



## 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, August 14, 2009

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| I.   | <u>Opening Comments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll Call of Attendees<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13 Voting Members</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Non-voting representatives</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Board Liaisons</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others</li></ul></li><li>• Approve July 2009 Meeting Notes</li><li>• Status of 2009 Leadership Awards</li><li>• Welcome to New Committee Liaisons</li></ul> | Maggie Lohnes, Chair of the A&PPSC   |
| II.  | <u>Briefing from the Office of Minority Health, HHS</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minority Communities and Health IT</li></ul>  | Dr. Garth Graham, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, Office of Minority Health, HHS |
| III. | <u>Review of the 2009 “Asks”</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review and Recommend Congressional “Asks” for HIMSS Advocacy on the Hill</li></ul>   | Fred Hannett, Vice Chair of the A&PPSC and Chair of the “Asks” Taskforce                         |
| IV.  | <u>Monthly Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>HIMSS Committees Updates</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Key Activities among other Committees</li></ul></li><li>• <u>Legislative Branch Update</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Healthcare Reform</li></ul></li><li>• <u>Executive Branch Update</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ ARRA Regulations</li><li>○ HIT Policy and Standards Committees</li></ul></li><li>• <u>Chapter Update</u></li></ul>                          | Committee Liaisons<br><br>Meredith Taylor<br><br>Tom Leary<br><br>Meredith Taylor                |

- Update on the CAR
- Meetings over the August Recess
  
- NHIT Week, HIMSS Policy Summit, HIMSS Advocacy on the Hill
  - Schedule of Events
  - Registration

Meredith Taylor

Chair:  
Maggie Lohnes

Recorder:  
Ryan Minarovich

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## I. Opening Comments – Maggie Lohnes

- Roll Call
- Agenda overview

## II. Discussion Topics

### Briefing from the Office of Minority Health, HHS

- Dr. Garth Graham, Assistant Secretary for Minority Health, spoke with the committee about the role of health IT in dealing with health disparities in the rural and minority communities. He has been meeting and working with different entities to analyze the benefits of health IT and what is in the ARRA legislation to make sure they adequately deal with the health problems at hand.
- Dr. Graham also has been working with HIMSS to utilize the dynamic chapter resources and members on the ground to engage people in a grassroots campaign to highlight how health IT can better serve the underserved and rural communities.
- **If you and your organization would like to follow-up with the Office of Minority Health** regarding their outreach on how health IT can serve the underserved and rural communities, please contact Miryam Gerdine, MPH, with the Office of Minority Health. Miryam can be reached at: 240-453-6159 and [Miryam.granthon@hhs.gov](mailto:Miryam.granthon@hhs.gov) .

### Review of the Three Asks (REVIEW AND EDIT AS NEEDED)

- As part of the HIMSS 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Policy Summit participants will be bringing three asks to the hill to communicate to Members of Congress and their staff.
- The Asks Taskforce developed three asks for this year.
- After review of the initial listing of asks, there was a motion by Maggie Lohnes to replace the last ask, asking the members to come and visit constituents and see best practices at work, with a request to set a date for a decision on e-prescribing of controlled substances.
  - Participants expressed support for this action and it was agreed to replace the last ask and to add on an invitation to visit constituents as a closing statement.
- The group decided to keep retain the asks concerning the e-prescribing of controlled substances, unless HIMSS Federal Affairs learned that the ask was not needed and the DEA had plans to address the issue in the near future.
- Attached, please find a draft listing of the asks for this year. The supporting text for each ask will be developed into talking points for attendees to use during the Advocacy on the Hill Activities.
- **Please review the supporting text and provide Meredith Taylor with any revisions by Friday, August 21, 2009.**

- After the listing is finalized, and we received feedback from appropriate federal agencies concerning the e-prescribing of controlled substances, we will seek feedback from other departments within HIMSS.
- The asks will then go to the HIMSS Board for approval.

### III. Monthly Updates

- HIMSS Committees Updates: Maggie welcomed the new Committee Liaisons to the Steering Committee, and Liaisons provided updates to the group. In an effort to increase the Steering Committee’s understanding of other Committee’s priorities within HIMSS and to better reflect that understanding in position statements and policy decisions, Liaisons will now engage with the Steering Committee.

The new Committee Liaisons are as follows:

- Chuck Parker, Ambulatory Information Liaison
- Elizabeth “Beth” Haley, RN, MBA, Nursing Informatics
- Dick Perrin, Enterprise Information Systems
- John Kansky, Healthcare Information Exchange
- Will have someone from Financial Services
- Erik Pupo, Privacy and Security Steering Committee

If anybody from the APPSC would like to serve as a liaison to another Committee please email Meredith Taylor at [mtaylor@himss.org](mailto:mtaylor@himss.org) for further information. The opportunities to serve as a liaison to another Committee are as follows:

- Ambulatory Information (open)
- Nursing Informatics (open)
- Enterprise Information Systems (open)
- Financial Services (open)
- Health Information Exchange (open)
- Privacy and Security Steering Committee (open)
- CDS Taskforce (open)

Additional information on HIMSS Committees can be accessed at:

<http://www.himss.org/ASP/committeesHome.asp>

- Legislative Branch Update – Meredith Taylor: Congress is in recess this month and Members are back in their districts heavily engaged in dialogue with their constituents concerning healthcare reform. Steering Committee members are urged to access the HIMSS “Advocacy Tool Kit” to access helpful information and pointers for meeting with their elected officials: [http://www.himss.org/advocacy/links\\_toolkit.asp](http://www.himss.org/advocacy/links_toolkit.asp)

The HIMSS Legislative and Regulation Review Taskforce is conducting an analysis of prominent healthcare reform legislation that has been released to date. HIMSS hopes to provide feedback on the legislation to Members of Congress and their staff.

