



MINUTES		
Date: 11/11/2020	Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Zoom Meeting
BOARD: ATTENDEES	Traci Bolander	Kathy Janvier
Matt Swanson, Chair	Nancy Fan	Lolita Lopez
Rita Landgraf, Vice Chair	Deborah Gottschalk	Faith Rentz
Cindy Bo	Stephen Kushner	Cydney Teal
BOARD: ABSENT	Jan Lee	Molly Magarik
	Todd Graham	Gary Siegelman
	Emmilyn Lawson	
ATTENDEES: Staff/Team	Claudia Kane	Julane Armbrister Witt Gordon, Janelle Levesque
Topic	Discussion	
Board Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 14, 2020 minutes: Approved as submitted. • Matt reported that DHIN's Board approved Deborah Gottschalk for DCHI Board membership. <p>Nominating Committee Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cindy Bo reviewed the nominating committee's tasks and timeline and announced the nominees for Board officers, term renewals, and standing committees' chairpersons/co-chairpersons. We will circulate the slate for 2021 again before the December meeting. The vote will take place during the December Board meeting. - The nominating committee will continue to explore potential candidates for two board seat vacancies: 1) one representative of an institution of higher education and 2) one representative who is involved in purchasing health care coverage for employees. Regarding the latter, Matt is in conversation with the Delaware Business Roundtable about candidates to fill this vacancy. He noted the difficulty of finding one person who can represent the entire spectrum of Delaware Businesses. There are two avenues to pursue: The Small-Medium size businesses or the Large Employers – the self-insured. Further exploration is needed. - The committee recommends filling the vacant "At Large" seats strategically as new opportunities evolve to support our mission. New candidates' interests and areas of expertise or experience should align with future priority areas of focus. <p><u>Next steps:</u> The committee is still accepting recommendations for all open positions. Board members should submit names and biographical information to Cindy. The nominating committee will follow up.</p> <p>Q3: Financial Status Update: Will Davis reviewed the year-to-date financial status and third quarter activities. As previously noted, we have revised the budget as needed to account for the impact of COVID-19. Expenses are down and held to a minimum as COVID-19 continues to impact this year's fundraising progress. Current cash on hand takes us through the end of Q1 2021.</p>	



	<p>Fund Raising: Our traditional cycle of conversations with some stakeholders is delayed as they grapple with the financial impact of COVID-19. We are planning to resume the fundraising meetings as soon as possible. Early indications are that stakeholders are looking at different mechanisms for funding. Some are moving from mission-driven financial support to competitive grants. It is increasingly important to articulate our work in terms of clear goals and deliverables.</p>
<p>Racism and Health Equity: An evolving priority area of focus</p>	<p>Cindy Bo recapped the presentation that she provided at the last board meeting about Nemours' Diversity, anti-Racism, Inclusion, Value & Health Equity (DRIVE) Strategy as a precursor to discussing DCHI's role in tackling racism and health equity. Cindy recommended that DCHI adopt a "stepped" approach to addressing racism and health equity — to evolve our understanding of the topic, how we want to approach it, and our goals. The process includes: 1) Engage in deliberate conversations about racism and its impact on population health, 2) Develop an anti-racism pledge or statement, and 3) Convene organizational leaders to have a more robust dialogue and share learning experiences. Members acknowledged that a collective effort toward identifying solutions and breaking down social barriers would take time, especially as each organization may be on different pathways or at other starting points in addressing racism and health equity.</p> <p>Several board members concurred with the recommended "stepped" approach and suggested that DCHI's platform as a convener is well suited for this work. DCHI could highlight racism and health equity through our communication platforms to help create a race equity culture and change to eliminate structural, systemic racism. The DPH updated Health Equity Guide is a resource tool and is available at https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/mh/files/heg2nded.pdf</p> <p>The December Board meeting can focus on developing a pledge/statement. Board members are encouraged to share their thoughts on what might go into this pledge/statement. Conversations should continue.</p>
<p>Primary Care Forum</p>	<p>Stephan Kushner highlighted the success of the Primary Care Forum. He reviewed the post forum survey results, testimonials, takeaways, and action items. The clinical committee will meet on November 17 to discuss feedback from the forum and define actionable items to drive policy in support of advancing primary care further.</p>
<p>Advancing Telehealth</p>	<p>DCHI and the Delaware Telehealth Coalition (the Coalition) continue to explore alignment opportunities. The Coalition is interested in advancing telehealth conversations with the large employer community, especially around sustainable funding, and telehealth reimbursement. Additionally, they cited the telehealth training course at the University of Delaware as an opportunity for developing learning collaboratives or other technical support for our partners. The next step for DCHI and the Coalition is to understand the scope of work that is occurring around telehealth statewide, the players involved, the opportunities for alignment, and the alignment efforts that are already underway.</p> <p>Internally, DCHI should decide the role that we want to take and our goals and deliverables. A beginning premise is that our focus will be less on policy; we will target our efforts on supporting practice transformation and advancing best practices. Board members are encouraged to provide input on this approach and how to structure the next steps.</p>



