

**Washington Health Alliance  
Board of Directors**

**MINUTES**

**April 29, 2014**

**Board members present:** *Don Antonucci, EJ Blanchfield, Leanne Bough, Dr. Jeff Collins, Dr. Al Fisk (phone), Dr. David Fleming, Dr. David Grossman, David Hansen, Florence Katz, Greg Marchand, Rich Maturi, Dr. Pete McGough, Charissa Raynor (phone), Tom Richards, Nancy Steiger, Dorothy Teeter, Caroline Whalen*

**Board members absent:** *Tom Hunt, Larry McNutt, Yvonne Peters, Ron Sims*

**Guests:** *Marc Baldwin (Office of Financial Management), Will Fox (Milliman) Sue Meldazy (Office of Financial Management)*

**Staff present:** *Andrew Behm, Wendy Cox, Susie Dade, Sharon Eastham, Emily Inlow-Hood, Teresa Litton, Jennifer Loyd, Mary McWilliams, Mark Pregler, Natasha Rosenblatt*

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**Call to order and introductions**

Caroline Whalen called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and introduced newly elected board members and Emily Inlow-Hood, the Alliance's new Marketing Communications Manager.

**Consent calendar**

The board unanimously approved all consent calendar items.

**Executive director report**

Mary McWilliams covered two housekeeping topics. She asked the Board to vote via survey on moving the monthly board meeting location from suite 205 to the Alliance office conference room or back to the Puget Sound Regional Council, where the June retreat will be held. She updated the Board on the business plan process and asked to move the annual spring board retreat from May to June so that the consultants can have a more fully formed business plan to discuss at the retreat. No objections were raised.

Ms. McWilliams presented priorities she is working on accomplishing before she retires. She gave details on how she and the Alliance are moving forward with each priority, including renewing current Alliance members who have not paid their 2014 dues. Ms. Whalen gave the board the opportunity to ask questions, make comments and offer assistance.

Action items:

Ms. Whalen to reach-out to City of Tacoma and Snohomish County re: Alliance membership renewal.

Alliance staff to send a calendar update to move the retreat from May to June.

**Data center update**

*Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC) Site Visit*

Ms. McWilliams reported the key takeaways from the Alliance's site visit to CIVHC in Colorado to learn about their All-Payer Claims Database (APCD). She presented CIVHC's structure, business model and partnership with the state government. The Board discussed Washington's similarities and differences with Colorado and how data restriction and reporting rules in Colorado might work in Washington. They also discussed how the Alliance could monetize APCD reports, as is being done in Colorado, to reach sustainability.

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*Office of Financial Management (OFM) vision for APCD*

Ms. McWilliams recapped APCD legislation and how the Alliance plans to move forward to change unworkable provisions in the current law. She updated the board on the Alliance's work with OFM toward a sustainable APCD. If all-payer data submissions are mandated in revised legislation in 2015, the Alliance will seek a long-term contract with OFM. Without an all-payer mandate, the Alliance cannot sign a contract with OFM beyond the current grant period unless there is other funding.

Ms. McWilliams invited Marc Baldwin, Assistant Director, Forecasting Division, Office of Financial Management (OFM) to comment on OFM's view of the APCD. He noted that the passage of legislation is a first step and OFM is accountable to the legislature, but implementation is delegated to the lead organization. OFM is working on a transparent process to select the lead organization. Rule-making is driven by the legislation but draft rules are submitted late in the process. OFM is an open-data advocate but understands the balance between free data and sustaining the APCD through fees.

**The meeting adjourned to Executive Session without staff**

*Respectfully submitted by Wendy Cox*

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Larry McNutt  
Secretary

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Date