MEMBERS PRESENT:
Anita Bachmann
Robin Cummings, MD
Paul Cunningham, MD, FACS
Sarah Jordan, PhD
Paul Malinda, MD
Warren Newton, MD, MPH
Lawrence Nycum, MD
Mark Payne, JD
Kim Schwartz, MA
Pam Shipman
Lisa Shock, MHS, PA-C
David Sousa
Phillip Tarte, MHA

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Penney Burlingame Deal, DHA, RN
Laura Easton RN, MSN
Leonard Ellis
Raymond Haigney, II, DDS
Keith Holtsclaw, FACHE
Sy Saeed, MD, MS, FACPsych
Patricia Skinner, PhD
Kevin Sowers, RN, MSN, FAAN

STAFF PRESENT:
Maggie Bailey
Yasmin Bendaas
Anne Foglia, MS
Don Gula
Chip Haltermann
Chloe Louderback
Peter Morris, MD, MPH, MDiv
Mari Moss
Michelle Ries
Berkeley Yorkery, MPP
Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH

GUESTS:
N/A

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER
Kim Schwartz, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. Since there were several new NCIOM staff members in attendance she asked all attendees to introduce themselves and identify their roles. She thanked members and staff for their attendance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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

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

Dr. Zolotor discussed and provided updates on the current NCIOM projects: Bridging Local Systems; Essentials for Childhood: Backbone Organization; Health Care Analytics Task Force; and the Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program. Dr. Zolotor stated that the Bridging Local Systems Task Force is on schedule to complete all regional leadership summits within the next two months and expects the project completed by the end of the year. The Essentials for Childhood has just started the second year of a two-year contract with DPH/DHHS. NCIOM is currently convening two working groups and a steering committee. Will also be reconvening data action team that met as part of Pathways to Grade Level Reading initiative. Essentials for Childhood/DPH will also co-sponsor an issue of NCMJ in spring 2018, focused on trauma, its impact on children and families, and community approaches to prevention and treatment. The Health Care Analytics Task Force is complete and the final report should be published by the end of the month. The Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program has recently been started as we have received a grant award from BCBS NC Foundation. Proposals have also been submitted to The Duke Endowment and Cone Health Foundation. This program is modeled from similar programs in SC and GA that have been quite successful.

Other Projects: Accountable Care Communities. We have submitted proposals and anticipate starting the task force in the near future. We have identified two potential co-chairs to lead the task force. Renewal contract with DHB. The Health Care Analytics contract ends at the end of September. Dr. Zolotor is working with DHB leadership for new opportunities for a new contract with a different scope of work. He also discussed other projects that he is just beginning to have discussions and identify potential funders.

Dr. Zolotor also announced staff changes—Phyllis Blackwell decided to retire in August, about 5 months earlier than she had planned. She had served as the assistant managing editor of the NCMJ for many years. Yasmin Bendaas, a graduate of Wake Forest University with a BA in anthropology, and recently graduated from the UNC School of Media and Journalism, has started as our interim managing editor of the NCMJ. Chip Haltermann, who had been working with the NCIOM as the Silberman Healthy Policy Summer Intern has returned to school and will work part time at the NCIOM during the semester; Mari Moss, who was a research assistant and interim managing editor of the NCMJ has started an MPH-RD program at UNC and will continue to work part-time at NCIOM.

**FINANCE REPORT – Don Gula, MBA.** Mr. Gula gave an update on NCIOM financials though the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2017. Revenue and expenses continue to track with the approved NCIOM budget. The 2017 audit of NCIOM will begin later this week and the on-site portion of the audit should be completed in early November.

**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.
**BOARD FEEDBACK ON THE 2017 NCIOM ANNUAL MEETING** – Dr. Zolotor invited discussion on the just-completed Annual Meeting. Ms. Schwartz praised the meeting and how it is conducted and also praised Dr. Zolotor’s leadership and team. Mr. Sousa also praised the event, and commented that it would be better for the audience if presenters were able to provide slides of their presentation ahead of time. Several Board members commented that being able to have an annual meeting and subsequent task force on the same topic was a great idea.

**SCHEDULED MEETING DATES**
Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Ms. Schwartz thanked the Board Members for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.