- [Executive Branch Update](#): The HIT Policy Committee is meeting today (Friday) to address such issues as meaningful use and certification. Members are urged to access HIMSS' Weekly Healthcare Reform Update for additional information on the federal governments activities in carrying out ARRA requirements:  
<http://www.himss.org/ASP/himssNewsHome.asp>
- [Chapter Update – Tom Keefe](#)
- At the NCSL conference in Philadelphia last month, Tom had the opportunity to speak one-on-one with 34 state legislators, many of them are on the NCSL health committee and are Project HITC members; some have joined HIMSS as state government members. There are some states that are not able to accept these memberships because of their ethics and lobbying laws. Please send **Tom Keefe** ([tkeefe@himss.org](mailto:tkeefe@himss.org)) an email with any questions you may have regarding State memberships.

NCSL passed 2 resolutions at the conference pertaining to HIT and HIMSS

1. The first resolution asked state legislators to support advancing HIT in their states
2. The second resolution asked the state legislators to support HIMSS efforts and National HIT week in their state capitals as well as in Washington, D.C.

State Advocacy Days have been Number of state advocacy days has grown from 2 in 2006 to 11 this past FY. Tom is urging members of the A&PPSC to get involved with the local Chapters as they start to plan advocacy days for 10.

**Steve Maggio**, HIMSS intern, is designing a paper that will include website that is tracking the ARRA funds. The document was completed this week and has been sent to the CARs. A copy of the document is attached. The next CAR meeting is scheduled for next Friday August 21, from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. If you would like the call in information, please send **Arnol Simmons** a request for the call in information at [Asimmons@himss.org](mailto:Asimmons@himss.org)

- [You and the HIMSS 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Policy Summit](#)

We look forward to seeing you at this year's Policy Summit (September 22-23, 2009 at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel). Additional information concerning the agenda and registration can be accessed at:

[http://www.himss.org/advocacy/activities\\_advocacyday.asp](http://www.himss.org/advocacy/activities_advocacyday.asp). **Please make sure that you are registered.**

**For voting members of the Steering Committee and Board Liaisons:** Please plan to join us for the events listed below that will take place prior to the Policy Summit. Please obtain your comp code for registration from your official call that details how to secure your travel.

- **Combined Advocacy and Public Policy Steering Committee and Chapter Advocacy Roundtable Luncheon**  
- September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12-1pm Eastern

- Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC, Room:  
Renaissance West B
- **Steering Committee Off Site Meeting**
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-5pm Eastern
  - Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC, Room:  
Meeting Room 2

**For non-voting members and liaisons to the Steering Committee:** Please feel free to join us at the Off-Site Meeting. If you plan to attend the meeting, please let Meredith ([mtaylor@himss.org](mailto:mtaylor@himss.org)) know of your plans. In addition, do not forget to register for the Policy Summit. Rooms are still available at the HIMSS special rate at the Renaissance Hotel. Please call the hotel at: 202-898-9000 and indicate the HIMSS “Room Block”. Information concerning the Off-Site Meeting:

- **Steering Committee Off-Site Meeting**
  - September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1-5pm Eastern
  - Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC, Room:  
Meeting Room 2

**WE WILL BE CANCELING THE CALL NEXT MONTH DUE TO THE OFF SITE**

<u>Upcoming 2009 Meetings/Events</u>	
September 21 – 25	National Health IT Week 2009
September 22	Steering Committee Off-Site Meeting
September 22	HIMSS Health IT “Prep Rally”
September 23	HIMSS Policy Summit
September 23	HIMSS Advocacy on the Hill
October 9	Monthly Meeting of the A&PPSC

<p><b>*Next Advocacy &amp; Public Policy Steering Committee Monthly Meeting: Canceling the September APPSC meeting due to NHIT Week so the next meeting will be on Oct. 9th</b></p>	<u>Attendance</u>	
	<p><u>Present:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maggie Lohnes, Chair</li> <li>2. Carladenise Edwards</li> <li>3. Hank Fanberg</li> <li>4. Ben McLarin</li> <li>5. Bruce Gordon</li> <li>6. Jamie Parent</li> <li>7. Neal Ganguly</li> <li>8. representative for Ruth Perot</li> <li>9. Mickey McGlynn</li> <li>10. Sue Schade</li> </ol>	<p><u>Absent:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Herb Smaltz</li> <li>2. Kathleen Fortney</li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>11. Miriam Paramore, HIMSS BoD</li><li>12. Howard Burde</li><li>13. Fred Hannett</li></ul> <p><b><u>Others Present</u></b> <b><u>(Liaisons/Staff/Guests):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Steve Earle</li><li>2. Nancy Stetson</li><li>3. Helen Hill</li><li>4. John Sisco</li><li>5. Meredith Taylor</li><li>6. Tom Keefe</li><li>7. Tom Leary</li><li>8. Libby West</li><li>9. Arnol Simmons</li><li>10. Dr. Garth Graham, Office of Minority Health</li><li>11. Christel Anderson</li><li>12. John Cancy</li><li>13. Dave Roberts</li><li>14. Ryan Minarovich</li><li>15. Beth Haley</li><li>16. Chuck Parker</li><li>17. John Kansky</li></ul>	
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