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## **AHRMM Board Meeting Overview February 9-10, 2017**

- Karen Conway, AHRMM Board Chair, addressed the AHRMM Board of Directors and welcomed the new board members. She stated AHRMM is committed to continue to work toward advancing the Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (CQO) Movement, the Triple Aim, the Certified Materials & Resource Professional (CMRP) certification, and the Next Generation Task Force.
- Michael Duke, AHRMM Board Member, discussed the American Hospital Association's (AHA) anti-trust statement. He shared that this statement is to remind board members not to share information that could violate anti-trust policies. Karen Conway encouraged Board members to immediately indicate if they are ever concerned about a violation occurring.
- Ms. Conway had Board members break into two groups to discuss and brainstorm around the current healthcare environment including the readings provided in the Board Book. During the discussion, Board members connected AHRMM initiatives with areas of the biggest impact on the healthcare supply chain. Three common themes were identified, as well as where and how AHRMM will address each of them, as follows: Supply chain talent gap by the Next Generation Task Force; Care across the continuum and the move to population by the CQO Movement and potentially by the Value-based Certification; and the growing need for data, by the CQO Movement, the Learning UDI Community and continuing education programs.
- Dale Woodin, AHA Vice President of the PMG Division, provided an update on AHA and the PMGs. He discussed the Strategic Priorities of the AHA and reviewed how the AHA is providing information on the new administration healthcare policies to its members. He also highlighted the Bylaws Project and requested feedback for this project progresses by appointing one or two AHRMM Board members to act as AHRMM liaisons.
- Ms. Conway, AHRMM Board Chair, reviewed the current AHRMM Strategy Map and asked for feedback from Board members. Board members requested a strategy playbook to connect the AHRMM initiatives with the Strategy Map. The Board discussed revising the vision and mission statement with the help of a facilitator in the May Board Meeting.
- Ms. Conway, Debbie Sprindzunas, AHRMM Executive Director, and Mike Schiller, AHRMM Senior Supply Chain Director, provided an update on the ISM / AHRMM Healthcare Report on Business. Karen Conway stated they would provide a report on the progress of this initiative prior to the May Board Meeting.
- Dr. Jimmy Chung, AHRMM Board Member, discussed the new clinical integration CQO Task Force CQO Movement, which will be focused on engaging clinicians in the CQO Movement. He stated a first step for the task force would be to identify opportunities to work with physician organizations that are already focusing on cost, quality, and outcomes and introduce them to the CQO Movement. New Board Members Dennis Mullins and Ed Hardin agreed to join the existing task force.
- Mr. Schiller stated a Keynote Speaker has been identified for the CQO Summit: R. Lawrence Van Horn, an Associate Professor of Management (Economics) and Executive Director of Health Affairs, Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. He stated the roundtables held during the 2016 CQO Summit provided content that guided the CQO Strategy Group in identifying a topic for this year's task force report, which will be released at the 2017 CQO Summit. The topic for this year's report will be to identify organizations moving toward greater coordination between, clinical, social, and community services with the goal of improving population health, and to define a vision for supply chain's role in these efforts. The task force members will be invited to join a panel discussion to create an open dialogue with the healthcare executives attending the summit.

- Dr. Mary Beth Lang, Immediate Past AHRMM Board Chair, and Allen Archer and Alison Flynn Gaffney, AHRMM Board Members, shared an update on the Next Generation Task Force. Alison Flynn Gaffney stated it is an exciting time as four or five generations are working side-by-side in the healthcare field. The 21 to 35 age group is focused on career fulfillment rather than career advancement, therefore AHRMM needs to position itself to appeal to the new work force while maintaining relevancy for its current members. Allen Archer indicated the task force is providing poster sessions and networking opportunities at the Annual Conference to appeal to the next generation members. The Next Generation Task Force will also reach out to regional chapters about their efforts to engage their members in this age group.
- Teresa Dail, AHRMM Board Chair-Elect, presented on a new initiative on a Healthcare Supply Chain Value Model Certificate program. A consultant has been hired to work with subject matter experts to explore creation of a Healthcare Supply Chain Value Model Certificate program. The effort will include development of an RFP for training and certification assessment, management of the vendor response; and making a final recommendation to the AHRMM. This program is in the exploratory stage and a recommendation about next steps will be presented to the Board later in the year.
- Mr. Schiller reported the Learning UDI (Unique Device Identification) Community has over 275 members. There is no requirement to be an AHRMM member to join the Learning UDI Community. Nine work groups have been formed to identify adoption hurdles and propose best recommended practices and case studies that will be hosted on the LUC Resource Center. The next steps will be to engage a broader stakeholder audience in workshop sessions at the GHX, HMMC, UDI, and AHRMM conferences. The goal is to focus efforts around the quality of the data within the Global UDI Database (GUDID) to ensure its accuracy and usefulness for patients, clinicians, and supply chain professionals, among others. A bi-monthly newsletter is in the works that will inform the Learning UDI Community members about the on-going efforts of the work groups.
- Mr. Schiller provided an update on the Medical Device Innovation Consortium. Two of the four work groups have received funding and approval to move forward in 2017. He will share the Phase Two focus after the next Forum meeting the end of March.
- Mr. Schiller indicated the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) has asked AHRMM to lead the supply chain procurement portion of their national coalition to promote the use of complex healthcare technology. Mr. Schiller and Brent Petty, past AHRMM Board Chair, will co-lead the two-year initiative. There will be a two-day meeting in April and the focus will be on identifying stakeholders to attend and participate.
- Ms. Sprindzunas reviewed the Executive Director's Report, including the 2016 Year-End Executive Summary and 2016 Year-End Financials. She reported AHRMM ended the year with strong financials and high membership numbers.
- Mr. Schiller added there was a record level participation in viewing webinars and the overall satisfaction rate was high, scoring 4.43 out of 5. Since late last year, podcasts are available on iTunes and SoundCloud; AHRMM webcasts are available on a YouTube channel.
- Ms. Conway closed the meeting by thanking the Board for the open, active dialogue and encouraged Board members to continue to keep communication flowing between meetings. She thanked the Board and AHRMM staff for their work on the many AHRMM initiatives and expressed excitement for the new-year ahead.