



Alliance for Nursing Informatics

Governing Directors Town Hall

Friday, November 12, 2010

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Washington Hilton

1919 Connecticut Avenue

Washington, DC

Georgetown West Room

Minutes

Attendees:

AMIA – Anita Ground, Karen Greenwood, Bonnie Westra*

ANA – Carol Bickford

ANIA-CARING – Curtis Dikes*, Amy Jacobs

AORN – Carol Petersen*, Teresa McCaskey

AWHONN – Karen Peddicord

CIN (ANI Connections) – Leslie Nicoll, Terry Materese

CNC – Sue Moorhead

CPRM – Susan Hull

HIMSS – Christel Anderson, Beth Halley, Judy Murphy, Joyce Sensmeier*

Emerging Leader: Ellen Makar

MNRS – Greg Alexander

NCNA CONI – Deb Aldridge*

NENIC – Patricia Dykes

Omaha Systems – Karen Martin

SIS – Jessica Gruendler

SNOMED – Judith Warren

TANI – Polun Chang, Johanna Feng, Jessica Kuo

UNIN – Holly Miller

** indicates Steering Committee representative*

Guests:

Meryl Bloomrosen, AMIA Public Policy and Government Relations

Yvette Bolla, AMIA Public Policy and Government Relations

Sue Matney, LONIC

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Joyce Sensmeier and Bonnie Westra called the meeting to order at 7:30pm eastern. Susan Hull was welcomed as a new Governing Director representing CPM Resource Center International Consortium. Jessica Gruendler was welcomed as a new Governing Director representing SIS – Clinical Advisory Task Force. Polun Chang was welcomed as a new Governing Director representing TANI.

II. Approval of August 10, 2011 Minutes

MOTION: Curtis Dikes moved to approve the minutes and Judy Warren seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

III. Public Policy Update - AMIA Public Policy and Government Relations Staff

Meryl Bloomrosen and Yvette Bolla, AMIA Public Policy and Government Relations, provided an overview of current legislative activities. Meryl encouraged the Governing Directors to continue staying involved in policy initiatives and stressed the importance of nurse leaders participating in *Call for Comment* opportunities. Meryl highlighted the following opportunities for involvement: ONC PHR Roundtable Discussion, AHRQ & NQF common reporting format for Adverse Event Reporting, and proposed changes to HIPAA. Meryl also reviewed the current activities related to Meaningful Use and indentified that Stage 2 criteria should be released for public comment in January 2011. ANI should consider commenting on the Stage 2 proposed criteria.

IV. Approval of New Member Application: National Association of School Nurses (NASN)

MOTION: Judy Warren moved to approve NASN as a full member of ANI and Holly Miller seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

ACTION: Christel will notify NASN and execute communication activities announcing the new member.

V. Approval of Changes to Operating Guidelines

CHANGES: The Governing Directors requested that page numbers be added to the document and under *Task Forces* the following sentence be replaced: “The governing directors may designate and appoint one or more task forces to assist in carrying out the strategic goals and activities of ANI.” to: “The governing directors and the steering committee can designate and appoint one or more task forces to assist in carrying out the strategic goals and activities of ANI.”

MOTION: Curtis Dikes moved to approve the Operating Guidelines and Deb Aldrige seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

ACTION: Christel will note the changes on the Operating Guidelines and upload a new version to the ANI Website: <http://www.allianceni.org/documents/ANIOperatingGuidelines.pdf>

VI. ANI Connections Update

New format Effective March 2011, the CIN journal will be published monthly in an online format, with an additional six print issues. ANI Connections will be a feature of the online journal only. There will be one ANI Connection article every month in online format. ANI Connection articles will be due to Leslie leslie@medesk.com on the 15th of each month.

Leslie Nicoll provided the following update electronically to the Governing Directors List serv.

“We are all set for the Jan/Feb issue of CIN, which will be the last traditional print issue of the journal. Starting with March 2011, the journal will publish monthly online, with an additional six print issues. ANI Connection will be a feature of the online journal. There will be one ANI Connection article every month. Unlike the print version, where we had to worry about "filling" four journal pages with content six times a year, ANI Connection articles can be whatever length is appropriate to convey the information. To me, this is a positive change.

