

THINC RHIO, Inc.

Taconic Health Information Network and Community

THINC RHIO Board Meeting
July 2, 2008

Board Members Present: Mike Duffy, Chairperson
Mark Foster
Gene Heslin
Paul Kaye, MD
Arthur Levin
Robert Savage

Board Members Absent: Art Nizza

Non-Board Members Present: Asha Upadhyay (Program Director, THINC)
Steve Rossi (THINC, CFO)

I. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A) APPROVAL OF MARCH 2008 MEETING MINUTES

Mike Duffy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors. A motion was made & seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

B) THINC ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Asha Upadhyay gave an update on the following projects:

1. NYSDOH – HEAL 1:

THINC requested a 2 year no-cost extension from NYSDOH for this project, from August 1, 2008 to July 31, 2010. We have been informed that the NYS DOH Office for Health Information Technology Transformation (OHITT) will recommend to the NYS DOH HEAL Office and the NYS Office of the Controller that an extension will be given. The details of the extension are being discussed, including a revised EMR rollout plan. Currently there are 216 providers on EMRs.

Costs for high speed Broadband Access in the Hudson Valley: Because concerns were raised at a previous meeting about limited provider access to broadband inhibiting uptake of EHRs, Asha Upadhyay was asked to follow up on this concern. She reported to the Board that her research failed to find a resource that documents available broadband connectivity and costs. While broadband vendors do map connectivity, the information is viewed as proprietary and confidential.

There is, however, a NY State Universal Broadband Initiative whose goal is to ensure that every New Yorker has access to affordable, high speed access. There are five Action Teams in this NY State initiative:

- i. Broadband Network Infrastructure
- ii. Digital literacy & Community outreach
- iii. e-Govt applications for low income households
- iv. Economic Development & IT workforce development
- v. Governmental Initiatives

She spoke to Dan Corcoran who is the CIO for the New York State Office of Technology and one of the members of the Broadband Network Infrastructure Access Action team. They are trying to develop a map showing regional access throughout NYS and will share it with THINC once it is developed. However vendors are unwilling to share street level data or cost information for their business, so the State is having a difficult time accessing the information.

Gene Heslin suggested that it would be good to get some information over the next few months and know any limitations that exist for the implementation of the EMR's. Art Levin said he will talk to Lori Evans at NYSDOH about this problem as it likely affects providers in many regions throughout the state.

2. NYSDOH-P4P/Medical Home:

We are in contract negotiations with VIPS, the data aggregator for this project. We are waiting for IRB approval on the participation agreements. Once IRB approval is forthcoming the project can begin enrollment. There are **161** physicians eligible for the P4P-Quality Reporting arm & **136** physicians for Medical Home arm of this project.

3. ONC-CSC - NHIN Phase 2 :

Work continues on the development of the interface specifications for exporting summary quality metrics from EHRs. Target date for completion is July 31, 2008.

4. NYSDOH – CDC HIE:

THINC submitted a revised Scope of Work and Budget to NYSDOH. The revised budget is \$198k for the project and THINC is currently in contract negotiations.

5. NYSDOH- HEAL 5 - SHINNY & CIS:

THINC submitted a high level Project Work Plan, Payment and Reporting Schedule and Budget to NYSDOH for both projects on Wednesday June 5th. THINC is in the contract negotiations phase of this project. Estimated target date set by NYSDOH for signed contracts is August 1, 2008.

C) THINC FINANCIALS

Steve Rossi, THINC CFO, presented the Income Statement for May 2008. In discussing the potential source of funding the new position of full time Executive Director, and its effect on the existing budget, he noted that funds previously budgeted to pay Manatt for part time Executive Director functions would now not be needed.. He said that the current budget should be adjusted to move around line items to accommodate the hiring of the new ED. He also said that the costs of the new FTE position would be, in his estimation, budget neutral. Mike Duffy suggested that any budget line item adjustments await the arrival of the new ED so that she could participate in any future budget realignments. Steve's analysis is that THINC is on track with the revenue and expenses, with the cost savings in consulting and the hiring of the new Executive Director.

Mike Duffy asked if THINC could request an "advance" on the HEAL5 grant. Steve responded that "advances" would be allowed up to 20% of the total budget and that THINC is in fact preparing such a request to submit to NYSDOH.

Steve presented and reviewed the THINC Balance Sheet. He indicated that it shows both a large receivable and a large payable. These are funds from NYSDOH for the implementation of NextGen licenses. Previously they were not included on the balance sheet since it was not clear that NYSDOH would allow them to be included. However, in discussions NYSDOH they have agreed to allow NextGen licenses to be included.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Financials presented.

C) NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the public meeting and the Board reconvened in Executive Session.