

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK BOARD
July 15, 2015

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 Services
T. C. Washington, MS Primary Healthcare Association
Appointed by: MS Primary Healthcare Association
Sam Dawkins, Delta Health Alliance
Appointed by: Delta Health Alliance

Board Member Present by Phone:

Kristi Henderson, University of MS Medical Center, Telehealth
Appointed by: University of MS Medical Center
Carl Cloer, Singing River Health System
Appointed by: Information and Quality Healthcare – MSCHIE
John Lucas, MD, Greenwood Leflore Hospital
Appointed by: MS Department of Health

Board Members Absent:

Scott Stringer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MS
Appointed by: Office of the Governor
Rita Rutland, MS Division of Medicaid
Appointed by: MS Division of Medicaid
Candice Whitfield, University of MS Medical Center
Appointed by: University of MS Medical Center

The Mississippi Health Information Network Board met on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Currier called the meeting to order and asked Mike Garcia to introduce Dr. Tim Rehner, a professor at the University of Southern Mississippi, Director of the School of Social Work. Dr. Rehner also sits on the Coordinating Committee that approved the BP settlement funds awarded to the Mississippi State Public Health Institute and the MS-HIN in support of the Notification project on the coast.

Dr. Currier also informed the Board that the Security Update will be presented at the next Board meeting due to the requestor (Scott Stringer) not able to attend this month's board meeting.

A quorum was established during the course of the meeting.

Minutes: Carl Cloer motioned to approve the minutes, Dr. Orgeron seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports: Jeremy Hill reported that there were no committee reports to review.

Unfinished Business:

Hospital Advisory Committee

Jeremy informed the board that Carl Cloer, Mike Garcia, and he have additional discussion to further define the objectives and make-up of **Hospital Advisory Committee** to include representation from Financial, Compliance / Quality and Technology. The objective of the committee is to identify key issues within these areas that MS-HIN can impact and provide value to the hospital. Jeremy presented a list of proposed committee members that represent hospitals from different geographic locations and size. Dr. Currier suggested that a representative from the medical providers within the hospital be included in the Committee. Jeremy stated that was the intention and he'd review the list to ensure appropriate representation.

Medicaid IAPD

Jeremy informed the Board that the IAPD had been approved by CMS and MS-HIN / DoM were finalizing the contract. CMS will need to approve the contract once it's finalized. Jeremy also briefed the Board on the additional requirement DoM has added to the contract – any hospital that receives grant funding to implement interfaces with MS-HIN will be required to allow MS-HIN to send the hospital's clinical data to DoM. Jeremy added that due to delays in the IAPD and contract approval process the project timeframe will be reduced significantly (24 months to ~ nine months) thus reducing the number of new hospitals MS-HIN can on-board. Mike Garcia added DoM included an additional requirement of a maximum of three simultaneous on-boarding projects can occur to mitigate risk (in case a hospital doesn't complete the on-boarding project). Dr. Currier requested Jeremy modify the Hospital's contract to state that all monies must be refunded to DoM if the hospital fails to complete the project. Jeremy also stated that there was a possibility of a one year extension and he's waiting to finalize DoM's Participation fee schedule.

Louisiana Public Health Institute – “MS-HIN Notifications Project”

Jeremy informed the Board that the project has officially started and have stated the implementation process of the Notify tool. Mike Garcia added that two hospitals on the coast are supportive of the Notifications project. Dr. Rehner inserted that his steering committee has discussed the possibility of deploying MS-HIN to support the integration of Behavioral Health / Mental Health data in an appropriate manner.

MS-HIN Updates

Jeremy informed the Board that two MS-HIN has contracted with a **Security Officer** and a **Technical Architect**. These positions are part time and will be assigned tasks as needed. Additional resources (Office Manager and Project Manager) will be hired using additional funding via future grants.

Jeremy briefed the Board on the **Outreach Plan** which is focused on working closer with hospitals with on-boarding and additional training needs. One objective of the plan is to increase the use of the data either by sending data into their EHR (Results Deliver) or accessing the Community Health Record. Dr. Lucas asked Kristi Henderson why UMMC isn't sending Transcriptions data – Kristi stated it was a “compliance issue” and would ask for an update. There was an additional conversation regarding MS-HIN continuing to find Use Cases that hospitals can gain enough value to

motivate those that are only participating at a minimum level. Carl Cloer suggested a separate “Compliance Sub-Committee” be formed to address these issues directly. Dr. Currier expressed support for this committee.

Jeremy reviewed current **MS-HIN numbers** (included in MS-HIN Board Meeting Packet). A key number discussed was ~3 Million HL7 message received in Jun 2015 by MS-HIN. Three hospitals went live since the last Board Meeting (Magee, Magnolia, and St Dominic’s). Magnolia is using MS-HIN’s HISP XDR integration and since Mar 2015 they’ve used this for over 1600 referrals in their community.

Dr. Currier suggested to the Board that the sharing of **electronic image sharing** using MS-HIN should be a high priority project. Board members Kristi Henderson and Carl Cloer supported the suggestion. Jeremy added that MS-HIN has had conversations with “image sharing” vendors and the Return-on-Investment (ROI) of such a system would be highly valuable to hospitals.

Jeremy reviewed the **MS-HIN Financials**. Carl Cloer asked how many hospitals were in arrears. Jeremy stated that MS-HIN has not written off any bad debt but there were a few hospitals currently behind more than two quarters. Jeremy stated he’s following up personally but asked the Board what options does MS-HIN have for those hospitals too far behind in payment. Jeremy suggested using the Meaningful Use Public Health interfaces as leverage with hospitals. Dr. Currier supported this idea. Sam Dawkins and Carl suggested additional penalties however it’s not currently in their contracts. Jeremy stated he’d have draft verbiage for the next board meeting (along with a detailed report on who is behind in payment).

Jeremy ended the MS-HIN Update by stating that the Board needed to re-confirm all board members and replace two board members (Dept. of Mental Health and State Medical Association). Dr. Currier reported the re-confirmation letters to the board members were not sent but will be before the next board meeting.

Jeremy set the date for the next meeting at 16 Sept 2015.

Dr. Currier adjourned the meeting.

Mary Currier, MD, MPH
Chairman

Jeremy Hill
Director, MS-HIN