
AHRMM Board Meeting Overview May 7 – 8, 2015

- AHRMM Board Chair Brent Petty greeted the Board of Directors and staff to the meeting. Mr. Petty acknowledged that the board members are all busy professionals and how he and AHRMM value their commitment to AHRMM and the healthcare supply chain profession.
- Mr. Petty stated that March 23, 2010 was the go live date of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – healthcare is moving at a faster pace than ever before and continues to keep moving faster. Healthcare continues to face challenges and it's important to know the challenges that one is facing. The AHRMM Board needs to be forward thinking as well as continue to provide the membership the education and tools necessary to face this new normal.
- Mary Beth Lang, AHRMM Board Chair-Elect, presented "*What if Walmart were an ACO?*" Her presentation stated that healthcare is becoming virtual, social, and more personal than ever before as we move to consumer-driven structure. The presentation covered some reasons why big companies decline and fail and what the future might hold for healthcare. Ms. Lang tied this all back into the CQO Movement with new potential for care delivery models.
- Mr. Petty presented the foundation to discuss healthcare supply chain's impact on the Triple Aim. The efforts around CQO support many of the things that the Triple Aim is hoping to accomplish. The board broke into two groups to discuss this topic and then came back together to report out the findings. Based on this exercise, the board created a task force that will work with AHRMM's marketing team to create a visual or infographic based on this information.
- At the prior board meeting, there was a discussion that the title of the Affiliate/Supplier membership category may not appropriately reflect the members within that category. Christopher O'Connor, AHRMM Board Immediate Past Chair, pointed out that there has been some confusion over the Affiliate/Supplier membership category for some time because the term Supplier does not always reflect the individual joining AHRMM and therefore proposed that the membership category change to Affiliate. Making this change would be more inclusive and therefore more closely align with the CQO Movement. The requirements for this membership category would remain the same and only the title would change. The board approved this membership category title change.
- AHRMM Membership & Marketing Senior Manager, Catherine Carruth stated that AHRMM is on target with all membership goals and that AHRMM continues to focus on recruitment. There is also going to be more focus on group memberships.
- Mr. Petty and Ms. Lang gave an update on the GCC Healthcare Supply Chain Conference, Dubai, UAE. AHRMM was invited to participate and present at the GCC Conference. Both Board Officers attended the meeting to represent AHRMM. Mr. Petty was on a panel titled "Evolution of Supply Chain Models in the Region and Learnings from Developed Markets". Some challenges that the U.S. healthcare supply chain faces are some of the same challenges being faced there however other challenges are very different. Ms. Lang added that she was surprised with the high number of pharmacists at the meeting. Pharmacy supply chain is different and more complicated than the U.S. because of the importation issues. She added that drugs that have been available for years in the U.S. are just being approved for use there. Those at the Conference were very excited that representatives from AHRMM were able to participate in the meeting and share their perspectives of the U.S. healthcare supply chain.
- Ms. Lang shared an update on the Academic Task Force. A brief survey was sent out to a small number of providers and based on the results; many respondents felt that having a Supply Chain internship program at their healthcare facility would be beneficial. The next steps are to survey academic institutions to understand if they have intern programs available, see what program formats exist, and determine if there is an interest to explore opportunities with AHRMM.

- Board Member Teresa Dail stated that she presented AHRMM's metrics approach to the Strategic Initiative Board Benchmarking Committee at MedAssets and shared the feedback and input she received with the board. The feedback was positive and confirmed that AHRMM is on the right track. There was general agreement that there should be a transition to a more interdisciplinary approach to metrics with supply chain considered one of the main players.
- Dale Woodin, AHA Senior Executive Director, PMG Division, provided an update on the activities of the American Hospital Association (AHA) and the PMG Division. He shared that Rick Pollack was named AHA President and CEO and the AHA's rededication to the Triple Aim. Mr. Woodin shared that the PMG Division has started an inventory of products and services that tie directly to the Triple Aim with the goal of demonstrating the value of the PMGs to the AHA as well as promoting cross-collaborations.
- Mike Schiller, AHRMM Supply Chain Director, and Karen Conway, former AHRMM Board Member, gave an update on the CQO Strategy Group as well as the CQO Task Force. Both groups are working on details around the CQO Summit which will be held in conjunction with the AHRMM Annual Conference in August. The Task Force consists of 22 people from diverse backgrounds - providers, suppliers, GPOs, technology companies, distributors, researchers, academics, and analysts to ensure industry wide perspectives. The CQO Task Force objective is to identify, research, and report out on collaborative supply chain initiatives between providers and trading or business partners that involve better data standardization, sharing, analytics, and evidence-based decision making to improve cost, quality, and outcomes (as defined by the AHRMM CQO Movement). Task Force deliverables will be shared at the CQO Summit and be available for release in the format of a white paper or case study. There have been 7 submissions for Leading Practices to date with a submission deadline in late May. The Leading Practices will be reviewed by a sub group of the board with all submissions being posted on the AHRMM website.
- Ms. Carruth updated the board on AHRMM's website redesign project. Current committee volunteers are reviewing resources to make sure the content is still relevant for the new website. The website is on schedule to launch at AHRMM15.
- Executive Director Deborah Sprindzunas gave a brief overview on AHRMM's year-end financials and confirmed that AHRMM ended the year with a positive operating margin.
- Ms. Lang thanked the board for their time and encouraged them to keep up the momentum.