

North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority Q1 2025 Advisory Board Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 19, 2025

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:50 PM

Location: SAS Institute Executive Business Center 7, 100 SAS Campus Dr. Cary, NC 27513

Attendees:

Chair Brent Lamm

Board Member Christie Burris (Virtual)

Board Member Ryan Craig

Board Member Laura Gruebel

Board Member Eric Myers (designee)

Board Member Mike Robinson

Board Member John Meier

Board Member Ryan Wilkins

Board Member Tanya Thompson

Board Member Tom Freidman

Board Member Vijay Ramanujam (designee)

Executive Director Sam Thompson

Deputy General Counsel Regina Cucurullo

Speaker Jenell Stewart

Speaker Jess Kuhn

Speaker Tim Taylor

Speaker Jessie Tenenbaum

Speaker Kevin Manatt and Team

Speaker Luke Keeler

2:02 PM - Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Lamm

Chair Lamm called the meeting to order and reviewed the draft meeting minutes from January 15, 2025, board meeting. Chair Lamm motioned to approve the minutes, Board Member Thompson seconded the motion, and the minutes passed unanimously.

2:05 PM – Manatt Presentation - Priorities & Implementation Plans

Keven Manatt and Team

- Modernization and system reform priorities
- Additional strategic and operational priorities
- Develop implementation plans

2:39 PM - Waiver Updates

Manatt Team and Sam Thompson

- NC received CMS approval for new health care investments
- Extend and refine the Healthy Opportunities Pilot (HOP)
- Introduce pre-release services
- Investments in Behavioral Health Technology

2:52 PM - Federal landscape

Manatt Team and Sam Thompson

- Potential Medicaid budget cuts
- Potential Medicaid administrative claiming caps
- Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy (ASTP)/Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) that oversees TEFCA experiencing layoffs and not taking meetings. NC HIEA is pausing TEFCA efforts.

3:10 PM - Health Data Utility (HDU) Update

Jessie Tenenbaum

- Stakeholders Outreach
- Use Case Milestones
- Legislation
- Governance

3:20 PM – Break

3:30 PM – HIE Medicaid Services (HMS) Update

Jenell Stewart/Jess Kuhn

- Early Adopters Program Overview
 - Criteria for Participation
 - dQM Use Case Program Milestones
 - HRSN Screening Program Milestones
- Beneficiary Assignment (BA) File Pilot
- Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Data
- SDOH LOINC Data Exchange Pilot
- Supplemental Data for Quality Measures
 - Current Exchange of Data for Priority Data Elements
 - The Impact of Clinical Data in Identifying Health Outcomes
- Data Quality Improvements
- NCQA's Data Aggregator Validation Program

4:00 PM – NC HealthConnex 2024 User Survey Result

Sam Thompson

- 80% utilize the NC HealthConnex Clinical Portal
- Majority were Behavioral Health, Hospital/Health Services, Radiology/Imaging and Specialty
- Most strongly agree they can find the information they are looking for in the portal
- Users would like to see global search and print the page you are viewing feature
- Most users love NC HealthConnex and emphasis it is a great resource to locate patients

4:10 PM – Outreach Update

Tim Taylor

- Longitudinal Support
- Relationship building
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Partnership Support
- Site Visits and Professional Conferences

4:18 PM - Operations Updates**Sam Thompson**

- Metrics
- Budget and Contract
- Staffing

4:25 PM – Bootcamp Overview of Modules**Jenell Stewart**

- Multiple modules that new staff can review and watch moving forward that explain the different teams and workstreams of the NC HIEA.

4:30 PM – ChatBot Website**Luke Keeler**

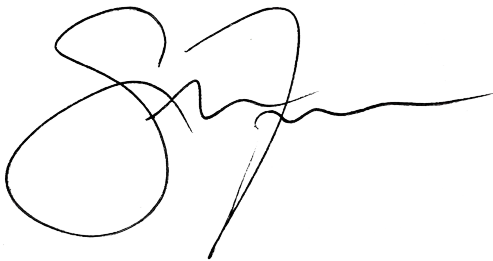
- Will go live Friday, March 21, 2025

4:49 PM – New Business**Chair Lamm**

The next meeting, Q2 is scheduled for June 17, 2025, SAS.

4:50 PM – Adjourn**Chair Lamm**

Chair Lamm made a motion to adjourn, Board Member Meier seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Chair Lamm adjourned the meeting.



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