



**HHIE Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 11, 2011  
HHIE Conference Room  
900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1300**

**Attendance**

**Members Present:** Skip Keane, Edwin Montell, Gary Okamoto, Steve Robertson, Christine Sakuda, David Saito, Peter Sybinsky, Jim Tollefson, Raymond Yeung and Jeffrey Yu.

**Member(s) Present Via Conference Call:** Francis Chan, Emmanuel Kintu, Roy Magnusson and John McComas.

**Member(s) Absent:** Jennifer Diesman, Beth Giesting, Janet Liang, Wesley Lo, Kevin Roberts, Barbara Stanton and Lisa Wong.

**Liaison(s):** George Underwood, Tripler

**Guest(s):** Susan Forbes, former HHIE board member  
Hilton Raethel, HMSA  
Mark Oto, HMSA  
Tom Cannon, Mountain-Pacific  
Ai Lee Wong, HHIE  
Greg Suenaga, HHIE  
Beth Eaton, HHIE  
Ross Laney, HHIE

**I.– Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by S. Robertson and a quorum was established.

C. Sakuda presented the HHIE Resolution of Recognition (Exhibit “A”) to S. Forbes.

**ACTION TAKEN:** A motion for approval of the resolution with typo change was made by F. Chan and seconded by G. Okamoto.

Motion passed unanimously.

**II.– Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the November 9, 2010 Board Meeting were reviewed.

**ACTION TAKEN:** A motion for approval of the minutes as distributed was made by E. Montell and seconded by P. Sybinsky.

Motion passed unanimously.

**III.– Financials**

C. Sakuda gave an overview of the financial report (Exhibit “B”). Among the highlights were the following:

- HHIE is currently under budget for both State HIE and REC programs.
- Indirect cost rate approved at 18.8%.
- Current in-kind amount \$96,552 for HIE and \$50,655 for REC.
  - D. Saito suggested including in-kind goal as part of the Financial Update report to ensure HHIE in-kind is on track.
- HHIE Plans to hire staffing for the contracts/accounting manager to replace current fiscal intermediary (PICHTR) and sales and marketing coordinator position for the REC Program.
- HHIE received a grant from Kaiser for \$50,000 last month to support HHIE's educational and outreach programs that current federal grants do not cover.

#### **IV. – Executive Director Update (Exhibit “C”)**

##### State HIE Plan Update:

C. Sakuda reported that HHIE received a letter from ONC (Exhibit “D”) on the State HIE Plan with the following highlights:

- State HIE budget is not feasible for the robust, bi-directional, query-based exchange outlined in plan.
- State HIE Plan should include State 1 Meaningful Use options for every eligible physician.
  - A secured messaging approach as a foundation for future statewide HIE.
  - Exploring the option of using National Health Information (NHIN) DIRECT to help less sophisticated entities meet HIE Meaningful Use options.
  - Work in progress to defining HIE value to each stakeholder group with short and long-term commitments.
  - Collaboration with three other organizations to aligning State HIE goals with the Hawaii County Beacon Community.
- HHIE is reviewing plan with ONC and technical committee on next course of action.
  - Overall goal of the State HIE Plan remains unchanged. Align budget to implement change over 4 years.
  - Original plan of RFP and go-live by September 2011 remains unchanged.
  - Exploring potential alignment of HIE-related activities with Beacon.

D. Saito expressed concern that the technology may not be user-friendly. Discussions on issue and board decided that this concern will be addressed by the Technical Committee.

##### REC Program Update:

- Currently there are 78 providers (out of 1,000) signed up to the Hawaii-Pacific REC.
  - Leveraged partner, TeamPraxis, if approved by attorney with their EHR providers, will add total 75-95 PPCPs to 200.
  - Leveraged partner, Equip, is also working to get their providers enrolled and provide the \$500 match in in-kind services.
- ONC increased the Critical Access Hospital direct funding award from \$12,000 to \$18,000/hospital with the submission of a full application.
- ONC can extend the budget period from 2 years to the full 4 year program period at the same state/federal 90/10 match, IF Hawaii HIE passes 2 year evaluation. Goal is to keep match consistent through the 4 years.

##### Beacon Update:

- Beacon is considering aligning HIE activities (i.e. HIE implementation options: issuing an RFP, joining another Beacon RFP process, aligning with the State HIE RFP process, using a hosted Amalga solution).

- Beacon has HHIE to explore possible joint technical and HIE-related (i.e. RFP) efforts.

#### **V.- HMSA Presentation**

Guest: Hilton Raethel, Senior Vice President, HMSA – “Leveraging health IT as part of payment reform” (Exhibit “E”).

#### **VI.– HHIE Committees’ Update**

1. Executive Committee
  - Attached (Exhibit “F”) are the minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee meeting for review by the Board.
2. Governance Committee
  - S. Keane reviewed bylaws on board attendance (Exhibit “G”), new members for the Nominating Committee and addressed number of board members and quorum.
3. Finance/Audit Committee
  - HHIE will wait on performing its annual financial audit until TA is approved by ONC.
4. Technical Infrastructure/Data Access & Management Committees
  - J. Yu advised that committee will be collaborating with Beacon on HHIE’s efforts and is pending guidance from ONC to proceed.
5. Legal/Policy Committee
  - In absence of chair, no update other than provided at meeting.
6. Physician Advisory Group
  - No formal chair is assigned... work in progress with physicians on board.

#### **VII.– Other Business / Reports / Announcements**

Board members to sign in-kind acknowledgement forms.

#### **VIII.– Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 9:00 am in the HHIE Office (Pioneer Plaza – 13<sup>th</sup> floor).

#### **IX.– Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

Minutes were reviewed and approved by: Skip Keane from notes provided by Ai Lee Wong