

Michigan Health Information Technology Commission
Minutes for the February 2019 Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Grand Conference Room
South Grand Building
333 South Grand Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Commissioners Present:

Thomas Simmer, M.D., Co-Chair
Norman Beauchamp, M.D.
Michael Chrissos, M.D. (Phone)
Nicholas D'Isa
Jack Harris
Jonathan Kufahl (Phone)
Patricia Rinvelt
Randall Ritter
Heather Somand, PharmD
Orest Sowirka, D.O. (Phone)
James VanderMey

Commissioners Absent:

Rozelle Hegeman-Dingle
Karen Parker

Staff:

Meghan Vanderstelt
Erin Mobley

Attendees:

Bruce Maki	Cynthia Green-Edwards	Forest White
Michael Zaroukian, M.D., Ph.D.	Jason Werner	Jim McEvoy
Robin Hepfinge	Joel Wallace	Rebecca Blake
Mary Anne Ford	Erika Garcia	Helen Hill
Angela Vanker	Kevin Brooks	Jim Kamp
Rosalyn Beene-Harris	Ryan Koolen	Umbrin Ateequi
Drew Murray	Jeff Coughlin	Valerie Rogers

Meeting: The regular meeting of the Michigan Health Information Technology Commission was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, at the South Grand Building with 11 Commissioners participating in person or by phone.

A. Welcome and Introductions

1. Co-Chair Thomas Simmer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Co-Chair Simmer asked commissioners to introduce themselves and share any updates since the last time the commission convened. The commissioners did not have any updates to share at this time.
3. Co-Chair Simmer asked MDHHS office staff to introduce themselves.

B. Commission Business

1. Co-Chair Simmer asked commissioners to review and consider approving the minutes from the November 27, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Heather Somand made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Nick D'Isa.
 - a. Co-Chair Simmer asked if there was any objection to approving the minutes. Seeing none, he noted the minutes had been approved unanimously.
2. Review of the 2018 Annual Report. Meghan Vanderstelt, Policy Division Director, informed per statute the report is required to be submitted to the Legislature on an annual basis. Commissioner Randy Ritter provided edit recommendations to the report. Motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Somand to accept the 2018 Annual Report as modified. All in favor, motion approved.
3. Co-Chair Simmer informed of a Commission Co-Chair vacancy. He provided a summary of the duties of the Co-Chair position and asked commissioners to consider placing their name for nomination. Election of a Co-Chair will be held at the next meeting.

C. Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

1. The PowerPoint slides for this presentation will be made available on the website after the meeting.
2. **Introduction to HIMSS: MI Chapter and HIMSS Global**
 - a. Helen Hill, FHIMSS, introduced today's HMISS presenters. Ms. Hill provided historical data on Michigan's accomplishments in HIT/HIE since 2005 through present day. She stated HIT/HIE innovation in Michigan has provided today's framework. She informed unique Blue Cross Blue Shield incentives offered to physicians, hospitals, as well as Michigan Medicaid, has made our state very successful and able to focus on medication reconciliation, ADTs with reliable information and standardization, and a foundation for coordination of care.
 - b. Angela Vanker, MPH, MI HIMSS President, informed the Michigan Chapter has over 1,600 members. She provided the organization structure of the Chapter and noted that Board Member positions are volunteer.
3. **Michigan's National Leadership Position**
 - c. Michael Zaroukian, M.D., Ph.D., MACP, FHIMSS, discussed how the HIT Commission might want to leverage people in the state and community and how to improve health in communities through health IT. He stated he moved from a provider to an educator to train physicians to create the technology necessary to provide best care, standardized practice, and learn from the systems.

D. HIMSS Federal and State Perspectives

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2. **State Government Affairs Overview and Opportunities – Valerie Rogers, MPH, Director of State Government Affairs Initiative HIMSS**

- a. Valerie Rogers announced that MDHHS chief compliance officer Cynthia Green-Edwards was recognized as 2018 State Official of the Year at the 2019 HIMSS Global Conference and Exhibition.
 - b. Ms. Rogers identified some hot topics that governors across the states are talking about. She also noted that the National Council of State Legislators (NCSL) identified infrastructure as one of the top 10 challenges states will face this year. Ms. Rogers discussed Governor Whitmer's State of the State Address noting key issues in HIE/HIT as Medicaid expansion and environmental health.
3. **Federal Government Affairs – Jeff Coughlin, Senior Director, Federal and State Affairs HIMSS**
- a. Jeff Coughlin informed he leads HIMSS' efforts to build stronger relationships with federal agencies and facilitates the building of a nationwide network of advocates for state-based initiatives that impact all aspects of health IT. He explained that there are federal efforts to build a strong foundation of health IT and are focusing on consumer empowerment; providing electronic health record (EHR) access to patients allowing the patient to make a more informed decision on their health care. He described the features of the Medicare's Blue Button app, which is available through the app store.
 - b. Mr. Coughlin stated that CMS is expanding the use of telehealth and finalized the addition of several codes to the list of telehealth services. Mr. Coughlin informed HHS is looking at ways to alleviate Clinician burden.
 - i. A brief question and answer period was held regarding proposed provider burden standards, confidentiality regulations, safe messaging, telehealth billing.
 - ii. Co-Chair Simmer thanked the presenters for their presentation.

E. How HIT Commission Can Collaborate with HIMSS to advance HIT/HIE Strategy at State, National Levels

- 1. Ms. Vanderstelt informed that the State Innovation Model sunsets January 31, 2020. She stated the department is identifying needs for a strategic road map related to the department's plan for health IT/health information exchange and SIM sustainability. She asked the HIT Commission to help guide the department in redefining IT framework for the next 5-10 years.
- 2. Discussion was held regarding crafting a Resolution regarding a 5-10-year strategy roadmap for the HIT Commission.
- 3. Co-Chair Simmer made a motion to approve the following Resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner D'Isa.

Throughout the course of 2019, the Michigan Health Information Technology Commission (HITC) will work to create a 5-year

strategy roadmap for which the HITC will use to guide activities and functions. The process will include analyzing the current IT framework, making necessary changes to reach milestones that are important to the Commission. The HITC will develop guiding principles from which the vision, initiative, tactics and timelines will be drawn. The purpose if this process is to overcome barriers between behavioral and physical health and to connect care coordination at all points.

Co-Chair Simmer asked if there was any objection to approving the Resolution. Seeing none, he noted the Resolution had been approved unanimously.

F. HIT Commission Next Steps

1. Co-Chair Simmer announced the upcoming Connecting Michigan Conference. Additional information will be emailed to the commissioners.
2. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the South Grand Conference Room.

G. Public Comment

Cynthia Green-Edwards spoke on additional initiatives and projects taking place within the department. Jim Kamp mentioned following-up with Ms. Rogers regarding model for integrated data. Drew Murry commented on the Connecting Michigan Conference presentations.

H. Adjourn

Co-Chair Simmer adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.