

THINC RHIO, Inc.

Taconic Health Information Network and Community

THINC RHIO Board Meeting

February 6, 2008

A meeting of the THINC RHIO, Inc. (THINC) Board was held on February 6, 2008, commencing at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mark Foster
Gene Heslin
Paul Kaye, MD
Arthur Levin
Art Nizza
Robert Savage

Board Members Absent:

Mike Duffy

Non-Board Members Present:

Asha Upadhyay (Program Director, THINC)
John Blair, III, M.D. (Chairman & CEO, MedAllies)
Steve Rossi (THINC, CFO)

Notice of the meeting was duly given to the Directors prior to the date of the meeting.

I. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

A.) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Mark Foster, Vice-Chair called the meeting to order. Dr Foster asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors. A motion was made & seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

B.) THINC UPDATE

The Department of Health and Human Services has informed New York State that they are moving forward with the NHIN II Quality use case. THINC will be a participant with MedAllies as a subcontractor to help develop an HL-7 spec for quality reporting using data from EHR systems. Currently physician performance is reported from health plan claims data. This project will allow reporting directly from the physician Electronic Health Record.

Ms. Upadhyay reported that the publicity and outreach for the March 20th THINC community awareness event has begun. The confirmed speakers are Nick Donofrio (Executive VP) from IBM as Keynote and Lori Evans (Deputy Commissioner) from NYSDOH who will describe the state's HIT and HIE plans and programs. Ms. Upadhyay informed the Board that Charlie North, President of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, would say a few brief words at the THINC event and that THINC had become a member of that organization. The purpose of the event is to inform and increase the awareness of the business, academic, political and Healthcare leaders and consumers of the Hudson valley about THINC and to engage them as active partners in THINC's activities.

C.) COMMITTEE REPORTS

i.) Privacy & Consumer Committee:

Art Levin reported that the Privacy and Consumer committee of THINC submitted a response to the HISPC NYSDOH consent whitepaper. NYeC will be reviewing and analyzing all the responses to the proposed consent process white paper in order to help move the process forward to align with HEAL 5 timetable. NYSDOH has made it clear that there will be a transition process that is sensitive to the concerns of stakeholders but that the basic principles outlined in the white paper would not change. There will be the opportunity for more public input at a HISPC stakeholder meeting to be held on March 10th. Whatever the final outcome of the HISPC process, THINC is committed to working within the agreed upon consent framework.

ii.) Quality & Clinical Committee

Dr. Blair reported that the Quality committee reviewed the P4P-Medical Home project plan. There is a meeting on February 11th with IBM, health plans, NCQA and several other organizations to discuss this project. There will be physician participation agreement crafted to be signed with the physicians that are participating in this P4P-Medical Home project.

Dr. Blair referenced the Mercer report that was distributed to the Board. The report talks about a program in North Carolina that achieved a cost savings of \$250 million with the states' ACCESS program. Dr. Blair also mentioned the paper by Paul Tang "Comparison of Methodologies for Calculating Quality Measures Based on Administrative Data versus Clinical Data from an Electronic Health Record System: Implications for Performance Measures"

D.) MEDALLIES REPORT

The implementation of EHRs is proceeding at pace with THINC's technology partner MedAllies. Dr. Blair reported on the total number of physicians and practices in the HEAL1 project. The total number of physicians in the THINC project is 569 across 214 practices. The number of physicians and practices on EHRs are 179 physicians across 20 practices.

For the purposes of the Heal 1 contract the Board approved the following definition:
"Installation is defined as: 1) Placement and configuration of all hardware and network equipment including firewalls and routers for ASP set-ups. 2) Loading of all EHR/PMS and third party software necessary for full usage of the system. 3) Training and usage of front, mid (clinical) and back office software"

A motion to accept the definition was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

E.) NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The Vice-Chair then announced that the Board would go into Executive Session. A motion was made, seconded and approved to close the public session of the meeting.