

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK BOARD  
Nov 19, 2014

Board Members Present:

Mary Currier, MD, MPH, MS State Department of Health – Chairman  
Appointed by: MS State Department of Health  
Craig Orgeron, Department of Information Technology Services  
Appointed by: Department of Information Technology Service  
T. C. Washington, MS Primary Healthcare Association  
Appointed by: MS Primary Healthcare Association  
Candice Whitfield, University of MS Medical Center  
Appointed by: University of MS Medical Center  
Kristi Henderson, University of MS Medical Center, Telehealth  
Appointed by: University of MS Medical Center  
Sam Dawkins, Delta Health Alliance  
Appointed by: Delta Health Alliance

Board Member Present by Phone:

John Lucas, MD, Greenwood Leflore Hospital  
Appointed by: MS Department of Health  
Scott Stringer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS  
Appointed by: Office of the Governor

Board Members Absent:

Rita Rutland, MS Division of Medicaid  
Appointed by: MS Division of Medicaid  
Carl Cloer, Singing River Health System  
Appointed by: Information and Quality Healthcare – MSCHIE

The Mississippi Health Information Network Board met on Wednesday, Nov 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

It was determined that a quorum had been established and Dr. Currier called the meeting to order.

**IAPD Update:** Jeremy Hill reported that the IAPD was re-submitted November 18, 2014 due to formatting requests by CMS. MS-HIN is hoping to have CMS approval within a few weeks. Jeremy informed the board of a MS Medicaid requirement that requires any hospital using the IAPD funds must allow MS-HIN to forward the collected clinical data to Medicaid. Jeremy also stated that this was a change to the original structure of the IAPD. Jeremy proposed to the board that a payment structure needs to be created between DoM and MS-HIN for the interfaces not purchased by DoM. These funds could be used to further build out the MS-HIN hospital interfaces not included in the IAPD and/or be used to offset hospital MS-HIN participation fees.

## **MS-HIN Update:**

Mike Garcia provided an update on the Louisiana Public Health Institute (LPHI) Gulf Coast Notifications proposal. Mike stated the final proposal was submitted and MS-HIN is optimistic that we'll get final approval soon. Mike explained that the proposal included not only the deployment of MS-HIN notification capabilities but working in conjunction with the Mississippi Public Health Institute and Dr. Tim Rhener from the University of Southern Mississippi, assessing laws and policies related to sharing Behavioral Health data between providers. The final element of the proposal is to facilitate the use of Direct Secure Messaging to address Transitions of Care issues. Jeremy explained that the deployment of MS-HIN Notifications is actually a statewide implementation. Once MS-HIN has deployed Notifications on the Gulf Coast, a statewide deployment strategy can be created. It's expected to start work during the first quarter of 2015.

Jeremy also provided an update on a request from a third party BP auditor / consulting group. The company is requesting clinical data for MS residents who have BP health claims (one year prior to the spill – up to the current date). Jeremy stated the company has patient consent for release of their data. Dr. Orgeron asked if Jeremy could determine who hired this company to perform the audit. Jeremy asked the board if they were interested in responding to their request and if so, would a financial charge be appropriate. Dr. Orgeron stated the cost should be defensible. Candice Whitfield expressed a concern that whatever the decision is made, MS-HIN should be transparent on what data is being shared. T.C. Washington stated he was aware of the auditing role of the BP settlement. Jeremy concluded the discussion stating he would get a copy of legal agreements the company can provide and have MSDH legal staff review.

Jeremy also requested the board consider approving of sharing MS-HIN clinical data in support of Population Health analytical projects. Jeremy requested clarification on MS-HIN's TPO policy and if sharing data to support of Population Health would it fall under that policy or not. Sam Dawkins stated he believed that individual patient consent would be required. It was agreed by the board that Population Health projects would fall under "treatment" and a consent form for each individual patient that specifically addresses the release of data from MS-HIN would be required.

**Strategic Plan Update:** Jeremy requested a vote to create a "hospital" sub-committee / user group that would assist in developing a MS-HIN Strategic Plan. Dr. Carrier requested a motion for a vote, Dr. Orgeron proposed and Dr. Henderson seconded. All board members vote "aye" with no opposition.

Dr. Mary Carrier asked Jeremy the date of the next Board Meeting. Jeremy stated the next meeting is Wednesday, Jan 21, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

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Mary Carrier, MD, MPH  
Chairman

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Jeremy Hill  
Director, MS-HIN