Washington Health Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES February 12, 2021

Board members call-in: Curt Bailey, Lloyd David, Sarah Greene, Fred Jarrett, Tim Lieb, Pam MacEwan, Greg Marchand, Larry McNutt, Lee Mills McGrath, Steve Mullin, Dr. Peter Rutherford, John Wagner, Jim Zimmerman

Board members absent: Merissa Clyde, Patrick Connor, Dr. David Grossman, Dr. Christopher Kodama, Charlene Lind, Joe Mizrahi, Ketul Patel; Megan Pedersen, Ron Sims, Carol Wilmes

Board members recused: Sue Birch

Staff present (and call in): Nancy Giunto, Karen Johnson, Adria Moskowitz, Mark Pregler,

Theresa Lampkin Tamura

Call to Order

Jim Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Zimmerman asked for conflicts of interest; there were none. Sue Birch previously recused herself from this meeting.

Continued Conversation on the WA-APCD Negotiations

Fred Jarrett provided a quick overview on the Alliance's goal of working toward a single APCD for the state of Washington through contract discussions with HCA to serve as the Lead Organization (LO) for WA-APCD. There will be a vote at the end of the meeting to determine if the Board supports moving forward with contract negotiations around Alternative B as recommended by the WA-APCD Oversight Committee of the Alliance Board of Directors. Once a contract is in hand and has been analyzed, the Board will be asked for final approval.

Fred Jarrett reviewed the Guiding Principles followed by the WA-APCD Oversight Committee in making its recommendation to the Board on forward progress. Nancy Giunto provided a reminder of the 2 alternatives within the context of the Alliance's "threshold issues" of remaining an independent organization while working with the State towards one APCD in the state of Washington.

Ms. Giunto presented the color coded chart summarizing how each alternative meets the Alliance's goals, then presented potential risks associated with not acting as the LO for WA-APCD, followed by potential risks of acting as LO for WA-APCD and potential upside to a "Go It Alone Strategy.

The Board had a robust conversation, clarifying where the Alliance is now, looking at the alternatives and identifying risks and risk mitigation. Alternative B assures the Alliance the ability to continue working independently.

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Board members were asked to vote virtually on this question, "Are you favorable about pursuing Alternative B, as recommended by the WA-APCD Oversight Committee of the Alliance BOD, if we are able to sign a contract that commits to the Guiding Principles and threshold issues shared and restated today?"

The majority of the Board voted to move forward with contract discussions around Alternative B, as recommended by the WA-APCD Oversight Committee of the Alliance Board of Directors.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adria Moskowitz

James C. Zimmerman
Jim Zimmerman, Chair