

AHRMM Advisory Board Meeting Overview

May 5 – 6, 2022

- AHRMM Advisory Board Chair, Dr. Jimmy Chung, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Advisory Board members to the video conference call. The Advisory Board members read the AHRMM values and Randy Bradley, AHRMM Advisory Board Member, read the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Anti-Trust statement.
- Dr. Chung reflected on the progress and setbacks of the past few years, including issues specific to the pandemic and those that existed before the pandemic. Issues such as climate change, health care inequities and global human rights violations will require larger advances as opposed to incremental changes.
- Doug Shaw, SVP Business Development, American Hospital Association (AHA), shared an update from the most recent American Hospital Association (AHA) Board of Trustees meeting. The AHA Board discussed health equity, work force, affordability, financial sustainability, hospital at home and decarbonization of health care.
- Based on the update from Mr. Shaw, the Advisory Board discussed supply chain's role around health equity, work force, sustainability and affordability and the ways in which AHRMM can address these critical issues while working in alignment with the AHA.
- Matthew Wright, Senior Associate Director, Federal Relations & Grassroots Advocacy, AHA, provided an update on the current political climate as mid-term elections are approaching. Mr. Wright highlighted congressional priorities for the remainder of 2022 as well as AHA's top priorities, which include extending Medicare sequester relief, additional provider relief funds and flexible repayment terms for Medicare Accelerated / Advance payments.
- Karen Conway, AHRMM Past Chair, shared an update on behalf of the Strategic Planning Task Force and briefly reviewed the strategic planning work that has been done since the last Advisory Board meeting, including the revised Envisioned Future, strategic principles and strategy map. The task force reviewed the list of strategies created by the Advisory Board, and staff have organized the list into categories of priorities for the next 12-18 months and 18-36 months. Ms. Sprindzunas asked the Advisory Board to review and prioritize the strategy list with a focus on how the existing strategies can incorporate the topics discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Mr. Kiewiet provided an update on the Nominating Committee's work to identify potential Advisory Board and Chair-Elect candidates for the 2022 election. There are two provider seats and one affiliate seat open for the 2023 Advisory Board.
- Mr. Schiller shared details for an upcoming CQO Leaders webinar on staff wellness, which is scheduled for June. Elisa Arespacochaga, Vice President, AHA Physician Alliance, will be the speaker. The CQO Leadership Summit will be held Monday, August 8, with Paul Keckley as the keynote speaker.
- Mr. Schiller reminded the Advisory Board that there are now 29 AHRMM Keys established over 6 categories: Finance and Operations, Patient Safety, Resiliency, Sustainability and Data Standards. Mr. Schiller shared that they are receiving good feedback from the current Keys pilot program participants and are scheduled to officially launch the AHRMM Keys in 2023.
- Mr. Schiller shared that AHRMM is investigating a program to provide options for organizations to acquire medical equipment in times of need. A roundtable session will be hosted at AHRMM22 to gather feedback about the potential program.

- The Education Committee and AHRMM staff decided to align educational content by operational verticals to create the Education Pathways program. They have identified 4 key vertical areas: Procurement, Inventory Management, Health I.T. and Suppliers. Each vertical will have 3 curriculum components: foundation, intermediate and advanced series courses. There will be digital badge opportunities within each series and once the entire curriculum is completed there will be a Masters program.
- Dr. Chung thanked the Advisory Board for their participation and feedback. Ms. Sprindzunas thanked Dr. Chung for his work to make the meeting a success and Ms. Conway for her continued work with the Strategic Planning Task Force.
- The next Advisory Board meeting will be held in August, before the AHRMM22 Conference & Exhibition.