

Western New York Public Health Alliance, Inc.

July 14th, 2005 meeting action log

Quorum was present: 7 board members were at the meeting

1. **Monroe County Medicaid Letter:**

There was discussion regarding the Monroe County Medicaid Letter that was circulated for all Board Members to review. General feeling that it may be advisable to not be involved as Medicaid is such a political issue in Erie County. Consensus among the board members present to respectively decline Alliance support of a similar letter for the WNY region.

2. **Electronic Health Care Initiative:**

Dr. Billittier
Complete: Y N

Discussion regarding the Health Care Information Coordinating Council's draft Electronic Health Care Initiative for Western New York. Chris asked for a motion that the Alliance to take a position supporting the initiative; Sam made the motion; Gary seconded the motion; all Board Members present voted in favor of Alliance support for the e-health initiative. Dr. Billittier will advise on the format for Alliance support.

3. **POD Training:**

Allison
Complete: Y N

There is a POD training coming up on 7/26. Ann Sullivan-Frohm will send Allison an e-mail to be forwarded to board members. Board members are asked to watch for this email and review/respond.

4. **Website:**

Information has been added to the website and Don has requested pictures. Don has asked that all Board Members look to see if they have pictures representative of our region. If so, please forward them to Don for inclusion on the website.

5. **Payor Board Seat:**

Brief discussion regarding the payor board member seat. Consensus among board members present that payor representation is important. The challenge remains how to engage the Payors. Christine offered to personally speak with the three HMOs and will report out at the August meeting.

6. **September 13th Conference:**

Don:
Complete: Y N

Don reported that the executive summary is finished and that the data is complete and clean. He will send the executive summary to the board members with in the next few days.

7. Attorneys/August meeting

Allison:
Complete: Y N

Discussion regarding having Mike de Freitas come to the August Alliance meeting. It has been almost a year since Mike has spoken to the Board and things have progressed significantly since that time. Allison spoke with Mike to see if he was available on 8/11; he is tentatively scheduled pending board approval. Consensus among all board members present to invite Mike to address the Alliance at the August meeting. Allison will follow up with Mike.

8. Policies:

The following policies were approved:

- 1.1 Board Structure
- 2.1 Co-Chairpersons
- 4.1 Community Representation and Advocacy

9. HRA MOU:

Allison/Don:
Complete: Y N

Kathy Leonard recommended that a memorandum of understanding be drawn up between the University at Buffalo and the Alliance in relation to the HRA data. Chris called for a motion that an MOU be drawn up; Kathy made the motion the motion; Gary seconded the motion; all board members present voted in favor that a memorandum of understanding should be drawn up between the University at Buffalo and the Alliance in relation to the HRA data. Allison and Don will work on this.

10. Asthma update:

Cheryll:
Complete: Y N

Discussion regarding how the RFA should go in - - with the County of Erie as the applicant of record or the Alliance? Cheryll discussed the vendor registration form that the Alliance would need to fill out. Cheryll will forward the form to Allison for review and comment, possible inclusion in the application if appropriate.