

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2021

4:00-7:00 pm

Regular Meeting

[Zoom Meeting Recording](#)

Directors Present: Mark Raymond (Presiding Chair), Allen Davis, Lisa Stump, Stacia Grosso, Pat Charmel (joined at 4:10 pm), Mike Gilbert (Commissioner Gifford Designee).

Opening, Roll Call, Opening Statement:

Mark Raymond recognized a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

January Board Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mark Raymond asked for a motion to approve the January regular meeting minutes. Lisa Stump created the motion. Allen Davis seconded the motion. Stacia Grosso abstained. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

January Board Special Meeting Minutes

Motion: Mark Raymond asked for a motion to approve the January special meeting minutes. Lisa Stump created the motion. Mark Raymond seconded the motion. Stacia Grosso abstained. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Agenda

Motion: Mark Raymond asked for a motion to approve the March 3, 2021 meeting agenda. Lisa Stump created the motion. Stacia Grosso seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. **Motion carried.**

I. Reports

a. Board Chair Report

Mark Raymond deferred the updates to Jenn Searls.

b. Executive Director Report

Jenn Searls announced that the Connie contract with The Office of Health Strategy was approved by the Attorney General's Office on 3/2/21.

A meeting is scheduled with The Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Office, The Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to review Connie's data sharing agreement. The goal is to work with our partners at DPH, DSS and OAG to get a common Quality Data Sharing Organization Agreement (QDSOA) framework for state agencies.

Jenn shared that the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut (CHCACT) has signed on to the QDSOA. We are proceeding with two paths with CHCACT. One is investigating how to connect directly to CHCACT. They have been gathering CCDAs from their organizations for a number of years and there is value in bringing this data in to Connie. The second path of work is to connect their individual organizations to Connie. Early next week, Connie and CHCACT have a kick-off technical discussion scheduled.

Regarding onboarding, ProHealth Physicians have completed their work with Optum ODX to help develop the statement of work necessary to proceed with an interface to Connie.

Connie is also working with CTHealthLink to connect the practices of CT Children's Care network through CTHealthLink to Connie.

Regarding education and outreach efforts, Jenn met with the leaders of the CT Association of Health Plans and they will be working together to plan a payer forum later in the Spring to discuss ways Connie and payers can work together.

Additionally, there have been continued conversations with the CT Hospital Association (CHA) to determine how to best partner and facilitate participation of their members with Connie.

Jenn had the opportunity to present to the executive committees of the Fairfield and Hartford Medical Society. Valuable feedback from the participating physicians was received from this discussion. We are moving forward in the next few weeks to develop education, outreach, and communication strategies to reach their members and onboard them to Connie.

We are also scheduling a meeting with the CT Stroke Advisory to determine if there is an opportunity to set up an image exchange use case in CT.

c. Finance & Audit Committee Report

There is no update to report, as the group has not met.

II. Business Agenda

a. COVID Vaccine Reports

Mark shared an update on Connie's collaboration with the Department of Health (DPH) to enable COVID-19 response tools including COVID vaccination reporting. Jenn introduced David Horrocks, President and CEO of CRISP who provided a demonstration on a reporting tool which can be used to enable Covid-19 response tools.

b. Overview of Consent Procedures

Jenn updated the Board on the progress made towards enabling the ability for individuals to express consent preferences.

c. Board Treasurer and Secretary

Motion: Mark Raymond asked for a motion that the Board table the election of the Board Treasurer and Secretary until April. Pat Charmel created a motion. Lisa Stump seconded. There was no further discussion. **The motion carried.**

d. Finance & Audit Committee Membership

Mark recalled three Board members were appointed to the F&AC (Allan Hackney, John Vittner, and Pat Charmel). Since Allan and John have retired, we need to appoint additional members to the committee. Mark also noted that we are working on appointments from the Office of Health Strategy, Secretary or designee from the Office of Policy and Management, and a Consumer Advocate from the Governor's Office to fill the vacant Board seats.

Motion: Mark Raymond asked that that the Board entertain a motion from the floor to add Mark Raymond as a member of the Finance & Audit Committee effective immediately, and to move forward with two members until additional members are appointed. Pat Charmel created a motion. Allen Davis seconded. There was no further discussion. **The motion carried.**

e. First Read Policy: Use Case Development and Approval

Motion: Mark Raymond asked that the Board accept the draft proposed policy for first read. Allen Davis created a motion. Pat Charmel seconded. There was no further discussion. **The motion carried.**

IV. Adjournment

Motion: Mark Raymond asked for a motion to adjourn. Lisa Stump made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Stump seconded. **None opposed.** The meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.