



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting July 10th 2:00pm ET

ATTENDEES

- Matt Swanson
- Rita Landgraf
- Cindy Bo
- Traci Bolander
- Nancy Fan
- Alan Greenglass
- Emmilyn Lawson
- Jan Lee
- Nicholas Moriello
- Faith Rentz
- Gary Siegelman
- Andrew Wilson
- Kara Odom Walker
- Julane Armbrister

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Board Business
- Discussion: Policy / Advocacy Role & Process
- Healthy Communities Delaware Update
- DCHI Committee Operations Review
- Public Comment

RESOLUTIONS

- May minutes unanimously approved.
- June minutes unanimously approved.
- The Board unanimously approved all committee recommendations except for the Payment Work Group committee changes. That will be reviewed and voted upon at the next meeting.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Matt, Rita, and Drew met with Delaware Prosperity Partnership yesterday to discuss their work in workforce development throughout the state and how DCHI can be a resource. They discussed collaboration around providing information regarding what DCHI is doing with healthcare reform in the State and how DCHI can partner with DPP to tackle the primary care physician shortage throughout the State. It was mostly a meet and greet, but there is common space to figure out how to partner moving forward.

Tom Brown is retiring from the Board. DCHI is losing a Board member, Committee Chair, and Treasurer. Recommendations or nominations are welcome and will be handled by the Nominating Committee.

Janice Nevin is also stepping down. DCHI is looking to fill the slot for a person with expertise in hospital / health system administration.

Next Steps:

- **Nominating Committee will convene.**

Discussion: Policy / Advocacy Role & Process

Matt discussed the complications that arose around writing a position statement to the Primary Care Collaborative regarding the legislation they were looking to pass. There were some who felt there were conflicts of interest.

Discussion Points:

- How do we play in the policy arena?
- We don't need to be a place where consensus happens, but we could be a place where legislators come for a quick vetting process or sounding board whether publicly or privately.
- When we go the route of writing whitepapers, it's helpful for educators and researchers, but not legislators.
- Need to get consistent updates on what is happening and better engage OUR constituents.
- Need to consider the gaps.
- What is our purpose if we're going to be doing advocacy?
- We need a clear process.
- This last process seemed to be coming from individual members not the Board.
- Timing was a factor for consensus. There were individual opinions, but they ended up being common across most of the Board members.
- As a Board, we must have a guiding principle of what we're offering as a resource.

- If we don't come forward with a voice of what needs to change and what the future should look like, we're leaving the voice to the big payors and health systems.
- Being a sound board is not what DCHI was founded upon.
- Solutions need to be informed by all stakeholders.
- We should be dropping our hats at the door. We should be voting on behalf of the citizens of Delaware.
- Maybe the mechanism isn't a letter of support but a whitepaper of guiding principles.
- The most important thing is relationships – showing up to testify – not writing position statements.
- Our goal was the triple aim plus one. What policies get in the way of that or what policies can support improving those aims?
- We are going to run out of funders if we can't soon point to positive change and say, "We did that".
- We need to be the first "go to" not the validator.
- Need to proactively determine what issues we can reach consensus on and put forward that unified position that truly has a chance of shaping policy. We can't do that if we're always chasing the latest bill that has hit a committee.

Healthy Communities Delaware Update

Rita gave kudos to Secretary Walker for playing a major role in where Healthy Communities Delaware stands today. This work is a win for DCHI. Healthy Neighborhoods was the foundation for Healthy Communities Delaware (HCD).

Dr. Walker informed the Board that the work is ongoing, there is now a fiscal partner and there is great opportunity for public / private partnership. University of Delaware and Division of Public Health are managerial partners. There is large representation from Healthy Neighborhoods on the Healthy Communities Delaware Advisory Council, including Matt Swanson.

Healthy Communities Delaware is looking to create Learning Collaboratives with experts in certain fields / social determinants. HCD is looking to be more intentional in health literacy and cultural competency.

DCHI Committee Operations Review

Matt reviewed the proposed changes to the committee operations. We want to align our vision with our committee structures and expectations of them. The Board was asked to vote on the recommendations.

Discussion Points:

- Should the Payment Work Group go back to a committee?

- If so, it will need to become a public meeting again and will require a name change.
- Originally, the group started as Payment Reform Committee and eventually transferred to Payment Model Monitoring Committee.

Next Steps:

- **Confirm payment work group / standing committee for 2019 and moving forward for vote next meeting.**
- **Implement approved committee recommendations.**

Public Comment

Introduction of guests.

Next Meeting

- August 14, 2019
- Time: 2:00pm ET – 4:00pm ET
- Location: 15 Innovation Way; Newark, DE 19716