

CMS Membership Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2010

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I. Business Meeting – Capital Medical Society

A. Welcome – Dr. Jerry Ford, CMS President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He welcomed the physician office staff in attendance and thanked them for the great job they do for their physicians. Third year FSU-COM students were in attendance too.

B. Introduce Guests – Dr. Ford introduced Mr. J.R. Richards, CEO for Bond Community Health Center. Bond is a local Federally Qualified Health Center. Dr. Ford thanked J.R. for the good work his organization does in our community.

II. Tonight's CME Program –

Emerging Trends in Electronic Medical Records

Diane Gaddis, CPHIMS, President/CEO, Community Health Centers Alliance, Inc

Assisting with Q&A

Bill Dillon, JD, Board Certified Healthcare Attorney, Messer Capareello & Self

Zach Finn, Director, Big Bend RHIO –
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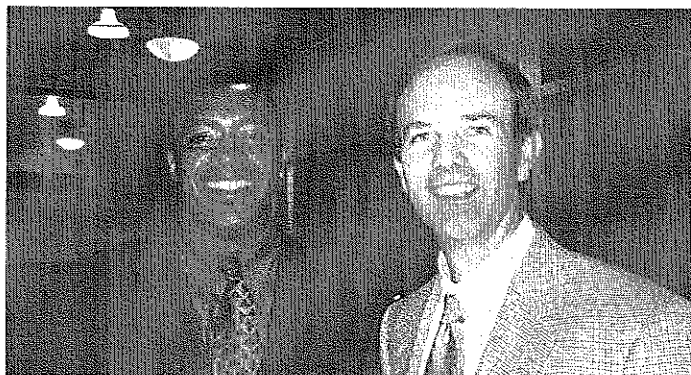


Our speakers for the evening, (l-r) Ms. Diane Gaddis and Angela Strain

Dr. Ford explained that selecting and implementing an EMR system in our offices is one of the greatest challenges and worries we have in our medical practice today. Here in Tallahassee, our physicians are everywhere in the continuum. Some are using EMR, some are in the process of researching EMR and some have not started down the path.

Tonight's meeting and next month's meeting on May 18th are meant to be a two-part series to help our physician offices, no matter where they are in the process.

The state of EMR in medicine today is rapidly changing and that is one of the challenges. Tonight's speaker is an expert on the realities of implementing an EMR system in your office. She spoke to the audience about successful strategies for EMR selection and implementation, where we are with Meaningful Use - and what is the timeline for the stimulus fund rebates for physicians in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Another emerging player for EMR implementation are Regional Extension Centers and our local coalition just got awarded a federal grant to start one. Finally, she spoke about the importance of Regional Healthcare Information Organizations or RHIO's like our very own Big Bend RHIO here in Tallahassee.



J.R. Richards, CEO for Bond Community Health Center and Dr. Jerry Ford, CMS President.

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Ms. Gaddis is the President CEO for Community Health Center Alliance, a non-profit network of federally qualified community health centers. Her role is to provide access to a wide range of technical infrastructure and support services for community health centers. She is also President of Envision IT Solutions, which helps healthcare entities with IT and EMR systems acquisition.

Dr. Ford introduced two local resources in EMR implementation:

Bill Dillon, JD, Board Certified Healthcare Attorney, with Messer Caparello & Self and Zach Finn, Director, Big Bend RHIO, also known as BigBendHealth.com.

III. Mark your Calendar –

May 18 – CMS Membership Meeting

Topic: “HIT Summit” with EMR Vendors

Speakers: Our local Practice Administrators and EMR reps

6:00 pm at the Goodwood Conference Center

Dr. Ford reminded everyone to be sure to attend the follow-up meeting on this topic on May 18th. Tonight we learned about the “big picture”. Next month we are going to focus on your own selection process and implantation process with EMR. We will have all the EMR vendors in the Tallahassee

market at the meeting. They will not only display but also conduct important Q&A with local practice administrators who have installed EMR. This should be a great networking experience for everyone. We will also have a list of all the practices and which EMR they are using, or considering, for distribution at the meeting.

Physician CME Proof of Attendance Forms will be sent to participants who attend the entire CME program.

IV. Adjourn – Dr. Ford adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.



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