

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2021

4:00-7:00 pm

Regular Meeting

[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)

Directors Present: Vicki Veltri, Claudio Gualtieri, Lisa Stump, Mark Raymond, Stacia Grosso, Dr. Allen Davis, Pat Charmel, and Joe Stanford on behalf of Commissioner Deidre Gifford

Opening, Roll Call, Opening Statement:

Mark Raymond welcomed the Board on behalf of Vicki Veltri and called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. The board paused to allow for a quorum to arrive.

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Motion: Mark Raymond asked for a motion to approve the August regular meeting minutes. Dr. Allen Davis created the motion. Lisa Stump seconded the motion. Joe Stanford abstained. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Agenda

Motion: Mark Raymond asked for a motion to approve the September 1, 2021, meeting agenda as submitted. Stacia Grosso created the motion. Joe Stanford seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

I. Reports

a. Board Chair Report

On behalf of Vicki, Mark welcomed the Department of Social Services to the Board of Directors. Mark recognized Tina Kumar for her service as Secretary to the Board. Tina has moved to a different position within OHS and Tara McGovern

will now be serving as Secretary. Mark shared OHS has made some recommendations for a candidate to fill the Health IT Officer (HITO) role and they are hopefully nearing the end of the selection process.

b. Executive Director Report

New Staff: Jenn Searls recognized Connie's new staff: Lakeisha Moore as the Senior Account Manager and Cesar Perez as Director of HIE Services role.

New Signers: Jenn announced that Connie has 28 new organizations that have signed on to participate since the last Board meeting. Connie has signed Nuvance Health, Griffin Faculty Physicians, and Prospect Holdings to Connie. Connie will be able to meet the momentum of these new organizations with the addition of the new Account Management staff.

Patient Access Task Force: This group has met four times and is now vetting their draft policy with consumer groups. The plan is to bring the policy to this Board by October.

Use Case Working Groups: Heidi Wilson has been managing this work set to begin in October with the objective of operationalizing the recommendations of the MRPC's.

Connie is also working with the Connecticut Stroke Coalition to develop a use case around bringing images into Connie. A use case working group is also being formed related to referrals.

A question was raised regarding participation from stakeholders in the various use case working groups. Jenn Searls responded that Connie is filling out these groups with a goal of 10-15 participants in each group, and that there are eager and engaged volunteer representatives from the Operations Advisory Council. Jenn will advise the board if there is difficulty in filling these working groups

Jenn reviewed the Technical Assistance Program funding and anticipates being able to share with the Board at the next meeting how much of the technical assistance dollars Connie has been able to pay out. Connie staff is working diligently to try to get as many organizations as possible through the milestones before this program ends at the end of this month. There are 135 TA Program eligible participants that have expressed their intent to commit to Connie and are in the pipeline in some way. There are about 40 organizations that have met

all of the minimum requirements for Milestone 2. For Milestone 3, there are a number of organizations pending completion on September 23rd.

A question was raised regarding target numbers for the three milestone categories. Jenn anticipates that 100% will get through Milestone 2. Jenn can follow up with a breakdown of target numbers. She reported that Connie has the opportunity to draw down funding for milestones met in FY21 into the next fiscal year and is trying to work closely with DSS on this. Jenn reported that all hospitals are engaged with Connie.

Jenn reported that Connie is well on the way to meeting most of the milestones in the current year's contract and drawing down related funding and is confident that Connie will be able to meet the last milestone (data sharing agreement with DSS).

c. Finance & Audit Committee Report

Mark Raymond reported that the Finance and Audit committee met and reviewed current milestones which were covered in the ED report as well as the 2022 proposed budget. They group also discussed their upcoming meeting schedule and upcoming insurance renewals, which will be discussed further in the FY 2022 budget discussion.

II. Business Agenda

a. Board Treasurer

Motion: Vicki Veltri asked for a motion to nominate and approve Mark Raymond to serve as Treasurer. Pat Charmel created the motion. Dr. Allen Davis seconded. **Motion Carried.**

b. Proposed FY 22 Budget

Michelle Puhlick presented the proposed FY 2022 budget and related assumptions. The Finance and Audit Committee will be monitoring the assumptions throughout the year. Insurances may see substantial increases, specifically for cyber liability.

Motion: Vicki Veltri asked for a motion to approve the proposed FY 2022 budget. Dr. Allen Davis created the motion. Mark Raymond seconded. **Motion Carried.**

C. Crisp Contract

Motion: Vicki Veltri asked for a motion to authorize the management team to negotiate and enter into an agreement with CRISP to implement and provide health information

technology and shared services not to exceed \$1,885,000 for FFY 2022 pending approved funding and a full executed service agreement. Mark Raymond created the motion. Seconded by Claudio Gualtieri seconded. **Motion carried.**

D. UConn Health Contract

Motion: Vicki Veltri asked for a motion to authorize the management team to negotiate and enter into an agreement with UConn Health to provide services as defined in the Health Information Exchange Medicaid Enterprise System Implementation Advance Planning Document for FFY 2022 and FFY 2023 submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) not to exceed \$552,391, pending approved funding and a fully executed service agreement. Claudio Gualtieri created the motion. Stacia Strouss Grosso seconded. **Motion carried.**

IV. Adjournment

Motion: Vicki Veltri asked for a motion to adjourn. Stacia Strouss Grosso made a motion to adjourn. Mark Raymond seconded. No one opposed. **Motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.