

## ANHIX–COACH Conference

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### Upcoming ANHIX Events

The Spring Symposium and AGM will be held in Edmonton on **May 12, 2016** at the Holiday Inn, South Edmonton.

The Summer Symposium/Golf Tournament will be held on **September 14, 2016**. Once again, it will be held at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson.

The fourth annual ANHIX-COACH conference was held in Calgary on February 3. The theme of the conference was **Health IT in Alberta & Beyond: Community, Social and Consumer Healthcare**. Over 190 ANHIX-COACH members attended the event.

The opening address was delivered by Kim Wieringa (A/ADM and CIO of Alberta Health). Kim spoke to [MyHealth.Alberta.ca](http://MyHealth.Alberta.ca) and how it can help Alberta citizens find their way to better health by providing them with resources, tools and access to online services, and their own provincial health record. In 2016, the Personal Health Portal will be available to all Albertan's to register and use.

Next, Dr. William Lumb, the CCIO/CTO for NHS Cumbria in the UK, gave an entertaining talk that focused on leadership in the ever changing dynamics of the NHS and the need for "patient centered coordinated care" across all stakeholders. Dr. Lumb felt, in the future, bricks and mortar will be less important than having the right systems and information in place. One of his key messages was that, while

healthcare is complex, we can and need to simplify it – especially the data. Big Data is often too much data and not always reliable or accessible

Dr. Lumb was followed by a panel discussion focusing on orienting care to consumers and communities. Presentations were made by CGI, Optum and Telus Health highlighting their experiences. Camille Poulin (Director, Consulting, CGI) described a community Paramedic pilot conducted at Renfrew County, Ontario; Ron Kubit (Area VP for Optum), profiled hospitals' response to the growing information and service level requirements demanded by patients; and Tom Forbes (Senior Strategy Manager with Telus Health) provided an overview of the "Optik for Health" deployment in Alberta's hospitals and supportive living facilities

After lunch, Dr. Richard Gibson (Healthcare Research Director, Gartner) shared perspectives on emerging consumer technologies in healthcare. He discussed the benefits (and impacts on consumer decision making) of patient portals, personal devices, patient engagement and eVisits (telephone, email, video and even by mail). He also profiled the array of opportunities for payers and providers to create value in this rapidly expanding area.

Dr. Gibson was followed by Dr. Kathryn Todd (VP Research, Innovation and Analytics with AHS) who described some of the advances in analytics that AHS has been working on to integrate research and the use of data in Strategic Clinical Networks.

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*Dr. William Lumb, CCIO/CTO – NHS Cumbria, UK*

## Board News & Upcoming Events

*The Board comprises fourteen individuals, President, Past President, VP and eleven directors, including the Secretary and Treasurer*

### Upcoming Healthcare Information Management Events

BCHIMPS Annual Spring Education Symposium  
Vancouver, BC  
March 18

[www.bchimps.org](http://www.bchimps.org)

National Privacy and Data Governance Congress  
Calgary, Alberta  
March 30 to April 1

<https://pacc-ccap.ca/congress-2>

e-Health 2016 - Reimagining Healthcare Delivery in Canada  
Vancouver, BC  
June 5 to 8

<http://www.e-healthconference.com/>

NIHI Upcoming Events

[www.nihi.ca](http://www.nihi.ca)

### Board Elections

At our upcoming AGM on May 12, we need to elect a new Vice-President and five new Directors.

The online nomination period opens on April 4 and will remain open until April 29. To nominate yourself or someone else, send an email to [info@anhix.com](mailto:info@anhix.com) with the required nomination information. The information details will be outlined in an email to be issued shortly.

### Board Changes

Two members of our Board, Warren Chunick and Tom Butler have recently changed jobs resulting in their leaving the health care industry. As a result both have reluctantly decided to resign their positions.

As they were in mid-term, it's the Board's responsibility to appoint replacements. The two selected individuals are Steve McMahon and Bob Silversides.

### Steve McMahon



Steve is a partner with Deloitte Consulting. He leads

the Systems Integration Practice for Western Canada and is a member of Deloitte's National Healthcare Practice. For more than a decade, Steve has been involved in eHealth projects in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and in the U.S. He is a member of COACH, and is a member of Canada's Health Informatics Executive Forum (CHIEF) and its advisory committee. Steve has been a member of ANHIX for a number of years, and is excited about participating and contributing to ANHIX's board.

### Bob Silversides



Bob has been with Alberta Health for 5+ years and is currently Manager, PMO and A/Director, Planning & Transformation. Bob has 27+ years of comprehensive Information Management and Technology experience in project/portfolio management, strategic planning and business applications development/support. As a certified PMP, Bob has been responsible for the development of project practices, tools, processes and methodologies in the delivery of health care solutions and the strategy, development and implementation of the Alberta Health IM/IT Governance Structure.

