

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**  
**Noon – 2:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anita Bachmann  
Paul Cunningham, MD, FACS  
Penney Burlingame Deal, DHA, RN – via teleconference  
Leonard Ellis  
Keith Holtsclaw, FACHE  
Sarah Jordan, PhD – via teleconference  
Warren Newton, MD, MPH  
Lawrence Nycum, MD  
Sy Saeed, MD, MS, FACPpsych  
Pam Shipman  
Lisa Shock, MHS, PA-C  
David Sousa  
Kevin Sowers, RN, MSN, FAAN  
Phillip Tarte, MHA – via teleconference

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robin Cummings, MD  
Laura Easton RN, MSN  
Raymond Haigney, II, DDS  
Paul Malinda, MD  
Mark Payne, JD  
Kim Schwartz, MA  
Patricia Skinner, PhD

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Maggie Bailey  
Anne Foglia, MS  
Chip Haltermann  
Chloe Louderback  
Peter Morris, MD, MPH, MDiv  
Mari Moss  
Berkeley Yorkery, MPP  
Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH

**GUESTS:**

Andrew Martella, Duke University Medical Center

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Newton, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. He thanked members and staff for their attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Dr. Newton indicated that the members received the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting of the Board in advance. Ms. Shock made a motion to approve and accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Sowers. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH, President and CEO**

Dr. Zolotor discussed the current NCIOM projects—Bridging Local Systems: Strategies for Mental Health and Social Service Collaboration; Essentials for Childhood: Backbone Organization; and the Health Care Analytics Task Force. Dr. Zolotor anticipated that the Health Care Analytics Task Force report will be published in September 2017. The Bridging Local Systems project has concluded regional leadership summits in four LME/MCO regions (Eastpointe, Partners, Alliance, and Sandhills) and is currently launching summits in the Trillium, Cardinal and Vaya regions. The Essentials for Childhood project is continuing to convene two working groups as well as a steering committee and is exploring opportunities to meet the state leadership and data needs of the project in alignment with partner organizations.

Dr. Zolotor also discussed potential upcoming projects including a Legislative Healthy Policy Fellows Program, an Accountable Care Communities Task Force, and a Study of Eye Care Access, among others.

The 2017 Annual Meeting: Accountable Care Communities for a Healthier North Carolina will be held on September 25, 2017 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Registration is now open and can be found on the NCIOM website. See instructions from Don Gula to register using the board member promo code. The October board meeting will be cancelled and the board will meet instead after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in September.

Dr. Zolotor also announced staff changes—Chip Haltermann has been working with the NCIOM as the Silberman Healthy Policy Summer Intern; Maggie Bailey has joined the NCIOM staff as a Temporary Research Assistant; and Allie Daugherty, the new Communications Specialist and *NCMJ* Senior Managing Editor will be starting work on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Zolotor anticipates that the NCIOM will begin interviewing candidates for a new Project Director in the next month.

## **FINANCE REPORT – Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH, President and CEO**

Dr. Zolotor provided a brief overview of the year-to-date budget through May 31, 2017. The total revenue and expenses continue to track with the approved NCIOM budget.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Berkeley Yorkery, MPP, Associate Director**

Ms. Yorkery discussed the legislative activity that has come out of recent NCIOM Task Forces including the Task Force on Alzheimer's and Related Dementia, the Task Force on Mental Health and Substance Use, and the Essentials for Childhood Task Force and Backbone Organization work. Notable legislation passed included:

- S.L. 2017-57: Appropriations Act of 2017
  - Appropriates \$600,000 recurring funds in FYs 17-19 to develop an Alzheimer's Registry through the Bryan Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Duke University Medical Center. (Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Task Force Recommendation 7.1)
  - Requires DHHS to design a plan for adding Medicaid coverage for ambulance transports of Medicaid recipients in behavioral health crisis to behavioral

- health clinics or other alternative appropriate care locations. (Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force Recommendation 3.6)
  - Appropriates \$350,000 funds in FYs 17-19 to support community paramedicine pilot programs in New Hanover, McDowell, and Wake Counties. (Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force Recommendation 3.6)
  - Appropriates \$250,000 funds in FYs 17-19 to support a pilot program in New Hanover County focused on aiding assessment and navigation of the mental health/substance abuse service system through the local LME/MCO, Trillium Health Resources. (Multiple Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force Recommendations)
  - Establishes a joint council between DHHS and DPI to establish a “vision and accountability for a birth through grade three system of early education.” (Essentials for Childhood Task Force Recommendation 3.1)
  - Requires DHHS to develop a plan to provide Medicaid and NC Health Choice coverage for home visiting services consistent with the nurse-family partnership model; also increases funding for NC PreK and the child care subsidy market rate. (Essentials for Childhood Task Force Recommendations 5.3, 5.4, 5.6, and 6.1)
- S.L. 2017-133: DHHS Recommend Telemedicine Policy
  - Requires DHHS to study and recommend a comprehensive telemedicine policy. (Alzheimer’s and Related Dementia Task Force Recommendation 4.4, Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force Recommendation 3.10)
- S.L. 2017-32: Required Experience for MH/DD/SAS QPs
  - Requires DHHS to amend the qualifications for Qualified Professionals within the mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services to include all years of full-time MH/DD/SAS experience required by the rule obtained either before or after obtaining the required educational degree. (Mental Health and Substance Use Task Force Recommendation 3.8)
- S.L. 2017-41: Rylan’s Law/Family/Child Protection & Accountability Act
  - Establishes a Child Well-Being Transformation Council. (Essentials for Childhood Task Force Recommendation 3.1)

**HOW TO IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE NEW TASK FORCE OPPORTUNITIES – Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH, President and CEO**

Dr. Zolotor led the board members in a discussion of the process and considerations by which the NCIOM identifies and evaluates potential new Task Force or project opportunities. Considerations include the magnitude of the issue, the types of solution(s), the availability of levers for change, the potential impact on population health, and the current readiness or capacity of leadership to tackle the issue. Board members raised questions regarding how the NCIOM evaluates study requests from legislators, and under what circumstances the NCIOM takes a position on an issue. Board members agreed this should be part of an ongoing process discussion.

Board members also raised for discussion specific potential issues to address in future task forces—scope of practice, access to specialty care in rural communities, an efficient credentialing system.

**HEALTHCARE ANALYTICS OVERVIEW AND DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS** – Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH, President and CEO

Dr. Zolotor very briefly directed the board members to the draft Health Care Analytics recommendations provided and confirmed board members to review the upcoming report: Dr. Newton, Dr. Nycum, and Ms. Bachman.

**NCMJ UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF 2017 EDITORIAL CALENDAR** – Peter Morris, MD, MPH, *NCMJ* Editor-in-Chief

Dr. Morris gave an overview of the North Carolina Medical Journal's editorial calendar. Upcoming issues include Orthopedics and Oral Health.

**BOARD FEEDBACK ON THE ECONOMICS OF MEDICINE: HIGH COSTS IN NC (ISSUES 79(1))** – Berkeley Yorkery, MPP, Associate Director

Ms. Yorkery solicited Board feedback on how to frame the January 2018 issue. Members gave suggestions for how to frame the topic, particular issues to keep in mind, and potential guest editor and authors to invite to contribute.

**SCHEDULED MEETING DATES**

Monday, September 25, 2017

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Mr. Sowers made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Dr. Saeed. Dr. Newton thanked the Board Members for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.