hospitals implement core elements to ensure optimal antibiotic prescribing and limit overuse and misuse of antibiotics in hospitals. Working with Faye at DoH and Jean at QHA.
  - ND DON Networking Calls
    - Hosted monthly by the Network, a platform for DON's in ND to network with one another. DONs have expressed a positive response for this opportunity to connect monthly.
  - Other Flex activities
    - ECHO- (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) thorough UND Center for Rural Health currently used to educate on the management of Opioid Use Disorder. As part of the Community Based Palliative Care Project, this fall (October) ECHO Palliative Care education is coming on the topics of symptom management, POLST, Edmonton Symptom Assessment Scale (ESAS), Care of patient nearing end of life for communities without hospice.
    - ND CAHs will have the opportunity to participate in a 12-month Swing Bed pilot working with Stroudwater Associates, a national healthcare consulting firm. Participants will have the opportunity to voluntarily collect and track Swing Bed data and implement process improvement, starting October 1, 2019.

### III. Network Objectives

- Facilitate Best Practice Sharing

- Engage in Rural Advocacy
- Enhance Professional Development
- Highlight Workforce Development Initiatives & Resources
- Optimize Technology Utilization
- Develop and Manage the ND CAH Quality Network
  - North Dakota has 4 hospitals listed in the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals and 9 hospitals listed in the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals.

#### IV. Other

- **Upcoming Flex-Supported CAH & RHC Education: contact Angie Lockwood to register**
  - “Basics” online billing and coding education opportunity
    - Online format, self-study, 90-day completion
  - CAH & RHC Medicare education
    - In-person, Bismarck, August 2019
      - CAH Version – 8/12 - 8/14/19
      - RHC Version – 8/15/19

#### V. Adjourn

#### VI. 2019 Network Meetings (All by conference call)

- **August 14** 10am-11:30am CST – Executive Committee
- **September 25** 10am-12pm CST – **JOINT Executive & Stakeholder Committee**
- **October 23** 10am-11:30am CST – Executive Committee
- **December 18** 10am-12pm CST – **JOINT Executive & Stakeholder Committee**