

Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc.



Board Minutes

Meeting Date: February 18, 2010

Location: Blue Cross Blue Shield Board Room

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Higgins | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Harrington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gertrude Hodge | <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Hester |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don George | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Lott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Jones (phone) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bea Grause |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Podesta | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Reiss, MD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Peters | |

Staff and Others: David Cochran, Becky Bowen, Paul Forlenza

| Topic | Presentation | Discussion and Action | By Whom or When |
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| Consent Agenda | Don George called for approval of the December 17, 2009 Board minutes. | A motion was made to accept the minutes from the December 17, 2009 Board meeting. | Motion: Chuck Podesta, 2 nd – Paul Reiss, all approved. |
| Finance Committee Update | In Paul Harrington's absence, Becky Bowen gave the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11/30, 12/31 and 1/31 financials • Expansion of the VITL Office • Press release announcing the provider funding pool delayed due to issues with VEDA • Draft financial policies and procedures being reviewed by the committee • Single-line audit preparations underway | Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of contracting for HIT funds • Status of HRSA funds and projects • Status of contracting with the Blueprint | |
| Meaningful Use | Paul Forlenza gave the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed HITECH funding opportunities • Incentives for providers and hospitals • Meaningful Use goals for Medicare / Medicaid • Criteria for Medicare / Medicaid / Hospitals | Discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility, Eligible but unable to participate • Comments for the commenting period • What is definition of data exchange | David and Paul to clarify eligibility for incentives |
| ARRA Program and VITL Planning Overview | David Cochran presented status with ARRA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both RHITEC + HIE programs are funded • Reviewed goals, functions, processes & activities, and funding | Questions and discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will be done by staff and what will be done by contractors? | David to clarify staff and contractors when the operational plan is reviewed by the Board |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ONC concerns around capacity and how they are being addressed. • Work initiated on a State operational plan | | Chuck Podesta on behalf of the Board, thanked David and staff for getting VITL to this point.. |
| CEO Updates | <p>David gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • His trip to Washington to hear Pres. Obama • Status of GE contract negotiations • Discussions with IBM and partners RE: the payment reform initiative <p>David reviewed the HIT Fund evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evaluation is a legislative requirement • Evaluation done by Dana Green from Altarum • Included the Blueprint, EHR program, connectivity and HIE operations • Observations included that pace of projects would never achieve goals in the time slated, but were in good position for HITECH | <p>Response included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of project manager pool and planning • Discussion of capacity status | |
| Adjournment | Don George adjourned the meeting. | | |

Respectfully Submitted,

Bea Grause, Secretary
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