



Summer Symposium and Golf Tourney

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ANHIX's Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament was held at the Ranch Golf and Country Club on September 13, 2017 with 50 people in attendance.

The program comprised a presentation by Michael McDermott, CII Project Manager, Alberta Health, on the Community Information Integration (CII) project and a panel presentation on the Edmonton Health City Initiative.

The CII project is designed to collect clinical patient data from community family physicians, specialists and other community based clinics;

to display clinical reports from community providers in Alberta Netcare; and to analyze patient data to support quality improvement, population health assessment and health system planning.

Michael's presentation included details on how CII works, what information products are included, issues encountered including some of the privacy and masking issues, project and timelines, issues encountered, and lessons learned to date. He also outlined the long-term vision for CII including the integration of the Central Provider Attachment

Registry (CPAR) and the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN).

The panel presentation on the Edmonton Health City Initiative was led by Karen Wichuk, Executive Lead with support by Jason Ding, Christy Holtby and Soumya Gnosh.

The initiative was established in 2016 by Mayor Don Iveson with five action areas; establishing a leadership vehicle; branding Edmonton as a Health City; creating an ecosystem that attracts, retains and supports talent; increasing access to capital; and accelerating commercialization.

The presentation went on to describe the goals defined to support these action areas; foster a health innovation ecosystem; make Edmonton a destination of choice; create a policy environment that accelerates the growth of health innovation; accelerate access to capital; and solidify Edmonton's reputation as a leading health innovation ecosystem.

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Upcoming ANHIX Events

The 6th Annual ANHIX – Digital Health Canada (formerly COACH) 2018 Conference will be held on **February 6th** at the Four Points by Sheraton Calgary Airport. The early bird deadline is **January 4th**. For more details see page 3.

The ANHIX Spring Symposium/AGM is in the planning stages and is tentatively scheduled for **May, 2018** in Edmonton. More information will be published as it becomes available.



Health City Initiative Panel

Spotlight on the Board

At the AGM last April, five new directors were elected to the Board. In the Summer edition of this Newsletter, three of the five newcomers were profiled. In this edition, the remaining two new Directors are profiled.



Ross Sweetzir

Ross' career with Cisco in health care technology started in July of 1992, when he facilitated the first full time connection to the Internet at Alberta Hospital Edmonton and subsequently the Alberta Mental Health Board.

Since then, his career has seen participation on many projects including involvement on the original delivery of the NetCare Portal at Capital Health and the subsequent provincial rollout of Alberta Netcare.

After 25 years, he remains committed to advancing and improving health care through technology.



Greg Thorsley

Greg is presently Vice President, Consulting Services at CGI.

In the position, he is responsible for oversight of all aspects of service provided to Alberta Health by CGI.

Initiatives he is responsible for include eHealth, Alberta Continuing Care and Provincial Surveillance. He is also responsible for any other applications developed and supported by CGI on behalf of Alberta Health.

Before joining CGI, Greg was accountable for Sierra Systems' Canadian health portfolio.

Mr. Thorsley is a Computer Engineer and obtained his MBA in 2001.

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The panel also spoke to the core functions of the Secretariat established to support the initiative. Functions include ecosystem/cluster development; navigation; business development; retention and advocacy; stakeholder relations; brand promotion; and Health City administration.

Copies of the presentations are available to ANHIX members following the link below:

[Summer Symposium Presentations](#)

Golf Tourney

Despite the cool, wet and windy conditions, 28 intrepid souls braved the inclement conditions for the 16th Annual Golf Tourney. Due to the conditions, the usual 18-hole event was reduced to 9.

The golf was followed by a BBQ and prize giving with participants enjoying a few cocktails and an excellent steak dinner.

A very enjoyable event, despite the weather, and a big thank-you goes to our patron sponsors for their financial support that made such a great day possible.

As in previous years, money was raised for the [Steven Huesing Scholarship Fund](#) through the selling of mulligans. Thanks to the generosity of ANHIX members, \$154 was raised.

Upcoming Healthcare Information Management Events

BCHIMPS Annual Spring Education Symposium
Location to be determined
March 2

bchimps.org

HIMSS '18
Conference & Exhibition
Las Vegas, Nevada
March 5 to 9

himssconference.org

Canadian Reception at HIMSS '18
March 6

itac.ca/blog/event/5139

MIE 2018
The Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre
Gothenburg, Sweden
April 24 to 26

[MIE 2018 - IMIA](#)

e-Health 2018
Canada's National Conference & Tradeshow
Vancouver, BC
May 27 to 30

e-healthconference.com

chima 2018 Conference
Niagara Falls, Ontario
September 17-18

chima-conference.com/

In the News



Formerly COACH: Canada's Health Informatics Association

ANHIX-Digital Health Canada 2018 Conference

The ever-increasing cost of healthcare delivery coincides with an aging population and a generally greater level of acuity in the community caseload.

To address this, the trend towards moving healthcare delivery outside the walls of traditional hospitals and institutions must be accelerated, and community care providers must be included as an equal partner within the patient's circle of care. Patient encounters and clinical interventions must be shared with the circle of care regardless of where they occur.

This conference, "**Enabling Effective Community Healthcare**" brought to you by ANHIX and Digital Health Canada (formerly COACH), will explore the issues and opportunities of delivering effective care in the community, examine some current Alberta initiatives that are impacting this area, and look at some of the technology innovations that are making this possible.

The conference will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Calgary Airport on February 6th, 2018. To obtain further details on the agenda or to register for the conference, please visit the

registration web site by clicking on the following link - [Conference registration](#)

ANHIX members will enjoy a discounted rate and a further early bird discount is available until January 4th.

ANHIX Spring Symposium and AGM

Our Spring Symposium will be held in May 2018 at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre Edmonton South. Conference planning is actively underway, and details will be announced shortly.

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. The membership fee is still only \$25 and the savings you realize on the non-member rate make it very worthwhile.

If you are currently a member and your membership expires before

the upcoming events, you will receive an email inviting you to renew your membership prior to its expiration.

The Canadian Reception @ HIMSS 2018

The reception, hosted by the members of ITAC Health and the HIMSS North America, will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, in Las Vegas at the Venetian Hotel, Lido Ballroom, 3355 S Las Vegas Boulevard. As in the years past, there will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and there is no charge to attend - all are welcome – please feel free to share the invitation - [2018 Canadian Reception @ HIMSS Invitation](#)

Sponsorship opportunities for this event are available and details can be found at [2018 Canadian Reception Opportunities](#)

Board Members Wanted!



ANHIX will shortly be seeking nominees to serve as Board Members. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone else in mind, then look out for the emails that will be coming out in March.

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We want to hear from you!

As is mentioned earlier in this Newsletter, our Spring Symposium is fast approaching, and the program committee is just beginning its work. As it starts to put the agenda together it would like to hear from you on any recommendations you may have for presentation topics or speakers.

Additionally, we are also always looking for ideas for newsletter articles,

suggestions for ways we can provide greater value to our members or any other general comments.

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 so get communicating!

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

The ANHIX Board wishes all its members and their families and friends a very happy holiday season and a prosperous and happy New Year.

