



Alliance for Nursing Informatics
Governing Directors Meeting & Dinner
Sunday, April 5, 2009
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (Central)
Hyatt Regency (connected to McCormick Place)
2233 South Martin Luther King Drive
Chicago, IL
Regency Ballroom B

MINUTES

Present: AMIA - Rob Rader, Charlotte Weaver, Bonnie Westra*
ANIA - Victoria Bradley, Curtis Dikes*
AORN - Carol Petersen
ASCI
AWHONN - Karen Peddicord
CARING - Susan Newbold
CNC - Sue Moorhead
Cerner
CSRA-CIN
CHIN
CroNIA
DVNCN - Rosemary Kennedy*
HINJ
HIMSS - Christel Anderson, Mimi Hassett, Dave Roberts, Joyce Sensmeier*
INFO
MEDITECH
MINING - Bonnie Westra
MNRS - Jane Brokel
NANDA - Jane Brokel
NCNA CONI - Deb Aldrige
NENIC - Mark Sugrue
PISUG
PSNI - Linda Reeder
SCINN
SNOMED
UNIN - Kathy Sward

Related Organizations and Other Partners

ANA - Carol Bickford
CIN - Terry Materese, Leslie Nicoll
** indicates Steering Committee representative*

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Joyce Sensmeier called the meeting to order at 6:15pm central.

II. Approval of Minutes - February 12, 2009

MOTION: Curtis Dikes moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2009 meeting as presented. Charlotte Weaver seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

III. Advocacy Update

AMIA and HIMSS have asked representatives from their respective Advocacy Teams to join the ANI Governing Directors Face to Face meetings. Joyce Sensmeier introduced Dave Roberts, HIMSS Vice President of Government Relations to provide an update on their recent government relations activities as they relate to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA calls for up to four years of Medicare incentive payments to hospitals who meet the requirements of "meaningful use" of "certified EHR technology". To be eligible for the payments, hospitals must use the technology in a meaningful manner; to exchange electronic health information to improve the quality of care; and, submit clinical quality measures - and other measures - as selected by the Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS). Further, hospitals must meet the definition within a specified time frame, which as described in ARRA, must be made increasingly stringent over time by the Secretary. Congress added this requirement so that the use of EHRs and healthcare quality would be improved. To inform the discussion, HIMSS is formulating a position statement on "meaningful use of certified EHR technology". HIMSS has created a public discussion forum on the definition of meaningful use of certified EHR technology for hospitals. All individuals are free to inform this draft by using the public discussion forum at: <http://www.himss.org/EconomicStimulus/hospitals.asp> or [submitting a private comment](#) to HIMSS via Joyce or Christel Anderson. The discussion period is April 1 - April 17, 2009. Activities have been focused on the executive branch and state government relations, with the key focus being on education and knowledge sharing. They believe that the nursing community is instrumental to help get the message out and define policy.

IV. Organizational Update

Carol Bickford requested a point of clarification: what would the group like to hear about and what does everyone feels it is important to give organizational updates on? Governing Directors agreed that updates should be shared on initiatives that are cross cutting, have an impact and can be applied to other organizations.

AMIA NIWG

Bonnie Westra updated the group on their NI History Project and provided information on the website: <http://www2.amia.org/mbrcenter/wg/ni/history/index.asp> . 33 pioneers were interviewed and their interviews are being transcribed so that they can be searched by various themes. A grant was recently award from RWJ Nursing Fellowship Alumni to continue work on the website. ANI feedback as the history site develops would be helpful. Specifically: How is this source of information on the Nursing Informatics pioneers being used by vendors, communities, undergraduate students? Bonnie also updated on the series of educational webinars that NIWG was working on and will be archiving on the AMIA NIWG website. AMIA NIWG is currently developing a standards sub-committee to help coordinate a way to get feedback on various standards from different nursing committees. Bonnie will work closely with ANI to help keep the process as efficient as possible. Currently, the committee has about 8 members and is growing.

ANIA

Victoria Bradley advised the group of the joint conference with CARING April 23rd to the 25th. Victoria provided meeting details and specifics on the speakers participating. The merger with CARING is currently in the works and should be official later this summer.

ANA

Carol Bickford updated the group on the ANA conference on *Healthcare Access: Nursing Creating Solutions* June 15-17, 2009 New Orleans on access, platform conversions open access and using correct providers, website <http://www.nursingworld.org/HomepageCategory/UpcomingEvents/2009ANAPolicyConference.aspx>

AORN

Carol Peterson gave an update on websites recently launched to help teach members about baseline informatics. It was well received and they are looking to branch out with that content and provide more webcasts on Nursing Informatics. The theme for the 2010 AORN Congress is *Reaching the Peak of Perioperative Practice*. The 57th annual educational conference will be held from March 13-18, 2010 in Denver, Colorado <http://www.aorn.org/Education/EducationEvents/Congress>

AWHONN

Karen Peddicord gave an update on their Extract Data & Generate Evidence (EDGE) benchmarking database. It has been going well and they have been able to extract data from medical records with reports built in so that data can be benchmarked related to Obstetric variables against other like organizations. Go live is expected later in 2009. They are also planning an informatics manual for Obstetric elements. The organization is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year.

