

ANHIX- Digital Health Canada Conference

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The 6th annual ANHIX- Digital Health Canada (formerly COACH) Winter Conference was held in Calgary on February 8. Through a series of panel discussions, attendees explored effective care delivery issues and opportunities, examined current Alberta initiatives that are impacting this area, and looked at the technology innovations that are making this possible. 96 were in attendance.

The key note speaker was Marc Pelletier, CEO, Institute for Health System Transformation and Sustainability. Marc spoke to Emerging Ideas, Opportunities and Risks of virtual care including how factors are influencing the system through adaptive factors, prominence of the

patient voice and influences on the health network.

Panel 1 discussed the costs and benefits in migrating community health data into the provincial health record and enabling health data towards more effective health care. An overview was provided on data elements and standards, the importance of patient involvement, the liberation of health data, social determinant importance and patient reported outcomes value.

Panel – Michael Craig (Orion Health - Moderator), Sonya Stasiuk (AH), Dr. Damon Ramsey (Input Health), Barb Kathol (AHS) and Tim Murphy (Alberta Innovates)

Panel 2 focused on community mental health improvements. Success in

smart home accommodation over hospitals, timeliness of detailed accurate health information and detection of patient queues through technology was presented.

Panel - Howard Waldner (SAIT - Moderator), Doug Vincent (AHS), Dr. David Tano (AHS), Paul Twigg (Sierra Systems)

Panel 3 addressed emerging technologies and which ones will enable more effective community healthcare and create positive disruption. Points raised revolved around the importance of the desire by patients for more involvement in their healthcare, patient information confidentiality, provider collaboration, the vitality of health care disruption and team-based care with multiple communication paths.

Panel - Penny Rae (Moderator), Dr. Damon Ramsay (Input Health), Meaghan Nolan (Mikata Health), Susan Anderson (Orion Health), Dr. Hamid Najafi (Sensoplex), Rohit Joshi (Brightsquid)

Presentation material is available for download by members at [Presentations](#).

Upcoming ANHIX Events

The Spring Symposium and AGM will be held in Edmonton on **Wednesday, June 6, 2018** at the Holiday Inn, South Edmonton.

The Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**. Once again, it will be held at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson.



Panel 3

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

Upcoming Healthcare Information Management Events

e-Health 2018 – Celebrate, Grow and Inspire Bold Action
Vancouver, BC
May 27 - 30

e-healthconference.com

chima Conference 2018
Data - A Vital Resource
Niagara Falls, ON
September 17-18

chima-conference.com

2017 Infoway Partnership Conference:
Montreal, QC
November 13-14

partnership-conference

Board Elections

At our upcoming AGM on June 6 we need to elect a new Vice-President and five 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 May 7 and will remain open until May 26. To nominate yourself or someone else, send an email to info@anhix.com with the following nominee details:

- Name and Organization of the nominee.
- Contact details of the nominee (Email address/ business telephone no.).
- Position(s) for which the nominee is standing. A nominee may stand for the Vice-President and/or a Director position.

- 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 May 26, 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 May 26.

Patron Sponsors

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

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 Digital Health Canada (formerly 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

Our Spring Symposium will be held on **June 6, 2018** at the Holiday Inn, South Edmonton on Gateway Boulevard.

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

Update on ConnectCare

Penny Rae, CIO, Alberta Health Services

Alberta's Data Mobilization Strategy – Leveraging Linked Data for Innovation

Larry Svenson, Executive Director & Provincial Health Analytics Officer, Alberta Health

Addressing Ageing and Loneliness with Disruptive Technologies

Ian Fish, Partner and Canadian Healthcare Leader, IBM

Learning How to Thrive in New Environments

Rob Roach, Director of Insight, ATB Financial

Blockchain in Healthcare

Mike Barnard, Executive Consultant – Cloud, Blockchain & Healthcare, IBM

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 May 18. The non-member price is \$120. Students can attend for \$20.

The fees cover an all-day event including a hot breakfast, lunch and a wine and cheese reception to close plus frequent opportunities for networking.



As in previous years, the Spring Symposium will include ANHIX's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The AGM will include reports from the Board and the selection of a new Board for the upcoming year.

In addition, the membership will be provided an update regarding a move initiated by the Board for ANHIX to become incorporated as a Society.

Given the changing landscape of director liability, the Board sought a legal opinion as to the best way to structure the organization to protect itself and directors from potential legal action. The advice suggested we incorporate as a Society and that process is now nearing completion. We

currently await approval from Service Alberta.

ANHIX Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament

The symposium and golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. 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. 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!

