



*Technology Minutes
June 20, 2008*

Present:

Bill Carns
Curt Cvikota
Sherri Dumford
Patrick Lukacs
Joe Schendel
Brad Lund
Michelle Botana

1. Education & Awareness

Nothing new to report.

2. Employee Management

Joe will follow up on the lead Bill will provide and report back at the next call.

3. Project Management

Bill discussed a tool one of his managers discovered which works with Salesforce.com. Patrick mentioned Central Desktop a system he explored for the purpose of his sub-committee. Patrick suggested web-team be contacted to see what type of tool they may be able to offer as an add-on to the website as the website already has user access controls, etc. Patrick's website developer has recently developed a project/task tracking tool, though his staff has not yet tested it.

Action: Patrick will develop some questions for consideration and present to the Committee. Patrick will also contact Tom Smith who has agreed to join the Committee and work on this initiative.

4. Accounting System

Bill discussed the IntAcct accounting system which could be utilized for HBMA members to consolidate financial information for analysis and comparison by participating members. IntAcct has the ability to analyze revenue and costs on a per claim basis, the standard of measurement within the revenue cycle management industry. Patrick suggested members standardize on a common chart of accounts and further consider IntAcct if it truly allows the cost accounting benefits not provided by other diverse accounting software. Members could then export data which could be consolidated for reporting purposes. Patrick was concerned members would not be comfortable operating their company's under an umbrella accounting system controlled by another HBMA member or the national office.

Action: Bill will follow up with Randy Johnston.

5. CMS Demonstration Project

CMS has announced the 12 regions and 2 alternates that they have chosen to work with. Georgia is interested in HBMA's help next year with phase 2 but we have not yet received a response from anyone in phase 1 who Bill has contacted.

6. Message Boards

Curt suggested we educate HBMA members on how to use the list serv/message boards to their benefit.

7. Cooperative Exchange

Brad reported that HBMA will be joining the Cooperative Exchange. The Cooperative Exchange will be able to provide data to the Technology Committee.