



Spokane County MEDICAL SOCIETY

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MEDICAL INFORMATICS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 09, 2009

The SCMS Medical Informatics Committee met at 6:45 am on July 09, 2009 in Room 263 at the Deaconess Health and Education Center. Those present included Sam Palpant, Sean Rowe, Jon Copeland, Craig Nielsen, Stefan Humphries, Daniel Engle, Bev Roberts, Mike McDaniels and Jac Davies. Michelle Caird was staff.

1. Revised Mission Statement

The Mission Statement, as revised, was discussed and approved by general consensus.

2. June HTECH Meeting Update

No update was given.

3. Other ARRA/HCA Updates

Jac Davies discussed the two meetings she attended held in June regarding the statewide plan for health technology. There are three categories – health information exchange (HIE) & electronic medical record (EMR) Adoption; Telehealth; & Research and Clinical Education/Informatics. Monies for funding will come from Federal agencies – IT stimulus funds. INHS is working with multiple agencies for the Regional Extension Centers. The agencies include Eastern Washington University Undergraduate Informatics Program and Washington State University Graduate Program directed towards clinical education. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is due out shortly. All proposals must fit within the State plan. Ten awards are being discussed and there are ten regions. Stefan Humphries will send the link discussed regarding areas for the centers – security and audits. The centers are to be funded by January 2010.

4. Subcommittee – Spokane/Regional Physician Practice Use of EMR Update

The subcommittee had not yet met, but the subject of a survey to find gaps that exist was discussed. It was suggested to wait for the meaning of “meaningful use,” but not if the definition isn’t available until the end of the year.

5. Health Information Exchange/Health Unity Update

EMR Light was discussed. There is a fee to input data but none for receiving data. EMR Lite for physicians would have a small fee. It is a stepping-stone for a full-blown program.

Jac Davies will be attending a meeting on July 10 with the Washington Healthcare Forum (The Forum) consisting of leaders from Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center, Group Health Cooperative, Premera Blue Cross, Washington State Hospital Association, Regence Blue Shield, Association of Washington Business, Swedish

Health Services, Virginia Mason, Everett Clinic, First Choice Health Network, Multicare, Washington State Medical Association, Association of Washington Healthcare Plans and Providence Health System Washington. She will send out information to the Informatics Committee members after the meeting.

6. Open Discussion

The Pyramid Program and Dr. McGee were discussed. The program monitors the CDC disease reporting. There are four EMS data streams – County Emergency Management system, Emergency Rooms, Laboratory tests and ICD coding. The practical use of the information was discussed, including looking at national trends. It was suggested that the item be on the agenda for the September or October meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by the individual whose name appears below:

Stefan Humphries, Chair