The actual number of articles isn't changing, because we had 2 articles per issue x 6 = 12 articles. Right now, I don't have anything in the ANI Connection pipeline. Not to worry because I don't need anything until January 15th (for the March issue). So we have plenty of time. But I would like to have people thinking about possible content and submitting things. It would be nice to have 3-4 articles always "on hand" so that when the deadline rolls around (the 15th of every month) Susan and I aren't empty-handed and trying to drum up something at the last minute.

My plan is to present the list of the "on hand" articles at the monthly conference call. Since that call is at the beginning of the month, the group will be able to determine what article should be selected for the upcoming issue. We will also have flexibility: if there is some breaking news that the group would want to include, there would be a week or so to get an article written and slotted into the upcoming issue. I am excited about the online possibilities. I think we will have much more flexibility than we have with print.

Thus my challenge to the group: our next conference call is December 7th. I don't have anything (right now) to report at that meeting. Could folks send me some suggested ideas for topics with assigned authors? Then everyone will have a few weeks to get things written in time for the January conference call (scheduled for the 4th) and the deadline for submission on January 14th (the 15th is a Saturday).”

Upcoming Article Judy Warren and Judy Murphy shared with the Governing Directors that a number of nursing leaders, who attended the *Tipping Point* meeting, are seeking to hold a mass joint publication effort in the May issues of peer publications on the *Call for New Pressure Ulcer Risk and Prevention Measure MU Stage 2 and 3*. The Governing Directors applauded this idea and recommended that CIN via ANI Connections publish the *Call for New Pressure Ulcer Risk and Prevention Measure MU Stage 2 and 3* in May 2011.

ACTION: Judy Warren volunteered to take the lead on having this item published.

VII. Emerging Leaders Project Update

Ellen Makar provided an update on her project on “Nursing Data Management Special Project (NDMSP)”. She also provided an update on how the Emerging Leaders Program has provided opportunities for professional development including publication, poster and speaking opportunities. The Governing Directors applauded Ellen on her work to date and the work of her mentors, Carol Petersen and Bonnie Westra.

VIII. Strategic Plan Discussion Report

Joyce and Bonnie reported on the Strategic Planning Session that was held during SINI on July 22, 2010. Attendees were invited to dialogue with the current ANI co-chairs and staff liaisons on strategic activities for ANI. These individuals were invited as representatives of nursing specialty organizations, federal agencies and to provide a historical and future perspective of ANI.

Maintain and increase communication channels to expand our membership outreach (How do we connect and communicate?)

- Communications need to be key and the Nursing Center could support this. We need to serve as the one-click stop for resources.
- Engage with School Nurse Professionals (new member).
- Engage with and articulate the benefits for nursing specialty organizations as members of ANI – outreach to NOA.
- Continue to expand into the international arena. ANI can serve as the knowledge exchange for the recognition and advancement of informatics globally.
- We need to do more push than pull—we have to get our message beyond our governing directors.
- *For consideration:* Develop one page informational sheet on the value of ANI for these different constituencies (e.g. international, Specialty orgs etc.). We need to architect the ANI story to HHS and other government bodies.
- We need to recruit others: subspecialty groups with informatics components, user groups, international informatics organizations, nursing terminology organizations, general SDOs.

Encourage nursing informatics competencies, education, training, publication, and professional development (How does TIGER fit into this goal? What about Beacon, RECs, etc.?)

- Continue to serve as the connecting point for new informatics nurses (i.e. develop/highlight further resources 101).
- Serve as a bridge to empower local groups and grass roots initiatives to maximize informatics education (across various settings).
- Stay connected to TIGER as an advisor and resource.

