

**Washington Health Alliance
Board of Directors**

MINUTES

December 10, 2013

Board Members Present: *Dr. Jeff Collins, Dr. Al Fisk (phone), Dr. David Fleming, Lindsay Geyer, Dr. David Grossman, David Hansen, Tom Hunt, Beth Johnson, Florence Katz, Rich Maturi (phone), Dr. Pete McGough, Larry McNutt, Yvonne Peters (phone), Tom Richards, Ron Sims, Dorothy Teeter (phone), Caroline Whalen, Diane Zahn*

Board Members Absent: *Dr. Mark Adams, Steve Hill, Greg Marchand, Charissa Raynor*

Guests: *Theresa Helle (delegate for Greg Marchand)*

Staff Present: *Wendy Cox, Susie Dade, John Gallagher, Reena Koshy, Teresa Litton, Jennifer Loyd, Mary McWilliams, Mark Pregler*

Call to Order

Caroline Whalen called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

Consent Calendar

The Board was asked to approve the Choosing Wisely Task Force recommendations before they have been approved by the Quality Improvement Committee (QIC). If the QIC makes major modifications in January, the recommendations will be brought back to the Board for further discussion. The Board unanimously approved all consent calendar items.

Executive Director's Report

Mary McWilliams acknowledged Alliance staff for successful completion of the 2013 Community Checkup report. Ms. McWilliams reviewed Washington States 'grades' on national report cards. There were no questions on her written report.

2014 Plan and Budget

Susie Dade gave a recap on the Alliance's three main strategic goals for the next five years and areas of focus for each goal. At the September Board retreat and October Board meeting, Board members asked staff to streamline key strategies supporting the goals, which Ms. Dade presented in her PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Dade gave a line by line, detailed overview of the 2014 Alliance revenue and expense projection. Ms. Dade pointed out that the Data Center grant has not been signed and could significantly change budget projections.

Ms. Dade also indicated current challenges and opportunities. She notes that the Data Center Grant, statewide expansion, stabilizing new areas of measurement and reporting, the sustainability of the Alliance, the CMMI State Innovation Model and Migration to MedInsight 7

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offer tremendous opportunities and challenges. The Alliance is preparing for growth and change by planning ahead and strengthening grant and membership opportunities.

Ms. Dade asked the Board to approve the 2014 budget, to authorize using up to 15% of reserves, and to approve the final version of the 2014 annual plan. The Board unanimously approved both the budget and annual plan.

Data Center Grant Update

Ms. McWilliams updated the Board on activities surrounding the Data Center Grant received by the State. The Alliance has not signed a contract with the State because the State's newly hired Project Director and Project Manager have asked for a 90-day planning period to clarify roles and responsibilities. Ms. McWilliams reiterated that the Alliance will serve as content experts for the State. The State has asked that the Grant Steering Committee continue beyond the grant cycle. Ms. McWilliams reinforced that this governing structure will require flexibility and teamwork from both the Alliance Board and the Steering Committee.

The State is interested in pursuing legislation for an All Payer Claims Database (APCD). The Alliance assisted the State's exploratory efforts to create a state APCD by garnering the experience of Linda Green from Freedman Associates and Colorado's CIVHC. The Alliance also helped create a tentative governing structure flow chart and proposed a structure for stakeholder input into APCD data policies to the Grant Steering Committee.

The Board asked how legislation will fit into the Alliance's long-term strategic plan. Ms. McWilliams pointed out that the grant objectives can be met with or without legislation for an APCD, and the Alliance will be part of the process. There would be an Advisory Committee for the APCD, reporting through the Alliance Board. Ms. McWilliams shared a flow chart showing APCD oversight, roles and responsibilities. She reminded the Board that legislated APCD would be relieved from anti-trust limitations.

Ron Sims asked for a chart showing what each committee associated with the APCD and Data Grant will do to avoid overlap.

Ms. McWilliams summarized the scope of work that has been approved by the State from December 2013 – February 2014. She asked the Board to approve the initial scope of work for the State contract. The Alliance expects to sign two more contracts as the State moves through the grant cycle over the next two years. Ms. Whalen suggested that the Board invite the State's Project Manager and Project Director to the January Board meeting. The Board approved the contract, with Rich Maturi opposing.

Medical Home Pilot Update

Ms. Dade informed the Board that the Project Coordinator for the Medical Home Pilot is Dr. Reena Koshy who is a family physician with experience working with practices and health plans. The pilot ended in December 2013, and final results are anticipated during third quarter 2014. The pilot focused on whether paying practices a care management fee (with the potential for shared savings if pre-agreed-upon quality and utilization targets were met) would reduce avoidable use of the ER and/or hospitalizations. Dr. Koshy reviewed the project's design, interim results, achievements and challenges. She gave a recap of key lessons and barriers, including delays and errors related to data reporting.

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Alliance Branding and Website

John Gallagher unveiled the Alliance’s new logo and gave an overview of the new brand. He reminded the Board that www.PugetSoundHealthAlliance.org will be dismantled and replaced by www.WAHealthAlliance.org.

Community Checkup Report

Mr. Gallagher released the Community Checkup report. A hard copy summary is available and detailed data will be on the Community Checkup website in late December or early January. The common theme in the report is that there is much variation in delivery systems and room for improvement for everyone. Alliance staff plan to use the report as a ‘calling card’ for statewide expansion efforts.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Cox

Lindsay Geyer

Secretary

Date