

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**  
**12:00-2:00**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anita Bachmann  
Penney Burlingame Deal, DHA, RN via teleconference  
Robin Cummings, MD  
Paul Cunningham, MD, FACS  
Sarah Jordan, PhD - via teleconference  
Keith Holtsclaw, FACHE – via teleconference  
Paul Malinda, MD via teleconference  
Brian McGinnis  
Warren Newton, MD, MPH  
Lawrence Nycum, MD  
Sy Saeed, MD, MS, FACPsych  
Kim Schwartz, MA  
Lisa Shock, MHS, PA-C  
Patricia Skinner, PhD  
David Sousa  
Phillip Tarte, MHA  
William Way, Jr., MD – via teleconference

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Laura Easton, RN, MSN  
Leonard Ellis  
Mark Payne, JD

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Maggie Bailey  
Yasmin Bendaas  
Don Gula, MBA  
Chloe' Louderback  
Brienne Lyda-McDonald, MSPH  
Peter Morris, MD, MPH, MDiv  
Michelle Ries, MPH  
Berkeley Yorkery, MPP  
Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH

**GUESTS:**

Andrea Eason, Blackman & Sloop  
Ben Fulton, Blackman & Sloop

## **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Kim Schwartz, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Since there were new NCIOM board members present, she asked all attendees to introduce themselves and identify their roles. Ms. Schwartz recognized new board members, Brian McGinnis and William Way, who briefly introduced themselves. She thanked members and staff for their attendance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Schwartz indicated that the members received the minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting of the Board in advance. Dr. Cunningham made a motion to approve and accept the minutes, seconded by Dr. Newton. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUDIT** – Andrea Eason, President, Blackman & Sloop  
The Audit and Finance Committee previously reviewed the draft audit and brought it to the full Board for action. Ms. Andrea Eason provided the Board with the audit report and supplementary financial documents, and asked for any questions or comments. She thanked Don Gula and Chloe' Louderback for their assistance during the audit. A motion to approve the audit was made by the Audit and Finance Committee. No second was necessary. The report was approved unanimously.

**NCIOM MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION** – Berkeley Yorkery, MPP, Associate Director  
Berkeley Yorkery, MPP, provided a report from the Membership Committee. Currently, there are 150 members of the NCIOM, which is the maximum number of members, with fourteen members up for renewal. The Membership Committee recommended renewing thirteen of the fourteen members, with Steven Shore, MSW not recommended for renewal due to his retirement.

David Sousa inquired about the requirements and expectations for membership, as well as the perquisites membership entails. Dr. Zolotor explained that membership is honorific and recognizes members' contributions to the health and wellbeing of North Carolina. There are not financial requirements for members, but members are expected to support the work of the NCIOM, whether by lending expertise through participation in task force, guest editing the journal, attending the annual meeting, and/or spreading awareness about the work and recommendations of the NCIOM. Membership is for a term of five years, and can be renewed two times.

Dr. Cunningham made a motion on behalf of the membership committee to change the bylaws and expand NCIOM membership to 200. Dr. Newton seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Yorkery will send emails asking for nominations for new members, and a proposed slate will be up for approval at the April meeting.

The membership committee moved to approve the members due for renewal, and the board passed the slate. Dr. Newton abstained from voting, as he was one of the members up for renewal. The thirteen members who were extended for an additional five years are: Ronald Bell; Gary Bowers; D. Gregory Chadwick; Thomas DuBose Jr; Laura Easton; Marian Earls; Kathy Higgins; Verla Clemens Insko; Warren Newton; Hilda Pinnix-Ragland; J. Carson Rounds; Janelle Rhyne; and Susan Weaver.

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

Dr. Zolotor first announced that a new Board Member had recently been named to the NCIOM. Susan Neeley has been appointed to fill Kevin Sower's seat. We expect three new board members this year, as the terms of Phillip Tarte, Mark Payne, and Laura Easton have expired, and Governor Cooper has not yet extended their terms or appointed new board members. Mr. Tarte, Mr. Payne, and Ms. Easton are considered holdover appointment board members until their terms are extended or new members appointed.

Dr. Zolotor discussed and provided updates on the current NCIOM projects: Essentials for Childhood: Backbone Organization; Bridging Local Systems; Legislative Health Policy Fellows; Accountable Care Communities Task Force; and the Child Health Report Card.