Engage in issues of national importance in health information technology and provide leadership (*What makes ANI unique in these kinds of policy engagement?*)

- Support the participation of more nurses in the ONC HIT Policy & Standards Committees (by recruiting, requesting subject matter expertise and identifying opportunities).
- Share case studies/testimonials on the value of nursing representation and leadership in national positions/groups/activities.
- Identify, develop and articulate key messaging to CMS on the inclusion of nursing in healthcare reform priorities (from a reimbursement .model/perspective). Example: identify the issue and how we can help to move the agenda/solution forward; articulate the value of informatics by identifying the need to link information as the infrastructure to support practice. Comment was that we can fill the big hole that's in nursing reimbursement but we can't lead with the funding. The message is that it's about prevention for patients and streamlining services.
- *For consideration:* Develop a consensus position on nursing terminology specifically tying in MU Stage 1 requirements and the harmonization work of HITSP.
- The collective wisdom of ANI could offer white papers to our communities.

Promote and enhance the professional practice of nursing informatics (*Why do/would organizations want to belong to ANI? Who should we have as strategic partners?*)

- Support the development of the active exchange of timely information on the Lippincott portal – utilizing blogs and timely ANI updates. Leveraging this relationship could serve as a communication channel for the other strategic activities.

Support nursing informatics research (*Who should we partner with to increase the reach of this goal?*)

- What are we trying to accomplish at ANI related to research? Is the goal to support funding, share how to translate research into practice, provide a network for nursing informatics researchers? It seems ANI has many practice oriented organizations and the focus on integration of EBP might provide value across organizations.
- Communicate available opportunities for research bi-annually (i.e. new funding announcements, research inquiries, released data etc.).
- Explore potential opportunities with NINR, HRSA NLM and local research societies.

Other general notes:

- Nursing informatics competencies are still an unmet need within the nursing profession – how can ANI address?
- Need to update the ANI mission and vision to say who and what we really are
- Need to call the question about our vision as it relates to international—do we want to be the international group? (If we are focused on national policy, we need to be clear about what our international groups would get, connections and best practice)
- Who do we want to be in order to add value and not jeopardize our relationships with other nursing organizations.

- NOA is an easier link to ANI (can ANI become the NOA member for nursing informatics); how should we stay connected to TIGER and IMIA?

The Governing Directors commended the report findings and requested that a Task Force be created to engage international members.

DECISION: New International Member Task Force created.

ACTION: The following individuals volunteered to serve on the Task Force and will be responsible for determining its activities: Greg Alexander, Polun Chang, Jessica Gruendler, Ellen Makar, Carol Peterson, Judy Warren - Christel will facilitate.

IX. Member Updates

Governing Directors provided updates on recent and upcoming events which have been housed on the ANI Website Calendar at: <http://www.allianceni.org/news.asp>

Karen Greenwood and Judy Murphy provided an update on the preparations for NI 2012. The 11th NI world congress will be held in Montreal, Canada from the 23-27 June 2012. This will be hosted by AMIA for the IMIA NI-SIG. They are also including North, Central and South America throughout the development and presentation of the congress. It is intended that one theme will be simultaneously translated into Spanish to help widen participation in and dissemination of nursing informatics. The call for submission is open until August 2011. For more information, go to www.ni2012.org.

Polun Chang provided an updated on the preparations for NI 2015. The IMIA NI General Assembly considered bids from Australia and Taiwan to host the world congress in 2015. Both bids were of a very high standard and offered much to the nursing and nursing informatics community. Following a secret ballot it was declared that the congress in 2015 would be held in Taiwan! More information will be provided as available.

The Governing Directors applauded the efforts of many of the individuals present who are leaders in the development of these events.

X. Other Business

Per the Operating Guidelines, co-chairs can serve a maximum of three consecutive terms. New ANI co-chair, HIMSS Representative Judy Murphy, RN, FACMI, FHIMSS, Vice President - Information Services Aurora Health Care will be effective January 1, 2011. Joyce Sensmeier will serve in the ex-officio status for 1 year.

The next Face to Face meeting will take place on February 20, 2011 in Orlando, FL in conjunction with the HIMSS11 Annual Conference.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm eastern.