

**Michigan Health Information Technology Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date** Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Location** Virtual Meeting

**Commissioner Attendance**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Norman Beauchamp, M.D.	Schools of Medicine	Present
Nicholas D’Isa	Health Plans or Other Payers	Present
Beth Nagel	Department of Health and Human Services	Present
Jack Harris	Department of Technology, Mgmt., Budget	Present
Allison Brenner, PharmD	Pharmaceutical Industry	Present
Heather M. Wilson. <b>Co-chair</b>	Hospitals	Present
Paul LaCasse, D.O.	Doctors of Osteopathic Med. and Surgery	Not Present
Camille Walker Banks	Purchasers or Employers	Not Present
Marissa Ebersole-Wood	Nonprofit Health Care Corporations	Not Present
Renée Smiddy, M.S.B.A.	Consumers	Present
Heather Somand, Pharm.D.	Pharmacists	Present
Jim VanderMey	Health IT Field	Present
Michael Zaroukian, M.D., Ph.D. <b>Co-chair</b>	Doctors of Medicine	Present

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Staff:**  
TJ Youngquist (host), Molly Welch-Marahar, Erin Mobley, Ninah Sasy

**Guests:**

*Registration is not required to attend Health IT Commission virtual public meetings. Due to open registration, we are currently not able to capture public attendance.*

**Minutes:** The regular Health Information Technology Commission meeting was held virtually on February 22, 2022 with ten (10) commissioners in attendance.  
**Quorum was fulfilled.**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

*Presented by TJ Youngquist and Nicholas D’Isa*

- i. Chair D’Isa called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Commission Business**

*Presented by the commission Co-Chair*

- i. Chair D’Isa introduced topic of electing new co-chairs and motions that Heather Wilson – Revenue Cycle Senior Director (Michigan Medicine) and Mike Zaroukian – Chief Medical Info Officer (Sparrow Hospital) be considered for new Co-chair roles. Motion is approved.
- ii. Introduction of new Commission Co-chairs.
- iii. Youngquist reviewed February 22, 2022 HIT Commission Agenda

**A. Review of the 10/26/2021 Minutes**

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- i. Co-Chair Wilson moved to approve the October 26, 2021 meeting minutes and meeting minutes from special session in early Feb 2022.
  1. There were no objections from the commission and the motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Key Informants: Highlights from Engagement

*Presented by TJ Youngquist*

Youngquist explained evolution of Michigan HIT Strategic Policy and summarized final draft of public comments received

- Broadband accessibility
- Onboarding and technical assistance for HIT usability
- Long-term funding strategies
- Sharing social determinants of health data, etc.

Youngquist explains 2022-2027 health IT Roadmap (short-term and long-term) and next steps.

**An adopted roadmap will be submitted to legislature as the 2021 annual report.**

Questions and Comments:

Q: Co-chair Wilson asks if this fits into larger objective.

A: Youngquist defers to Commissioner VanderMey who states the idea is to leverage and make people aware of different platforms and opportunities to enhance health data utility (Activity 2a).

Co-chair Zaroukian states they are always in favor of innovation ecosystem and the adopted version of the roadmap would have addition of philanthropy.

**Motion to approve amended HIT Roadmap – Commissioner VanderMey, Seconded by Co-chair Wilson.**

**Motion carried.**

Next Steps with Roadmap and charting road ahead:

- Are there any committees or advisory groups that need to form early to support implementation?
- What legislative action is needed to support implementation?
- What success metrics or status reports are needed to inform the HIT Commission and public on progress?

Questions and Comments:

Q: Co-chair Wilson asks if any advisory committed need to be formed?

A: Commissioner D'Isa thinks legislative group have advisory group that works on ideas getting into logical format and how it will benefit the Michigan population.

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Commissioner Smiddy suggests a committee for each area (especially goal 1...maybe break out by 6 goals) and a separate legislative group.

In each group – define success, decide how to measure, which are people, process, technology, etc.

Q: Commissioner Smiddy asks if just the commissioners are involved or plan to include stakeholders with commissioners that will ensure engagement.

A: Commissioners will be charged with including SMEs.

Q: Commissioner Smiddy questions any grants that are available and if we can create a workgroup around grant opportunities and funding sources.

A: Youngquist suggests highlighting programs that are currently going on now to support the roadmap goals.

Lee in chat suggests including HIMMS Michigan Chapter.

#### 4. Departments Overarching SDoH Strategy

*Presented by Ninah Sasy*

Summarizes steps to building SDoH Strategy (Roll-out in March 2022)

The presentation highlighted the following:

- Strategy Focus Areas
- Explains intersection between focus areas
- Approaches to address focus areas: Innovation Improvement and alignment
- Highlights how we can be most cost effective
- Explains Housing Stability Priorities
- Highlights Food Security Priorities
- Summarizes Health Equity Priorities
- Data Strategy summary and master person index overview, closed loop referral system overview and update

#### Questions and Comments:

Q: What is meant by a closed-loop referral system?

A: Process that goes beyond a hand-off, but also makes sure the individual receives a referral AND the received services.

Q: When you talk about innovative ecosystem, where does the money come from?

A: Sasy states we are having conversations with stakeholders to align efforts and to move more upstream with interventions. One area being explored is economic mobility. Leveraging relationships with stakeholders, including private and public partners, to add a health lens to current efforts underway will allow us to utilize existing resources. Developing more holistic approaches to support health will allow us to tap into additional resources to support efforts.

Q: How will community-based organizations be involved in closed loop referrals?

A: They will be a central player in informing next steps.

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### 5. Legislative Items Related to the Roadmap

*Presented by TJ Youngquist*

Roadmap will be submitted to legislature as annual report. Reminds Commissioners that they are able to advise the department and give recommendation that can them be acted upon.

Commissioner Nagel regarding legislative items: Make sure we are always in the bounds of the commission per the guidelines.

#### Questions and Comments:

Q: Commissioner Smiddy brings up Amazon Care telemedicine platform.... if people are relying more on telemedicine, does Michigan have connections in place to leverage those resources? Do we ask MiHIN about that?

A: Co-chair Zaroukian - This is a great point, and we need to investigate this and any barriers that would come up...

### 6. Public Comment

Citizen: Commends the process and thanks the commission for vision and guidance. Citizen is in rural area and excited to see this work move forward. Suggests working with Michigan HIMMS and states they are interested in being a part of this work.

Helen Hill (Michigan HIMMS): Explained how HIMMS has been involved in this work and highlighted Michigan Day of Capitol Hill and offers help and support from HIMMS and Michigan HIMMS. HIMMS 2022 upcoming and Hill is willing to help make connections.

### Adjourn

Co-chair Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

**Next meeting scheduled for May 31, 2022**