

AHRMM Board Meeting Overview December 3 – 4, 2015

- Brent Petty, AHRMM Board Chair, addressed the AHRMM Board of Directors at the final board meeting of 2015: we are leaders leading leaders. He continued to challenge the board and AHRMM to be transformational and shared that healthcare is depending on the board and AHRMM to do just that.
- Tom Derry, CEO of the Institute for Supply Management (ISM), started a conversation with the board with the intent to add value for and find synergies between both associations. Mr. Derry shared three ideas he felt were worth exploring for ISM and AHRMM: ISM and AHRMM to develop the first-ever healthcare field specific version of the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI); complementing between the Certified Materials & Resource Professional (CMRP) certification and the Certified Professional in Supply Management (CPSM) certification, potentially a cross-industry designation - this would raise awareness and perception of both certifications; and AHRMM's support of CAPS Research, an organization that takes topics that are emerging and develops a research agenda with a rigorous academic approach. It was determined the board wanted to come back at the beginning of 2016 to further discuss priorities and ways to collaborate with ISM.
- Kathi Pressley, AHRMM Representative on the American Hospital Association – Certification Center (AHA-CC) Board, provided an update on the activities of the AHA-CC Board. Ms. Pressley shared that they are currently undergoing structural changes but have strong objectives for 2016, including continuing to build strong cohesion and collaboration with the PMG Boards. Ms. Pressley also suggested to update the AHRMM Strategy Map to include the development of professional credentials. A motion was made to approve the update to the AHRMM Strategy Map. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Mike Schiller, AHRMM Sr. Director, Supply Chain, gave a brief update on the CQO Movement stating that progress has been made with additional focus on Unique Device Identification (UDI) as a great tool within CQO. He also shared on the international reach that CQO now has. Mr. Petty reminded the board that AHRMM wanted the healthcare supply chain field to own CQO because of its importance to healthcare overall.
- Mike Duke, AHRMM Board Member, introduced an infographic that a task force of the board had created showing how healthcare supply chain professionals become co-owners and stakeholders in the Triple Aim process. There was some discussion of how to solicit IHI support. There was also discussion around when the infographic should be strategically released in conjunction with AHRMM16 since the Triple Aim is the theme of the conference. AHRMM will send the infographic to the membership following the board meeting as opposed to waiting to release it in conjunction with conference information.
- Mr. Petty presented the foundation for a discussion on ongoing trends in the field. He invited the board to brainstorm some new trends in healthcare that may have an impact on healthcare supply chain. A suggestion was made to create a task force to monitor trends or have a more frequent discussion at board meetings.
- Mary Beth Lang, AHRMM Board Chair-Elect and Academic Strategy Task Force chair, shared that the task force went through several different iterations of how AHRMM should engage with the next generation. Ms. Lang shared the next steps for the task force are to start developing a poster format and working with the timing for call for presentations for AHRMM17. Mr. Schiller added that the task force will join together again in early January 2016 to start work on developing a learning lab session at AHRMM16 made up of three presenters speaking about their respective intern or student engagement programs.

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- Dale Woodin, AHA Senior Executive Director, PMG Division, provided an update on the activities of the American Hospital Association (AHA) and the Personal Membership Group (PMG) Division. He shared that there have been numerous internal changes and the PMGs are being restructured based on those changes. AHA is excited to be welcoming Maryjane Wurth to the team in 2016 who will oversee the PMGs, AHA Membership, Health Forum, and Strategic Planning as part of the change. Mr. Woodin continued that the restructuring has given the PMGs the opportunity to focus on strategies as a division rather than just group by group and they have begun to identify some unifying traits and hope to develop those further in the next 3-5 years.
 - The Board approved the metrics presented in the 2016 Executive Summary.
 - Catherine Carruth, Sr. Manager, Membership & Marketing, updated the board on AHRMM's website redesign project. Although there have been setbacks, she is confident that the new website will be ready to launch January 6, 2016.
 - It was proposed to increase Issues & Legislative Committee volunteer terms from two- to three-years for continuity across multi-year issues. The Board approved the change to three-year terms for committee members.
 - Ms. Sprindzunas presented a high-level picture of the Executive Director's report.
 - Ms. Lang, opened her comments saying that she will continue to challenge the board to make bold decisions around the Triple Aim and other strategic initiatives as boards in the past made around the CQO Movement. She continued that she wants the board to keep pushing forward and she is excited for the challenges ahead.
 - Mr. Petty reflected on what an exciting time it is to be a leader in healthcare and how AHRMM has transformed how healthcare supply chain thinks. He closed the meeting by saying that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve on the AHRMM Board of Directors and reminded the board that they are leaders leading leaders and to, "enjoy the ride!"