

**LA Chapter of HIMSS
Board of Directors**

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2011

2:00 PM

- Maggie Dowies
- Claudia Blackburn
- Paul Kirk
- Shelly Kirkland**
- Chris Williams
- Brenda Ikerd**

- Claude Younger**
- Angela Kennedy**
- Terry M. Evans
- David Moody
- Chad Cothorn**

- Errol Labat**
- Michelle Martin**
- Jenny Smith**
- Dr. Maran

Call to Order – Shelly Kirkland: Last meeting minutes approved by motion of the board.

1. Shelley Introduced Zachery Jiwa, HIT coordinator for state of LA Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) working for the DHH Secretary Bruce Greenstein. Zachery joined the call to talk about his role and opportunities to work with LA HIMSS.
 - Zachery’s role is to facilitate/coordinate all state programs that are funded by HITECH Legislation. Today that include 5 programs:
 - State Health Information Exchanges (HIE)
 - Regional Extension Centers
 - Beacon Community Grant
 - Electronic Health Record (AHR) Incentive (LA Medicaid)
 - Community College Consortium
 - Real Healthcare Pilot Program
 - His role is also to leverage Policy, Infrastructure and Mindshare across the state.
 - Founder of Austin HIMSS Chapter in Texas and interested in working with LA Chapter to see what we are doing and how we can promote each other:
 - How can we link HIT programs with LA HIMSS Chapter activities?
 - How can HIMSS drive/promote HIE related discussions in local communities?
 - What influence can we have with state legislature session regarding policies that support HIE/HIT initiatives?
 - He can provide assistance obtaining speakers from key LA healthcare agencies and legislative committees for HIMSS events/conferences
 - He can also provide assistance with nationally recognized speakers for events/conferences.
2. Secretary’s Reports – Claudia Blackburn (Absent - No Report)
3. Treasurer’s Report – Michelle Martin
 - Checking Balance \$ 7,390.28
 - Savings Balance \$22,407.56
 - **Total** **\$29,707.84**
4. Technology Chair- Website Report : Errol Labat
 - Errol has transferred the lahimms.org URL from Opelousas General to himself in an account with directNIC then initiated a transfer to Telusys.
 - Has received confirmation from Telusys of the transfer request and approved moving forward. The transition process takes about a week to complete.
 - Once it is done National will take care of the cost for the annual URL renewal with Telusys.

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5. Fall/Spring LAHIMSS conference - Terry Evans (Absent – Chad Updated on related activities)
 - Looking at options for having an Advocacy Day in 2012 sometime during the LA State legislative session. More to come...
 - Planning for an October Conference is in progress
 - Chad met with Brenda on 03/12 to talk about what activities are going on around the LA this year
 - Established some ideas for possible topics and speakers at the October Conferences (HIE, Consortium, HIPAA 5010, ICD-10, and Meaningful Use)
 - Would like to have a series of promotional events around the state (Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Alexandria, and Lafayette) leading up to the conference.
 - HIE Presentation by Jenny Smith
 - HCR Presentation by Mike Bertaut
 - Small break or lunch between presentations
 - Still looking into Cyber Center for possible Social in June with Mike Bertaut presenting on HCR.
6. Membership-Chris Williams (Absent - No Report)
7. Newsletter - Maggie Dowies (Absent - No Report)
 - Shelly reported that Jan Fuller has agreed to take on this role for the LA Chapter
8. New Graduate Report-Maggie Dowies (Absent - No Report)
9. Student Scholarships- Angela Kennedy (Absent – Shelly Updated)
 - Angela has only received one response to the scholarship application distribution at LA Tech
 - Would like contacts for other universities so more distributions can be made to solicit additional scholarship applicants.
10. HIE Report– Jenny Smith
 - Nearing selection of the final vendor, from two finalist
 - Tentative Project dates are:
 - Contract completion in June
 - Start pilots with early adopters in the fall
 - Initiate Phase 1 (Meaningful Use focus) in January 2012
11. Communication-Paul Kirk (Absent - No Report)
12. Advocacy- David Moody (Absent - No Report)
13. Meeting Wrap Up
 - Next month meeting will be Friday (05/20) 2:00 PM