



Spokane County MEDICAL SOCIETY

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MEDICAL INFORMATICS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES November 5, 2009

The SCMS Medical Informatics Committee met at 6:45 am on November 5, 2009, in the conference room at the Spokane County Medical Society. Those present include Torney Smith, Jac Davies, Sean Rowe, Bev Roberts, Jon Copeland, Frank Otto and Keith Baldwin. Jon Copeland served as Acting Chair. George McAlister was staff.

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 a.m. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of October 1, 2009.

1. NIH Funding for Community Research Infrastructure

Jac Davies reported that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced funding to "support the development, expansion, or reconfiguration of infrastructures needed to facilitate collaboration between academic health centers and community-based organizations for health science research." INHS is working with WSU to submit a letter of intent, due on November 12; with the actual proposal due on December 11. Jac indicated that they'll need letters of support from community groups. Here's a link to the full announcement: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-OD-09-010.html>

2. Ambulatory Care Medication Reconciliation Pilot Study Results – Doug Weeks, INHS

Inland Northwest Health Services (INHS) was funded in 2008 by the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) to conduct a project that would provide health care providers, consumers, and decision-makers in Washington with more information about the problem of inaccurate or unavailable medication information in the ambulatory care setting. The goal for the Medication Reconciliation project has been to obtain information on how to improve the availability of patient medication information for both physicians and patients. The study investigated current medication reconciliation practices as well as preferences for various platforms for housing an electronic medication list. Dr. Weeks conducted a random sample of 250 ambulatory care physicians drawn from the rolls of the Spokane County Medical Society. For more information on the scope and results of the study, please see the digital copy of Dr. Week's PowerPoint presentation.

3. Gonzaga Looking for Guest Lecturers for its MBA Healthcare Management Program

Jon Copeland mentioned that Gonzaga would like to line up speakers for their MBA program in Healthcare Management. Specifically, they are looking for possible speakers for the Healthcare Information Systems course, to be held in the Spring Semester on Monday evenings beginning January 11 from 5:30-8:30pm. Dates available include Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 22, Mar 1 and Mar 15. This is an opportunity to share our IT successes/challenges with members of our community getting their MBA degrees. A \$200 stipend is available for guest lecturers. Please contact Jon Copeland at JCopeland@inlandimaging.com or Jinny Piskel, the Director of the Graduate School of Business, at 509.313.3414.

4. Washington HIE Update

On Tuesday, November 17, from 1pm - 4pm at the WSU Riverpoint Campus there will be a meeting to discuss possible strategies for developing statewide electronic health information exchange. The meeting is being hosted by OneHealthPort, which has been designated by the Washington State Health Care Authority as the state's lead organization for planning health information exchange. Rick Rubin and Sue Merck from OneHealthPort will be presenting several ideas and strategies for discussion. The input from the meeting will go into creating the statewide plan. These meetings and this process will be very important for all health care organizations that may be utilizing electronic health information exchange in the future. More information about the OneHealthPort role and process is available at <http://www.onehealthport.com/HIE/index.php>.

5. Suggestions for New Committee Chair

The Medical Informatics Committee is seeking nominations to fill the position of Committee Chair for 2010. Individuals who have served in prior years and wish to serve again are most welcome. Special thanks to Jon Copeland who has graciously agreed to continue his role next year as a backup, co-Chair. Members are asked to contact Michelle Caird at 509.325.5010, or by email at michelle@spcms.org .

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by the individual whose name appears below:

Jon Copeland, Acting Chair