Dr. Zolotor stated that the Essentials for Childhood project is currently convening 2 workgroups, the Evidence-Based Programs group and a Trauma-Informed Practices group, as well as the steering committee, and is aligning work on data-collection with the Pathways to Grade-Level Reading Initiative. The task force will be reconvened on May 18<sup>th</sup> in a joint session with the Task Force on Early Childhood on the Mental Health, Social, and Emotional Needs of Young Children and their Families. Essentials for Childhood/DPH will also co-sponsor an issue of the NCMJ in the spring, focusing on trauma, its impact on children and families, and community approaches to prevention and treatment.

The Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program is launching next week with its first session to be held on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have a class of 22 legislators: we invited all legislators to participate, but focused our recruitment efforts in particular on legislators in health-related committees in their first three terms. This project is funded by The Duke Endowment, Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina, The Cone Health Foundation, and the Commonwealth Fund. Dr. Zolotor stated that to his knowledge the Commonwealth Fund support is the first time that the work of the NCIOM has been funded by a national foundation, in large part thanks to Michelle Ries' past employment there. The funds will support issue briefs and the development of additional resources to assist legislators in policy-making decisions. The program will run in even years, with the off years devoted to issue briefs and possibly a program for legislative assistants. We are putting out a press release to publicize the program, and the Board is encouraged to reach out to legislators local to them to recognize them for their participation.

The Accountable Care Communities Task Force will be led by our new project director, Brienne Lyda-McDonald. Dr. Zolotor took this opportunity to introduce Ms. Lyda-McDonald who joined the staff in November. The first meeting will be held next Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, and will include out-of-state speakers from Spectrum Health in Michigan who will share about their work addressing determinants of health. The task force has about 46 members, and will be co-chaired by Secretary of DHHS Mandy Cohen, Mayor Miles Atkins of Mooresville, Dr. Ron Paulus of Mission Health, and Reuben Blackwell of OIC.

The Child Health Report Card, our annual project with NC Child is underway and will be released in February.

Potential future projects for this year include: quality metrics for populations with severe and persistent mental illness or value-based purchasing through a contract with DHB; access to care for people who are deaf or hard of hearing in partnerships with DSDHH; Healthy NC 2030; or palliative care.

Dr. Zolotor provided a brief overview of the new materials being created for the website as background for the Legislative Health Policy Fellows Program as well as other stakeholders. These include the county health data map, health care term glossary, and primers on state agencies, Medicaid, the mental health system, and health care financing.

**ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION** – Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH, President and CEO  
The topic for the 2018 annual meeting will be team-based care. There was positive feedback from the Board regarding the theme of the previous annual meeting corresponding with the current issue of the NCMJ. The July/August issue of the NCMJ this year will be team-based care. NCIOM/NCMJ staff are brainstorming speakers as well as authors for the journal issue, and would appreciate input from the Board.

**BRIDGING LOCAL SYSTEMS REPORT** – Adam Zolotor, MD, DrPH, President and CEO  
Dr. Zolotor provided a brief presentation of the outcomes of the Bridging Local Systems project. Over the course of the project, project staff held 30 regional meetings across the state with 337 participants. The meetings engaged staff from all 7 LME/MCOs and 88 counties' DSS. NCIOM staff have drafted 7 regional reports summarizing the feedback and themes that emerged from each LME/MCO region, as well as one statewide report that outlines opportunities for state leadership including: better coordination at the state level, system policy changes, increased system resources and investments, and developing strategies for serving special populations. We are currently revising the state report, and have developed a dissemination plan.

**FINANCE REPORT** – Don Gula, MBA, Business Manager  
Mr. Gula reminded the Board that all Board Members must sign a conflict of interest statement annually, and asked that the Board members sign the forms that had been provided to them. Mr. Gula also mentioned that we expect UNC to renew NCIOM's lease in our current space for at least another year. Finally, he provided a brief report of the NCIOM's financials. Expenses are tracking with projections, and revenue has exceeded projections, due to securing additional funding for the Legislative Health Policy Fellows program.

**NCMJ UPDATE** – Peter Morris, MD, MPH, MDiv, Editor-in-Chief and Yasmin Bendaas, Interim Managing Editor  
Ms. Bendaas and Dr. Morris provided an overview of the editorial calendar for the journal. Dr. Morris also discussed the issue co-sponsored by the Essentials for Childhood project, and how the journal will primarily focus on community responses to ACEs. In addition, they are looking for ideas for a guest editor for the team-based care issue.

## **SCHEDULED MEETING DATES**

April 17, 2018

July 17, 2018

Ms. Schwartz thanked the Board Members for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.