<p>Policy Approach</p>	<p>Debbie Gottschalk proposed revisions to the DCHI policy charter, including the goals, scope, and phased activities. We will provide a copy of the approved, updated charter to members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The revised charter clarifies that the focus is on health and healthcare-related public policy. - Debbie recommended a phased approach to start the policy initiative, starting with forming a small internal workgroup to plan and implement the work. The small group would initiate introductory meetings with key stakeholders, such as the DE Senate and House Health Committee Chairpersons, and the Executive Director of United Way. These conversations will build partnerships and educate the potential partners about DCHI and its capacity to serve as a policy reactor – a trusted forum for vetting public policy ideas and providing timely broad-based multi-sector input. This approach would increase buy-in from stakeholders as, ideally, they would rely upon DCHI as a knowledgeable resource for vetting policy ideas. Second, DCHI should seek opportunities to join in policy discussions to offer feedback for proposed legislation of interest. Timing is a critical factor with this step as it is essential to provide input before a formal bill is introduced. This step can be facilitated by alerting members about pertinent legislation introduced for giving feedback or forming "pop-up" ad hoc groups to address specific bills that are being explored or introduced. - Witt/ Janelle and Debbie will collaborate to build a website presence for sharing information on health-related bills.
<p>DCHI Committee/ Workgroup Reports</p>	<p>PAC: 1. The committee continues to discuss the impact of COVID on patients and consumers and how to best support these groups; they are especially focused on equity issues. 2). Regarding membership for 2021, the group is intentional about adding members who represent the consumer perspective and not just their professional organizations. 3). Tim Rodden has retired from Christiana Care but is interested in continuing as the co-chairperson. 4). The PAC will modify the length of the consumer survey and add questions about the impact of COVID.</p> <p>Payment Workgroup: 1). The PWG will determine how to proceed with the APM data collection given the initial data analysis results and identified problems. The analysis revealed the data's challenges – the variations in how it is collected and reported. 2). The group will continue to explore pathways for collaboration with the OVBHC to align strategies for advancing APM and data sharing. 3). PWG members completed a survey to indicate their anticipated level of engagement with the work for 2021. Interest remains high - 99% of members have expressed some level of active engagement for 2021. 4). PWG is inviting DE's ACO/CINs' leadership to participate as standing members of the group.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>No new business</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>No public comment.</p>



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OWNER	ACTION ITEMS
Board members	Boards can still submit nominations for all open board seats, offices, and chairmanships (with CV/resume) to Cindy Bo before 12/9/2020. The Board will vote on all candidates at the next meeting.
Board members	Contact Cindy Bo if interested in joining a small working group on Racism and Health Equity.
Board members	Contact Debbie Gottschalk if interested in joining a small working group to advance the public policy initiatives.
Board members	Provide feedback on the proposed next steps to advance telehealth to Matt and Claudia via email.

Next Meeting: December 9, 2020