

# Health Information Alliance, Inc.

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## Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2020

4:00-7:00 pm

### Regular Meeting

Recorded Meeting Link: [Zoom Recording](#)

**Directors Present:** Allan Hackney, John Vittner, Mark Raymond, Allen Davis, Lisa Stump, Patrick Charmel, Jill Hummel.

### **Opening, Roll Call, Opening Statement:**

Allan Hackney recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

### **April Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Allan Hackney asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. John Vittner created the motion. Allen Davis seconded the motion. Jill Hummel abstained. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

### **Meeting Agenda**

**Motion:** Allan Hackney asked for a motion to approve the May 6, 2020 meeting agenda. Mark Raymond created the motion. John Vittner seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

## **I. Reports**

### **a. Board Chair Report**

Allan Hackney reported that a draft of the contract between the Office of Health Strategy and HIA, Inc. is in review. This contract is tied to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Dept. of Social Services which is the mechanism used to draw the approved funding under the HITECH Act.

Additionally, OHS is in the process of collaborating with DSS on the next round of HITECH Act funding, the typical process is to submit a joint funding request to CMS for the following federal fiscal year. We are going to switch over to Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS) funding, the requirement to

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use MMIS funding is to align the work of the HIE directly into the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture.

Additionally, the Core Data Analytic Solution (CDAS) environment is up and running and is in good shape. A Request for Quote (RFQ) was issued to seek interface services. Moving along according to schedule.

Allan also shared that a community session was held with several general counsels who are considering the qualified data sharing agreement. A number of issues were settled including liability and how to approach ensuring security protocols. The qualified data sharing agreements have been modified based on the feedback received.

Allan shared that we received a letter from the CT Hospital Association outlining a number of questions and clarifications that pertain to aspects of qualified data sharing agreements. The team took the comments and worked their way through them with legal counsel, applying additional modifications to the data sharing agreements.

### b. Operations Report

Allan Hackney reported during the second meeting of the Operations Advisory Committee, they discussed feedback on emerging opportunities that may be considered by the HIA and operational issues regarding consent.

Allan recalled that the Health IT Advisory Council (HITAC) has been focused on developing guiding principles for how consent policies will be developed for the state. The HITAC affirmed a set of guiding principles during the April 2020 meeting and delivered the guiding principles to the Office of Health Strategy who is responsible for determining policy.

The OAC focused their discussion on how to operationalize administration of consent for the purpose of interacting with the HIE. The team discussed how consent would be managed around standard business HIPAA associate agreement.

The OAC decided the desire to stand up the first of the five working groups; the privacy work group. The Privacy Work Group is meant to advise the HIA on operational issues related to privacy and consent.

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The OAC also discussed security assessments. We have received security assessments from Yale New Haven Health and Anthem. We are in process of getting additional help to make sure our answers are adequate, including review with our legal counsel.

Additionally, DSS has agreed that they will join the OAC. They are an important player for us because HITECH Act, SUPPORT Act and MMIS funding programs requires Medicaid integration. Allan opened up the discussion to the Board to consider others who may not be signers of qualified data sharing agreements, but may offer an important perspective to the table. The Board members agreed it would be a good to have a consumer voice on the OAC. Allan suggested the Board to share their feedback and ideas will be presented at the next Board meeting.

c. Executive Director Search Committee Report

Mark Raymond reported that the Executive Director Search Committee has interviewed five candidates with the search firm and have narrowed the search down to two final candidates.

## II. Business Agenda

a. Board Treasurer and Secretary

**Motion:** Allan Hackney asked for a motion that the Board table the election of the Board Treasurer and Secretary until June.

Jill Hummel created a motion. Mark Raymond seconded. **None opposed.**

b. Branding Update: Connie Logo

Michelle Puhlick discussed the Connie logo and brand.

**Motion:** Allan Hackney asked for a motion that the Board approve the logo design as presented. Lisa Stump created a motion. Mark Raymond seconded. **None opposed.**

c. Emerging Opportunities: Rapid Response Possibilities for HIA

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Allan Hackney led a discussion on possible pandemic rapid response opportunities. Mark Raymond described the use of the CDAS by the team responsible for the Reopen CT program. The Board asked for some additional information. No motion was raised.

## III. Consent Agenda

**Motion:** Allan Hackney asked for a motion that the Board accept the consent agenda. Mark Raymond created the motion. John Vittner seconded. **None opposed.**

### a. Policies: First Read

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board accept the proposed draft policies for first read.

- Data Governance
- HIPAA Privacy and Security
- Board Approval of Compensation

## IV. Adjournment

**Motion:** Allan Hackney asked for a motion to adjourn. Lisa Stump and Mark Raymond made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. **None opposed.**