



Advocacy & Public Policy Steering Committee

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. EASTERN

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. CENTRAL

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. MOUNTAIN

7:00 – 8:00 a.m. PACIFIC

Call-in: 1-866-469-3239; Access Code: 923 796 174

Teleconference Agenda – Friday, July 10, 2009

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| <p>I. <u>Opening Comments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll call of attendees<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13 Voting Members<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Non-voting representatives<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Board Liaisons<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others• Approve June 2009 Meeting Notes• Welcome to new members and introductions | <p>Maggie Lohnes, Chair of the A&PPSC</p> |
| <p>II. <u>2009 Leadership Award Nominees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review process and purpose of the taskforce• Consideration of nominees for the Federal and State Leadership Awards | <p>Justin Barnes, Chair of the Leadership Awards Taskforce</p> |
| <p>III. <u>Update on Federal Regulations in the Aftermath of the ARRA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIMSS Standard Operating Procedures• Status of Regulations | <p>Jonathan French</p> |
| <p>IV. <u>Monthly Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Legislative Update</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Healthcare Reform○ Update on Asks Taskforce
• <u>Regulatory Update</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Activities within the Administration○ HGRR Leadership in FY10○ Upcoming HGRR Meeting | <p>Meredith Taylor</p>
<p>Jonathan French</p> |

- **Chapter Update**
 - Update on the CAR
 - CAR Leadership in FY10
 - Upcoming CAR Meeting

Tom Keefe

- **NHIT Week, HIMSS Policy Summit, HIMSS Advocacy on the Hill**
 - Schedule of Events
 - Registration

Blair Hedgepeth

JULY 10, 2009
Meeting Notes

Chair:
Maggie Lohnes

Recorder:
Blair Hedgepeth

I. Opening Comments – Maggie Lohnes

- **Roll Call**
- **Welcome to new members and introductions**
- **June Meeting Minutes – Approved**

II. Discussion Topics

2009 Leadership Award Nominees – Justin Barnes, Chair of the Awards Taskforce

- *The HIMSS Leadership Award* recognizes a federal or state legislative or executive branch leader (or their staff) who has made a significant contribution meriting national recognition to the healthcare information field. HIMSS members who provide significant leadership in the field of advocacy are eligible for the HIMSS Leadership Award. The Leadership Awards are presented once per year by the Board of Directors' at the National Health IT Week Reception in Washington, D.C. The Leadership Awards Work Group has met over the past two months to discuss and vote on nominees for the Federal Leadership Award, State Leadership Award and State Awards.
- The Leadership Awards Taskforce
- is proud to submit the following names to the Steering Committee for consideration:

Federal Leadership Award-

The Honorable Michael Enzi (R-Wyoming)
The Honorable Edward Kennedy (D- Massachusetts)
President Barack Obama
Peter Orszag

State Leadership Award

The Honorable Richard Moore (D), Massachusetts
Tony Rogers, Arizona State Medicaid Director

State Award

The Commonwealth of Virginia

- A motion was made by Sue Schade to accept these nominees as presented and seconded by Maggie Lohnes. The Advocacy and Public Policy Steering Committee voted unanimously to approve these nominees and pass them along to Board of Directors for approval.

- **This information should remain confidential**

Update on Federal Regulations in the Aftermath of the ARRA- Jonathan French

ARRA TIMELINE

- Public Comment was received on the HHS Regional HIT Extension Center Proposal on May 21. We anticipate that a RFP asking for grant proposals for organizations seeking to become an Extension Center will be released before September.
- HIT Policy Committee's Certification/Adoption Workgroup is holding a public meeting to discuss EHR certification, what it is now and how it might look in the future. Presentations will be heard from vendors, purchasers, non-vendor product users, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, July 14-15 in Washington DC
- The next draft of the Meaningful Use Workgroup definition of "Meaningful Use" will be presented to the HIT Policy Committee on July 16. The Committee can accept the recommendations and submit them to Dr. Blumenthal and Secretary Sebelius, or Dr. Blumenthal can table the recommendations and seek additional Public Comment. Due to Dr. Blumenthal's heavy involvement with the development in this second draft, we anticipate that Dr. Blumenthal will accept this draft without the need for additional public comment.
- ONC will submit the recommendation for Meaningful Use to CMS. CMS will then issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The Final Rule for Meaningful Use (initial set of standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria) no later than December 31, 2009.
- ONC annual operating plan must be submitted to Congress by 11/1/09.
- 1/1/10- Competitive Grant Process submission opens for States and Indian tribes.
- 2/17/10- Federal Business Contract required for covered entities that provide data transmission of Health Information. Privacy, Disclosure, and Breach Notification rules take effect.
- 10/1/2010- Earliest Date for Hospitals and Providers to receive incentive payments for demonstrating Meaningful Use of an EHR

