

ANHIX-COACH Winter Conference

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Upcoming ANHIX Events

The Spring Symposium and AGM will be held in Edmonton on **May 17, 2017** at the Holiday Inn, South Edmonton.

The Summer Symposium/Golf Tournament will be held on **September 13, 2017**. Once again, it will be held at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson.

The 5th annual ANHIX-COACH conference was held in Calgary on February 8. The theme was **Integrated Health Records – Improving Patient Care for Albertans**. Over 140 were in attendance.

The opening speaker was Barb Kathol, Senior Program Officer, AHS. Barb talked to the vision for integrated health records in Alberta. She described the purpose of the provincial CIS and spoke to the roles various stakeholders will play in its implementation.

Barb was followed by Kathleen Addison, Senior Provincial Director, HIM, who spoke to AHS' Enterprise Information Management Governance

Framework. The framework is a key construct in supporting AHS' progression towards an enterprise information management program. She outlined the purpose, goals, progress and outcomes of the framework, focusing on its alignment to the CIS.

Prof. Tania Bubela, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, then spoke to precision medicine. Precision medicine is becoming a key part of the new information frontier for healthcare delivery but it will not happen quickly. The transition will require careful guidance by a consortium of academia, healthcare, government and solution providers

along with patients and the public.

After lunch, Dr. Rob Hayward, CMIO, AHS, spoke to Better Information for Better Health – Bridging the Disconnect. Believing that better information is a necessary but not sufficient condition for better healthcare, Dr. Hayward explored how patient information provided by a CIS will be managed, presented and applied so that health practices change and health outcomes improve.

Dr. Hayward was followed by Mark Casselman, CEO, COACH. Mark presented key findings from the first COACH National Digital Health Leadership Report. The report captures an overview of key priorities, challenges and opportunities in the field of health informatics.

The conference concluded with a panel session with Kathleen Addison, Rob Hayward, Mark Casselman and Kevin Jones and moderated by Penny Rae, CIO, AHS. The panel focused on the work required to ensure a sound foundation for integrated health records.

Some of the presentations are available for download by members at [Presentations](#).



Barb Kathol - Integrated Health Records in Alberta

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

Upcoming Healthcare Information Management Events

e-Health 2017 –
Celebrate, Grow and Inspire
Toronto, Ontario
June 4 to 7

e-healthconference.com

MedInfo 2017
Precision Healthcare through Informatics
Xiamen, China
August 21 to 25

medinfo2017.medmeetng.org/en

2017 Infoway Partnership Conference:
Connecting for Digital Health
Calgary, Alberta
November 14-15

partnership-conference

Board Elections

At our upcoming AGM on May 17 we need to elect a new Vice-President and six new Board members. The Vice-President's position is a three-year term (year 1 as Vice-President, year 2 as President and year 3 as Past-President) while the Board member positions are two year terms.



The online nomination period opened on April 1 and will remain open until April 30. To nominate yourself or someone else, send an email to info@anhix.com with the following nominee details:

- A brief description of the nominee's background and qualifications and their reasons for standing.
- A photo in electronic format.
- The name and contact information of one other current ANHIX member prepared to second the nomination.

If an individual is putting their own name forward they still require two other members to propose and second their nomination.

After April 30, all nominee details will be distributed to the membership prior to the AGM. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the AGM, but the Board would strongly encourage potential nominees to submit their details before April 30.

Patron Sponsors

Over the past year, ANHIX has enjoyed the financial support of thirteen organizations; Cisco, CGI, Deloitte, E&Y, IBM, Meditech, Online Business Systems, Oracle, Orion Health, PwC, SAS, Sierra Systems and Solvera.

This generous support has allowed ANHIX to put on

three high calibre and well-attended educational events; the Spring Symposium and AGM, the Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament and the Winter Symposium, co-sponsored with COACH.

THANK YOU TO
OUR GENEROUS
SPONSORS!

Not only has our Patron Sponsors' support made the events possible but it has also allowed ANHIX to keep registration rates as economical as possible, an important factor given many of our members work in the public sector and are finding their education budgets very much under pressure.

So, it is at this time of the year that ANHIX once again looks to our Patron Sponsors for renewed support and we are pleased to say that many have already re-committed for the coming year. In fact in a number of cases, this is a commitment that has been ongoing since the inception of ANHIX in 2001.

Both the ANHIX Board and members say a big "Thank You" to our Patron Sponsors' generous support!

Upcoming Events

ANHIX Spring Symposium and AGM

Our Spring Symposium and AGM will be held on **May 17, 2017** at the Holiday Inn, South Edmonton on Gateway Boulevard.

The Symposium program is now confirmed. The topics and speakers are as follows:

Integrated Health Record

Kim Wieringa, Assistant Deputy Minister/CIO

Data Driven Health Care

Greg Horne, National Lead Health Care, SAS Institute

Watson in Health Care

Paul Sulkers, IBM Health Industry Leader (Ontario)

Why Should Healthcare Care About the User Experience?

Anita Sedgwick, VP Marketing & Strategy, nVentive

Tread carefully: the ever-evolving risks associated with collecting, using and disclosing health information

Sebastien Gittens, Bennett Jones LLP

Registration is now open at the ANHIX website (anhix.com/event-registration). The cost to attend the Symposium is

\$80 for ANHIX members with an early bird rate of \$60 available until April 26. The non-member price is \$120. Students can attend for \$25.

The registration fee includes a hot breakfast, lunch and a wine and cheese party to finish.

As in previous years, it will be an all-day event and include ANHIX's Annual General Meeting featuring annual reports from the Board and the selection of a new Board for the upcoming year. See "Board News" for further information.

Complimentary Bus Service



Living in Calgary or Red Deer and want to attend the Spring Symposium but the airfare makes things too expensive? Why not take advantage of the complimentary bus service from Calgary to Edmonton and return available to all ANHIX members?



ANHIX Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament

The symposium and golf tournament will be held on September 13, 2017. Once again, it will be held at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson.



The event will begin with an educational session in the morning, the program of which will be announced in due course. Lunch will be provided followed by a golf tournament in the afternoon. After the golf, there will be a BBQ supper and prize giving.

It's a great day so mark in your calendar now!

ANHIX Membership

To enjoy discounted rates to attend ANHIX events, you need to be an ANHIX member. This applies to both the upcoming Winter Conference and Spring Symposium so if you wish to get the best possible rate, go to the ANHIX website – anhix.com/join and join today.

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want to hear from you. Please let us know what works and what can be improved.

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Get communicating!

