
AHRMM Board Meeting Overview August 8, 2015

- AHRMM Board Chair Brent Petty welcomed the Board of Directors and staff to the meeting. Mr. Petty acknowledged the city of Indianapolis and that the meeting and AHRMM Conference will be a fantastic opportunity to meet members and affiliates. He stated that this is a very busy time with very busy people and the AHRMM Conference is where the board gets to see everything come together. He continued that Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (CQO) started as a concept then moved to a movement and has since transformed into action at the facility level. He added that publishing leading practices and case studies will help get AHRMM to the goal of better understanding costs, helping to deliver quality, and making predictable outcomes.
- Two candidates for AHRMM Chair-Elect presented their platforms to the Board followed by a lengthy question and answer session. Each candidate was allowed ten minutes to present their platform, followed by Board members addressing questions to each candidate individually. The Chair-Elect will be determined by a majority vote of the board and will be announced with the 2016 Board of Directors' election results on September 4, 2015.
- Mr. Petty presented the foundation of healthcare supply chain's impact on the Triple Aim followed by Mike Duke, AHRMM Board Member, who presented on the work of the Triple Aim Task Force. The Task Force took the discussions that were generated at the May 2015 Board Meeting and determined how to present that information in the form of an infographic. Specifically the Task Force is working to create an infographic that will relate the tenets of CQO and supply chain back to the Triple Aim. The infographic will be presented to the board at the next board meeting.
- Mary Beth Lang, AHRMM Chair-Elect, shared an update on the Academic Strategy Task Force. The task force has spoken with several different universities about current programs they offer and the potential of partnering with AHRMM and introducing internships. Mike Schiller, AHRMM Senior Director Supply Chain, shared that the Academic Strategy Task Force is currently scheduled to meet after the conference to further develop the survey that was first introduced to providers in May that will be released to key academic institutions. Once additional data is collected the board will determine a strategy around this important topic.
- Mr. Petty shared that there was some ambiguous language in the AHRMM Bylaws in regards to the Military Board Representative. The bylaws will be revised to address the language and will be sent out to the board for a vote.
- Mr. Schiller presented on the CQO Summit that was to be held during the conference and shared program details and the agenda. The CQO Summit agenda included a presentation from the Payor-Provider perspective and how organizations can partner with their healthcare supply chain professionals, followed by a physician panel that included surgeons who hold executive level supply chain roles and run their organizations supply chain divisions, with an overall theme on the importance of involving physicians in the CQO process. In the afternoon there was a thought leader brainstorming session that built on the sessions from the morning focused on emerging trends and leading indicators. There were many take-aways from the Summit which will serve as a primer for the CQO Task Force and the deliverables for next year's CQO Summit. There will be a white paper created and shared with all members in the beginning of the fourth quarter.
- AHRMM released the '2015 AHRMM CQO Report: Uncovering Applications of the CQO Movement throughout Healthcare' at the CQO Summit and was available at the AHRMM Information Station in the exhibit hall. This report was a direct outcome of last year's Summit with the objective of developing a report around the selected themes of data, data analytics and evidenced based decisions driving improved cost, quality and outcomes across industry partners (providers, suppliers, distributors, etc.). The multi-represented supply chain professional task force decided on 8 reports around 3 themes: Organizational Efficiencies, Total Cost to Serve, and Utilization & Standardization. The report is 30+ pages and provides a great deal of information to show how CQO is being realized in healthcare institutions today. There are several post conference activities planned to continue to promote the report.

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- Debbie Sprindzunas, AHRMM Executive Director, shared that AHRMM has added a new CQO Movement Sponsor for a total of three sponsors: VHA, Cook Medical, and HealthTrust. AHRMM is having conversations with other potential sponsors to further support the CQO Movement.
 - Ms. Sprindzunas provided some history and background information on the Certified Materials & Resource Professional (CMRP) program and the financial sustainability concerns to the board. A consultant has been hired directly by the American Hospital Association Certification Center (AHA-CC) to look at the overall program and present findings, recommendations, and best practices. There was a discussion regarding ways to promote CMRP certification to raise certification numbers and to generate excitement around CMRP. There will be an update on the AHA-CC at the next board meeting.
 - Catherine Carruth, AHRMM Marketing & Membership Senior Manager, shared that due to internal resources at the American Hospital Association the website redesign has been delayed and set to launch towards the end of the year or the first of next year. Ms. Carruth shared that the staff is working hard to launch the new website as soon as possible because the new site layout and new resources will add a great deal of value to membership. The new website will require less staff time and resources once up and running.
 - Ms. Sprindzunas highlighted key information in the Executive Report and the Financial Report and stated that the staff are keeping a close eye on revenue and expenses in relation to the conference.
 - Ms. Carruth shared that AHRMM has two new group memberships which is contributing to AHRMM's membership growth. Staff will continue to do outreach to try to grow this membership category.
 - Mr. Petty urged board members to help increase voter participation by encouraging members to vote during the conference and to speak on the importance of voting for the future of AHRMM.
 - Mr. Petty ended the meeting by thanking board members for their dedication to the association and reminded them to "*Enjoy the Ride!*" which he shared will make sense during the Opening General Session at the conference.