Process for Submitting Public Comment

- Any member or Community of HIMSS can suggest a national topic on which they would like the Society to comment regarding a HIT issue. The HIMSS Board of Directors is the single governing entity with the authority to approve a position statement on a national topic on behalf HIMSS.
- All such suggestions are to be sent to appropriate HIMSS staff liaison, who will forward the request to the appropriate Steering Committee (our case APPSC)
- The Steering Committee will validate that the proposed position topic is consistent with the national goals and objectives of the Society.
- If it is, the Steering Committee will then draft a position statement and communicate back with the submitting group. The originator is encouraged to suggest communication and implementation strategies.

- The Staff Liaison will then circulate a working consensus position statement to other appropriate Steering Committees for comment. Once a final consensus statement has been crafted, the HIMSS Executive Management team will review it prior to submission to the Board of Directors. The submitter of the proposed position will be kept in communications throughout this process.
- Normally, position statements are reviewed during a regular meeting of the Board of Directors. If there is a special need, the Board can expedite position statements for approval.
- If approved, the position statement is returned to the primary HIMSS Steering Committee to communicate the position and implement other activities as needed. The submitter is also notified at the same time that the position has been adopted by HIMSS.
- For responses to proposed federal legislative or regulatory initiatives, the Advocacy & Public Policy Steering Committee will be responsible for coordinating a cross-committee effort to develop a response for Board of Directors review and approval.

Monthly Updates

- **Legislative Update** - Meredith Taylor

Draft legislation has been released by the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee and the “Tri-Committee” of the House. The Senate Finance Committee has yet to release legislation. This week, the Senate HELP Committee continued a mark-up on their legislation.

The Senate hopes to vote on a final piece of healthcare reform legislation prior to the Senate’s August Recess and the House hopes to complete their work and vote on legislation prior to their August Recess. President Obama hopes that final legislation will reach his desk for signature no later than October 15th. Congressional leaders may continue work into the weekends and even the possibility of not adjourning for the August Recess.

The role of the federal government in facilitating a public health insurance option continues to be contentious issue among Members of Congress. To date, the draft legislation released by the Senate HELP Committee, the Affordable Health Choices Act, and the “Tri-Committee” each include the development of a public plan. It is yet to be known whether or not the Senate Finance Committee will include a public health insurance option, or a “co-op” model.

This week, HIMSS released two summary documents concerning the draft legislation. The summary documents include a detailed listing of key health IT related provisions included in the legislation that is accompanied with legislative text.

- **Regulatory Update** – Jonathan French

The Health IT Policy Committee meets on July 16 from 10-3 EDT in Washington DC to discuss “Meaningful Use”. The Meaningful Use Workgroup of the Committee will present revised criteria for defining “meaningful use of electronic medical records.” Dr. Blumenthal and the Committee can accept the new criteria recommendations and submit them to the Secretary of HHS, or the Committee will table the recommendations for further public comment and editing. HIMSS staff

expects that the Committee will accept the recommendations. HIMSS will post a summary of the revised criteria following the meeting.

Prior to the release of the meaningful use recommendations, the HIT Policy Committee Certification/Adoption Workgroup will [host a two-day public meeting](#) to showcase the future of electronic health record certification. The event, which will feature presentations from industry, end-users, and NIST as well as a public comment period, will take place July 14-15 at the Park Hyatt Hotel, 24th and M Streets, NW, Washington, DC. To listen via webcast or for more information, please visit the [HIT Policy Committee webpage](#).

