
AHRMM Board Meeting Overview November 7 – 8, 2014

- AHRMM Board Chair Christopher O'Connor welcomed board members to the final Board meeting of 2014.
- Mr. O'Connor presented the foundation for two breakout groups to discuss topics that came out of the Industry Trends discussion from a previous board meeting. This first group created a list of possibilities for future collaborations / partnerships that AHRMM can form or strengthen focusing on relationships that would benefit both organizations and not just AHRMM. The second group focused on the future of what Acute Care would look like.
- Dale Woodin, Senior Executive Director of the Personal Membership Group (PMG) Division, joined via teleconference to give an update on the activities of the American Hospital Association and the PMG Division. Earlier in 2014, a Performance Improvement model was created by the PMGs. This allows for PMGs to self-evaluate based on benchmarks, increased transparency with data sharing, and improved processes by learning from others with best practices in place. This will lead to increased profitability with consistent goals, improved collaboration, and the ability to quantify the value of the PMGs and other similar groups.
- Karen Conway and Mike Schiller, AHRMM Supply Chain Director, discussed the Cost, Quality, and Outcomes (CQO) Movement. Board members shared that they have been hearing CQO discussed in the industry, independently of AHRMM's influence, and that AHRMM was leading the way with this Movement. Mr. Schiller spoke about the upcoming call for leading practices across all hospital acquired conditions and how this would allow for broader participation. Ms. Conway updated the board on the HIMSS AHRMM collaboration and the 3-part webinar series that will be provided free to members, hosted by HIMSS, and is no cost to AHRMM other than the volunteer and staff time to create the educational content. While the webinars do not generate any revenue, it creates a lot of exposure for AHRMM and CQO with the HIMSS audience.
- Jerry D. VanVector, DHA, gave an informative presentation on Medical Logistics in the US Army from the five different regions it covers to the levels of care in the military. Much like the levels of care, there are levels of jobs ranging from tactical to strategic as well. Mr. O'Connor noted how educational it was and that it was great to see some parallels between the US Army MEDLOG and supply chain in the US healthcare field.
- AHRMM Board Immediate Past Chair Annette Pummel shared her perspectives after attending the International Hospital Federation (IHF) Conference in Paris. Ms. Pummel ended her debrief with noting that Europe is moving from acute care to non-acute care. Ms. Conway added that it was interesting to see the issues that supply chain professionals in the US face are the same as those that supply chain professionals in Europe face: they are recognizing the critical role supply chain plays and is determining how to elevate the supply chain among other initiatives.
- Ms. Conway shared her experience at the recent Unique Device Identification / UDI Conference. This was the 6th year of the conference but the first year that there was a provider track which was sponsored by AHRMM. The FDA and the manufacturers found having both providers and AHRMM extremely valuable.
- Mr. O'Connor shared his experience in New York with Ebola and the supply chain and that he was proud that healthcare supply chain professionals were at the forefront of Ebola preparation.
- The Board approved the metrics presented in the 2015 Executive Summary.
- Ms. Sprindzunus presented a high-level picture of the Executive Director's report.

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- Brent Petty, 2015 AHRMM Board Chair, opened his comments saying that he is extremely passionate about healthcare supply chain. He thanked the Board for all their efforts and stated that the Board members that are rolling off will be missed. Mr. Petty stated that this board has changed healthcare and continued saying that the Board and AHRMM will continue to be the voice for the supply chain field. The goal is to continue to refine in 2015 – CQO will continue to be AHRMM's focus.
 - Mr. O'Connor closed the meeting by saying that it had been an honor and a privilege to serve on the AHRMM Board of Directors. He thanked everyone and thanked prior Boards for making a difference in the healthcare field. Mr. O'Connor asked that everyone stayed engaged, sharing, "the only way that this works – changing healthcare, changing the world – is that the Board needs to lead." Mr. O'Connor asked that the Board continue to lead.