The Board thanks Tom and Warren for all their efforts and wishes them the very best for their future endeavors.

### ANHIX Spring Symposium and AGM

Our Spring Symposium and AGM will be held on May 12 at the Holiday Inn, South Edmonton. The speaker program is being prepared and details will be published shortly. Registration will be via the ANHIX website.

It will be an all-day event and include ANHIX's AGM featuring annual reports from the Board and the selection of new Board members to replace those whose terms have come to an end. See "Board News" for further information.

For the first time this year, we will be offering a complimentary bus service from/to Calgary for Calgary-based members. Details will be available shortly.

### ANHIX Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament

The symposium and golf tournament will be held on September 14, 2016. Once again, it will be held at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson. It's a great day so put it in your calendar now!

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They have also been working to align AHS strategies and plans with the Secondary Use Data Project (SUDP), a collaborative initiative involving over 18 organizations and facilitated by Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions.

The conference concluded with an Alberta "Town Hall" Session moderated by Dr. Carl Amrhein (DM, Alberta Health). The session featured provincial leaders profiling future directions in community, social and consumer care. This was presented from the point of view of patients, clinicians and Alberta citizens. Speakers included: Dr. Shannon Berg, Executive Director for Primary Health Care at Alberta Health; Dr. Tim Graham, Medical Director of Clinical Informatics at Alberta Health; and Deborah Prowse QC, the first permanent Alberta Health Advocate.

Dr. Berg highlighted the Community and Primary Health Care requirements and how Albertans can benefit from eHealth Service Delivery. She highlighted the complexity of the system(s) with many contributors. Achieving these benefits though is hampered by a continuing reliance on paper, fax and telephones and providers and practitioners being at many different states of adoption.

Dr. Tim Graham, a practicing ER physician, talked about what Clinicians need to be successful in eHealth Service

Delivery. He highlighted that for a clinician to be successful in eHealth, a steadfast vision is required. It is a complex environment, systems must work, clinical processes need to be supported and enhanced, and with hundreds of interfaces – there needs to be a commitment to maintain and enhance them. While eHealth systems do not replace the patient doctor relationship they can enhance it by improving quality, safety and efficiency.

And finally, Ms. Deborah Prowse spoke to what Albertans need to access and optimize the benefits of eHealth Service Delivery. Deborah spoke from very personal experience, not only motivating her to take up the role as the Alberta Health Advocate, but of events unfolding as the conference was underway.

Overall, the event was another great success; a record attendance, well-received topics, speakers and session formats, and as always the collegiality and networking. Throughout the conference there were many good suggestions as to engaging additional attendees and organizations, new and different topics to explore etc. More will come through attendee satisfaction surveys and the formal debrief with the Program Committee, so stay tuned for further information! Presentations are available at [anhix.com/Winter-Symposium-February-2016](http://anhix.com/Winter-Symposium-February-2016)

### ANHIX-COACH Conference Reception

The reception was held on the evening of February 2. Over 40 participants heard Dr. Jessica Simon from U of C Oncology Unit talk about the importance of Advanced Care Plans. This is a topic that is both serious and sobering – with tough questions – and where wide and ongoing communication is so important. Dr. Simon provided a very informative and entertaining discussion, that subsequently very interactive with interesting conversations throughout the room.

### Patron Sponsors

Once again it's time to look to our Patron Sponsors to re-commit to ANHIX. The support they provide allows us to put on the quality events that we do at very reasonable prices. We are now contacting our existing Sponsors to see if they can re-commit for the upcoming sponsorship year starting May 1. The outcomes will be reported in the summer edition of the Newsletter.

### ANHIX Patron Sponsors



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ANHIX is always looking for feedback from its members. Whether its recommendations for presentation topics or speakers, ideas for newsletter articles, suggestions you may have for ways we can provide greater value to our members or any other general comments, we want to hear from you. Please let us know what works and what can be improved.

We can be reached by email, through the website, by fax or by mail. Contact details are shown in the left column of this page.

Get communicating!

## Mike Spelliscy nominated for COACH Board



Mike Spelliscy has been a Director on the ANHIX Board since 2010 and has served as President since May 2015. With his term as President coming to a close at the ANHIX AGM on May 12, 2016, Mike is looking for new opportunities to further the cause of Health Informatics in Canada. He has been nominated for one of the five

open positions for the COACH Board of Directors. If successful, Mike would be one of only two possible representatives from Western Canada. Check out the nominees and make sure you vote if you are a COACH member.

<http://www.coachorg.com/en/membership/Meet-Board-Candidates.asp>

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