First Lady Michelle Obama announced on July 1 that over \$851 million in Capitol Improvement Grants had been awarded to 650 Community Health Centers all across the country. The Capital Improvement Grants include rewards for the adoption and meaningful use of health IT and electronic health records.

The first Notice of Funding Availability for \$3.8 billion dollars of grant and loan funding for broadband infrastructure was released by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce. ARRA appropriated \$7.2 billion to be split between the Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and the Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). Grantee and Loan Applications will be accepted July 14 through August 14.

- **Chapter Update** – Tom Keefe

The Chapter Advocacy Liaison Roundtable (CALR) has now been renamed to the Chapter Advocate Roundtable (CAR). Leslie King will remain the chair for this year. The following are our regional chairs:

- Vice Chair: - Randy McCleese-Midwest
- Vice Chair: - Jim Harris-Eastern
- Vice Chair: - Michelle Robles-Southern
- Vice Chair: - Liddy West- Western

- **NHIT Week, HIMSS Policy Summit HIMSS Advocacy on the Hill-** Blair Hedgepeth

National Health IT Week: September 21-25, 2009

HIMSS Policy Summit: September 22-23, 2009

September 22, 2009- HIMSS Health IT “Prep” Rally

The HIMSS Health IT Advocacy on the Hill Preparation Session kicks off the 8th Annual HIMSS Policy Summit the afternoon of Tuesday, September 22nd with interactive programming explaining the background of public policy initiatives that have led us up to this point in the legislative process as well as a comical sketch involving our HIMSS volunteers! The evening is topped off with a

networking reception to mix and mingle with Committee Chairs, Chapter Leaders, and members from your state and local district. This is the perfect chance to discuss your future Hill strategy with other members of the health IT community.

September 23, 2009- HIMSS Policy Summit, Hill Visits and NHIT Week Reception

The HIMSS 8th Annual Policy Summit highlights keynote speeches and roundtable discussions from key decision-makers with their finger on the pulse of Capitol Hill and the White House. These educational sessions are a must attend event each year for those who want the latest policy updates and have the opportunity to network with key insiders. Also during the event, the HIMSS State Leadership Awards will be presented to the 2009 award recipients. On Wednesday afternoon, participants will put their knowledge and skills to use as they travel to Capitol Hill for prearranged meetings with their members of Congress and staff. Invite your legislators to join us at the National Health IT Week reception at the conclusion of our Hill visits where the 2009 HIMSS Federal Leadership Awards will be presented to key federal officials.

Hotel Information:

Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th St. NW, Washington, DC
 HIMSS has a room block on September 21 and 22
 Price: \$259, Govt Rate \$209 (plus tax of 14.5%)

Action Item: APPSC Voting Members- Please Save the dates of September 22-23rd to be in Washington DC. Do not make your own hotel reservations. You will get additional guidance on a HIMSS Scholarship for travel, hotel, and registration for this event.

Calendar of Activities for 2009:

<u>Upcoming 2009 Meetings/Events</u>	
August 14	Steering Committee Monthly Teleconference
September 21 – 25	National Health IT Week 2009
September 22	APPSC Off Site Meeting in Washington DC
September 22 – 23	HIMSS Policy Summit

*Next Advocacy & Public Policy Steering Committee Monthly Meeting: August 14, 2009	<u>Attendance</u>	
	<u>Present:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>
	1. Maggie Lohnes, Chair 2. Carladenise Edwards 3. Hank Fanberg 4. Ben McLarin 5. Kate Fortney 6. Bruce Gordon 7. Jamie Parent 8. Neal Ganguly 9. Marcie Thomas Brown on behalf of Ruth Perot	1. Fred Hannett, Vice Chair (excused) 2. Herb Smaltz

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Justin Barnes on behalf of Mickey McGlynn11. Sue Schade12. Miriam Paramore, HIMSS BoD <p><u>Others Present</u> <u>(Liaisons/Staff/Guests):</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Steve Earle2. Chuck Parker3. Sharon Canner4. Nancy Stetson5. Andrea Tull6. Helen Hill7. John Sisco8. Lisa Gallagher9. Meredith Taylor10. Blair Hedgepeth11. Tom Keefe	
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