

AHRMM Board Meeting Overview November 10-11, 2016

- Mary Beth Lang, AHRMM Board Chair, addressed the AHRMM Board of Directors and expressed the board's commitment to AHRMM's strategy and agenda for healthcare and supply chain within a changing political landscape, continuing to work to move CQO and the Triple Aim forward.
- The board read the AHA's anti-trust statement. Dr. Lang shared that the goal of reading this statement is to remind board members who may be employed by competing organizations not to share information that could violate anti-trust policies. The board agreed to be mindful of the guidelines in the statement and work together to ensure the work of the board remains compliant.
- Jimmy Chung, AHRMM Board Member, and Karen Conway, AHRMM Board Chair-Elect, spoke on clinical awareness of the CQO movement. Dr. Chung shared a few examples of conversations he has had with clinical organizations regarding CQO. A Board Task Force will be created to investigate engaging the clinical community further in the CQO movement, to promote collaboration between supply chain and clinicians.
- Mike Schiller, AHRMM Senior Director, provided an update on the CQO Strategy Group. The group recently reviewed the results from the 2014, 2015, 2016 CQO Summits to identify common themes across the years. Based on that review, the CQO Strategy Group narrowed their focus to data, evidence-based outcomes, and the coordination between clinical, community, and supply chain professionals. Mr. Schiller expressed that there has been significant interest among high-level leaders in the Learning UDI Community and that he will encourage these leaders to also engage with the CQO Movement and attend future CQO Summits. Mike Duke, AHRMM Board Member, recommended that board members use the CQO White Paper Report as a resource when asked for information about CQO and noted that it would be helpful to bring new board members and prospective collaborators up to speed on the background and history of the CQO Movement. Mr. Duke and Mr. Schiller are working to develop a CQO and Triple Aim slide deck that can be integrated into the board chapter and other organization presentations.
- The board discussed opportunities to provide new or expanded resources for new board members and shared feedback on existing processes, including the board mentor program. Brent Petty and Darcy Aafedt volunteered to work on formalizing the board mentor process and Deborah Rey volunteered to work on formalizing the board/chapter liaison relationships. The board also discussed holding a webinar in early 2017 to onboard new board members.
- Kathi Pressley, AHRMM representative - AHA Certification Center Board, joined the meeting by phone to share an update on the American Hospital Association Certification Center (AHA-CC) and the Certified Materials & Resource Professional (CMRP) certification program. Ms. Pressley shared plans to revise the exam in 2017, which currently include a job analysis study, an item writing workshop, and exam question writing. There was a discussion on the process to review the study materials AHRMM provides to help candidates prepare for the exam, as well as a discussion on the exam revision timeline.
- Dale Woodin, AHA Vice President Personal Membership Groups, provided an update on AHA and the PMGs. He shared AHA's annual Environmental Scan report, AHA's new strategic plan, HRET's Hospital Improvement Innovation Network, AHA's Hospitals Against Violence initiative, and he briefly addressed the results of the recent presidential election. He shared that AHA works with the transition team for every new presidential administration and remains committed to working with the government to advocate for healthcare. Mr. Woodin concluded with a financial update and shared that PMG leadership is investigating opportunities to reinvest in the PMGs.
- Mike Duke shared an update on the Triple Aim. The Task Force has recently developed a document that serves as an introduction to the CQO Report. There was a conversation on the variety of ways that board members have incorporated the Triple Aim into their presentations and field communications. Brent Petty expressed that the new document can serve as a tool for strengthening relationships between providers and suppliers. Mr. Duke will include a

Triple Aim presentation in the board orientation webinar in early 2017. Mike Schiller shared that AHRMM education staff are working to develop new resources for suppliers and that the Triple Aim will be included among the subjects covered. The board agreed that the mission of the Triple Aim Task Force has been completed and was disbanded, though it was agreed that the board's work on the Triple Aim will continue.

- Debbie Sprindzunas, AHRMM Executive Director, introduced an overview of the 2017 Executive Summary. Ms. Sprindzunas shared that the summary was developed by AHRMM staff based on past goals, improvements, and growth for next year. The board unanimously approved the 2017 goals/metrics.
- Mike Schiller shared an update on the Engaging the Next Generation Task Force. The panel session at AHRMM16 was very successful and the Task Force is focusing on building next generation engagement for AHRMM17 and beyond. Sarah Oaks has been asked to consult on developing this plan, including researching internship programs and developing a career path resource for young professionals. The board discussed various options for projects and initiatives relating to engaging young professionals.
- Karen Conway shared an update on the Health Care Supplies Association Conference, which she attended in London in early November, as well as her recent international healthcare supply chain work in Canada and China. She reported on various countries' plans to launch programs similar to the United States' Unique Device Identification, as well as the ways in which each country is approaching similar challenges.
- Mike Schiller presented on the Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC), a project that has been in progress since early 2015 with AHRMM co-leading the project with the FDA. The result of this work has been to develop and launch a consumer reports-style dashboard to help value analysis committees make educated and informed procurement/outcomes-based decisions on various medical products and devices. The initial areas selected for the pilot were knee replacements and defibrillators. Mr. Schiller shared that the work group has been discussing a variety of next steps. The next stage of the project will be determined by the MDIC.
- Mike Schiller shared an update on the Learning UDI Community (LUC). The LUC started in June 2016 and the interest and response has been significant. There are currently over 200 active members and seven workgroups with two more pending. Mr. Schiller provided an overview of the existing workgroups and a summary of the work for which each group is responsible. Debbie Sprindzunas shared that Jean Sargent and Rosalind Parkinson have been hired as project managers for the LUC.
- Debbie Sprindzunas presented a high-level picture of the Executive Director's report and the year-end financials.
- Mike Schiller shared an update on AHRMM education, announcing that AHRMM podcasts are now available on iTunes and SoundCloud.
- Karen Conway shared her goals and initiatives for 2017 and expressed appreciation and recognition for those board members whose terms end in 2016. She affirmed the work of the board in innovating and moving the association forward and shared a commitment to continuing that work.
- Mary Beth Lang closed the meeting by thanking the board and reflecting on the work the board has achieved in her tenure as a board member and as chair.