CARING

Sue Newbold updated the group on the ANIA CARING Conference 2010 in Boston, *"ReEvolution in Nursing Informatics"*. Call for presentations and posters is open July 27-Aug 31 2010: <http://www.ania.org/Upcoming%20Conferences.htm>

CNC

Sue Morehead discussed their recent alliance with NANDA. They are looking for more opportunities to collaborate that would benefit both groups. Sue also discussed their work on international standards for nursing informatics. There is huge interest in informatics on a global scale that will spark more collaboration with other countries.

DVNCN

Rosemary Kennedy gave an update on their membership demographics. They have been showing a general increase in numbers, further more members are coming forward to take leadership roles within the organization. 3 committees have been developed and are working collaboratively with each other: Business Development to help advance the organization; Communications to help with collaborative efforts and outreach in Philadelphia; and an Education Planning committee.

UNIN

Kathy Sward updated the group on UNIN's efforts to bring broader membership including: instituting a new newsletter between quarterly meetings to improve communications and creating a listserv so that the entire membership can be engaged.

HIMSS NI Community

Mimi Hassett updated the group on the great feedback from Saturday's Nursing Informatics Symposium and efforts to help bolster the Nursing Informatics Task Force within HIMSS to help validate their strategic directions and community activities. There have been more than 50 new members to the community with 12 on the committee, representing academics, clinicians, government employees and vendors. At the HIMSS 2009 Annual Conference they were pleased to announce the results of the HIMSS Impact of Nursing Informatics Survey; the survey results are freely available to the public at www.himss.org/ni.

MNRS

Jane Brokel updated the group on the recent conference in Minnesota where they had several forums on informatics and how it is impacting areas of education in nursing and in patient care. We might want to consider outreach to other NRS regions (East, West and North).

NANDA

Jane Brokel updated the group on their efforts to work towards 2009-11 concepts and terms going into SNOMED. They are also working closely with nurses in Spain to have a joint conference in May of 2010 in Madrid. They are currently working on their 2010 Conference in Kansas City. They are preparing a

pre-conference tutorial that looks at using EHRs when they are not done by people in the field of informatics.

NCNA CONI

Deb Aldridge updated the group on the new blog site they just launched so members can read their latest activities with ANI. A proposal statement is being worked on regarding the use of social networking sites and how it impacts nursing and nursing care. They are also looking to develop a Second Life site for NCNA to become more of an interactive voice in the nursing community.

NENIC

Mark Sugrue updated the group on their efforts to partner with nurse executives in Massachusetts to help with collaborative efforts to help their organizations leaders understand informatics competencies. He also reminded the group that NENIC's 7th Annual Symposium Trends in Clinical Informatics: A Nursing Perspective was coming up on May 8th, 2009.

PSNI

Linda Reeder discussed their new website; updates include a new landing page and redesign, a new blog section and an updated news & events area. PSNI is looking to forge working relationships with the University of Washington and have made great progress.

V. Activity Update

Engagement in the National eHealth Collaborative (NeHC)

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), announced the appointment of 13 members to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee, a new advisory body established by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Connie Delaney, R.N., Ph.D., Minneapolis, Minnesota Dean, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota was named to a one year appointment on this Committee. *Discussion on engagement with NeHC has been tabled until more information is made available.*

Emerging Leaders Program

Joyce discussed the Emerging Leaders Program and asked the group what a reasonable amount of time would be to commit to this program to successfully mentor somebody during a 2 year relationship. The group determined that the objectives should be determined first in order to arrange the time necessary to appropriately achieve those objectives. The requirement should be flexible with use of similar language as used in the initial proposal. Evaluation should include completion of objectives and feedback as needed at the one year mark.

Organizational Member Survey

ACTION: Curtis Dikes and Rosemary Kennedy will develop a list of questions for circulation and feedback prior to the May 5th Steering Committee call.

TIGER Initiative Phase III

The group discussed the recent press release of the Executive Summary of the TIGER Initiative Phase II Activities report. The Executive Summary has been made available at www.tigersummit.com Joyce, Bonnie and Marion Ball will be holding an educational session on TIGER Initiative Phase II Activities & Accomplishments sponsored by MITRE, on Monday April 6, 2009 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm central in room N139.

HITSP Update

The Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) has announced that it will reprioritize its 2009 work to provide greater focus on provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for the next 90 days. ARRA contains numerous technology and privacy provisions with aggressive timelines for completion. For questions please contact Greg Alexander, ANI Representative to HITSP: AlexanderG@missouri.edu and visit the HITSP website at: <http://www.hitsp.org/>

ANI Connections Update & New Functionality Presentation

Terry Materese updated the group on ways ANI Connections will be increasing the benefits for ANI Members. CIN has updated its website and is a great place for members to post papers as it works differently than peer reviewed feature articles. The new platform works with MS Sharepoint so marketing and publishing will be taken to a new level. All of these new resources can help marshal feedback for ANI. Bonnie commented that we need to make sure that the ANI website lets people know about the benefits of this new resource and our collaborative relationship.

VI. Other Business

Bonnie reminded the group that there will be a Steering Committee election in June for one member at large position. Requirements and functions of the Steering Committee are listed in the ANI Operating Guidelines available at: <http://www.allianceni.org/docs/ANIOperatingGuidelines.pdf>

The next Governing Directors Town Hall will be August 11 at 3:00pm EST. The next Face to Face Governing Directors meeting will be held on November 13, in conjunction with AMIA's Annual Symposium in San Francisco.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm central.