

Washington Health Alliance
Board of Directors Meeting

MINUTES
October 27, 2015

Board members present: *Don Antonucci, Leanne Bough, Dr. Al Fisk, Tom Hunt, Fred Jarrett, Tandy Kooch-Cleaver, Greg Marchand, Dr. Peter McGough, Larry McNutt, Steve Mullin, Dr. Paul Sherman, Dorothy Teeter, Caroline Whalen*

Board members absent: *Dr. Jeff Collins, Dr. John Espinola, Yvonne Peters, Charissa Raynor, Ron Sims, Nancy Steiger*

Staff present: *Ellen Chatel, Susie Dade, John Gallagher, Nancy Giunto, Emily Inlow-Hood, Sakshi Jain, Teresa Litton, Adria Moskowitz-McNamara, Mark Pregler, Aaron Starr*

Call to Order

Chairman Larry McNutt called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm. Mr. McNutt took attendance of Board members present and attending via the teleconference line. A quorum was present to make decisions at this meeting.

Consent Calendar

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Calendar, the September 22, 2015 Board of Directors retreat meeting minutes and the third quarter 2015 financial statements.

Recap of September Retreat

Chairman McNutt presented the recap of the September Board of Directors retreat.

The Board reviewed the member satisfaction survey results and encouraged Board members to reach out and listen to those members who may have expressed dissatisfaction. The Board agreed that the Alliance needs to make reports more actionable.

Jim Andrianos and Alliance staff presented a prototype of the Preference Weighted Tool. This presentation was well received by the Board.

Strategic alternatives were provided by the staff, focusing on alternative 1B, in which the Alliance would form a wholly-owned subsidiary to work as an independent organization with Washington state on the development of the WA-APCD. The Board supported the proposal that the Alliance bid for the lead organization role on the WA-APCD, provided that the terms of the proposal and contract are reasonable and the Alliance can maintain existence as a strong independent organization.

Executive Director Report:

Nancy Giunto presented an overview of the Executive Director report. Highlights include:

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- Final results for the first report on the Washington State Common Measures Set on Health Care Quality and Cost are complete and the release date is December 8. Ms. Giunto recognized all the Alliance staff for their work on this monumental task.
- A new Alliance analyst, Sakshi Jain, was introduced to the Board of Directors.
- The Alliance continues working on statewide expansion efforts. John Gallagher and Ms. Giunto are going to Spokane, WA for a series of meetings that will include Washington State University, and Gonzaga University.
- Proposed Strategy for Cost and Quality Data:
Ms. Giunto provided an overview of the document included in the Board materials highlighting the initiative from the Center for Healthcare Transparency (CHT). CHT has an aggressive goal to implement a bold collaborative strategy to ensure that 50% of the US population has access to useful and relevant cost, quality and patient experience data by 2020. The group is proposing to appoint and fund Regional Data Intermediaries (RDI) to produce measures that create a national dashboard to that health care value can be evaluated across the US.

The Alliance will be evaluating its ability to serve as an RDI. This will require us to stretch our current work by producing measures that include clinical data, patient outcome and cost data either independently or in partnership with others.

The Board expressed interest in the Alliance being part of this strategy and looks forward to further conversation about it.

Overview of Current Alliance Work

Susie Dade highlighted current work at the Alliance.

Patient Experience:

This is the third survey the Alliance has done. The counties being surveyed have expanded from 5 to 14. Over 180,000 surveys were mailed out with a 28% response rate. The Alliance hopes to have results on the 5 key measures that are publicly reported for 264 clinics in 14 counties..

Choosing Wisely:

The Choosing Wisely Task Force has been in place for two years, and is co-sponsored by the Alliance, the Washington State Medical Association (WSMA) and the Washington State Hospital Association (WSHA). The Alliance currently has its third grant from the ABIM Foundation. The focus of the current grant includes a 20% reduction in the use of antibiotics, imaging for uncomplicated headaches and too frequent screening for cervical cancer. Grant partners include Group Health and Swedish Health Services. Currently, 150 people are registered for October 30th Choosing Wisely Summit.

Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) Contract:

The Alliance is leading the technical workgroup that will make recommendations regarding the addition of Behavioral Health measures to the Common Measure Set. The Alliance is developing health literacy materials for Purchasers, an initiative called "Saavy Shopper." The Alliance is in the lead role to produce and report on the 52 measures in the current measure set. Results will be available on December 8 at an All-Alliance meeting that will be open to both members and the public. The Alliance will post results on the website for medical groups, clinics, hospitals and counties. This year, results for health plans and Accountable Communities of Health will be available through written reports.

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New Grants and Contracts:

- Healthier Washington, February 2016 – January 2017
- Continuation of DOCTOR Project
- Continuation of Choosing Wisely
- RAND Center of Excellence on High Performing Health Systems – Alliance to subcontract with RAND
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative – Alliance to subcontract with the University of Washington

APCD Update

Mark Pregler provided an update about the Rule development process and status of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the All Payers' Claims Database (APCD).

The RFP is still not available. The Office of Financial Management (OFM) started the official work for rulemaking. The Alliance formally responded with comments on the draft Rules on October 19th.

Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Adria Moskowitz-McNamara

Larry McNutt
Chair