

## ANHIX Spring Symposium and AGM

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### Upcoming ANHIX Events

The Summer Symposium/Golf Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019** at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson.

The ANHIX-Digital Health Canada Conference is in the early planning stages and is tentively scheduled for **February 2020** in Calgary. More information will be published as it becomes available.

The ANHIX Spring Symposium and AGM was held at the Holiday Inn Conference Centre South on May 8, 2019.

The opening speaker was Anthony Kaul, co-founder and COO of Cloud DX whose topic was new innovations in digital health.

He began by describing barriers to innovation in healthcare including:

- Cost of failure high so risk aversion is high;
- Complex workloads enhance risk of change; and
- Misalignment of benefits and costs.

To succeed, innovation must:

1. Substantially improve outcomes;
2. Reduce clinician workload; and
3. Cost considerably less than current solution.

He then worked through an example of a remote vital signs monitoring

program to treat COPD exacerbations. He went on to speak to the importance of choosing wisely what to work on and assessing the drivers. He finished by describing examples of innovation today and where we might go in the future.

The next presenter was Tim Murphy, Vice President, Health, Alberta Innovates. Tim described Alberta Innovates' role – "To create economic value AND improve patient outcomes by integrating emerging technologies into healthcare in Alberta in a sustainable manner" – and the steps they were taking to position Alberta for the digital health future. He also described the two top challenges they faced; a less than optimized ecosystem, and a shortfall in data and business readiness.

Rob Novotny, VP, Client Engagement and Strategy and Tyson Roffey, Assoc. Partner Healthcare, IBM Global Services then spoke to "Driving Accountable Care through Analytics".

The problem they were confronting was using data to drive accountable care and then implementing training to support change. They went on to describe a high impact framework that included dimensions, use cases, impact evaluation and focus determination. They then posed some generic questions which they encouraged the audience to respond to before taking the audience through an interactive workshop.

After lunch, Mike Burgoyne, National Healthcare Lead, Ricoh, discussed "Digital Strategies for Improved Care Collaboration". He began by describing care collaboration and how it was a key outcome of many digital health initiatives. He described the problem where patient care is often delayed while clinicians wait for information and as much as \$12 billion annually is wasted as a result of communication inefficiencies. He then described three strategies for digital collaboration; point of care capture, paperless procedural consents and visual communication tools.

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## AGM 2019/20



Michael Craig was elected as the new Vice-President (VP) which is a three-year term that includes serving as President in 2020 and Past President in 2021.

Congratulations Mike and good luck with your new position!

The AGM was held as part of the Spring Symposium. Operational and financial reports were presented and a new Board for 2019/20 was established.

Greg Thorsley became President while Sherry Nicholaichuk moves to Past President. Current Board member, Michael Craig, was elected as VP.

Heidi Bronson and Kathy Ervin were elected to new two-year terms as were former Presidents, Brett Duncan and Peter Smith.

Don McIntosh, Keanan Largo-Afonso, Bob Silversides and Malcolm Steele are currently in mid-term.

Kevin Jones, Brinda Narayan and Geoff Rabbie were elected for the first time (See "Spotlight" below).

Charles Aram, Steve Martinello and Ross Sweetzir retired from the Board. The Board thanks them for their service and wishes them well for the future.

## Spotlight on the Board's New Members



*Kevin Jones*

Kevin is the VP of Client Development & Strategic Partnerships at Strata Health Solutions and has been in Healthcare Technology for 16 years. He has participated in solution deployments within the health sector both as an Executive Sponsor and Project Lead. His experience designing solutions would bring a strength to the ANHIX board. Kevin looks to increase collaboration between private industry and public sector to ensure the success of all digital health projects. As a member of both DHC and CHIEF (Canada's Health Informatics Executive Forum) Kevin brings national perspective to ANHIX.



*Brinda Narayan*

Brinda is a management consultant who has been on Alberta's health transformation journey for over 17 years. She has held many roles including exec. consultant, strategy/change management consultant, project lead, and program QA manager. She has been involved in many digital health initiatives and has developed deep relationships with its stakeholders.

At CGI, Brinda is a Director, Consulting Services and has recently accepted a position on a Health City working group with a goal to collaborate with key players in industry and government to make a difference in our province. It is for the same reasons that she is interested in joining the ANHIX board.



*Geoff Rabbie*

Geoff is a Manager in the Digital Health Practice at KPMG in Edmonton. His 20 years of healthcare experience has focused on strategic planning, project mgmt., program mgmt., system implementation, business analysis, portfolio mgmt., operational support, change mgmt. and stakeholder engagement. He has worked on ehealth initiatives across Canada including the Atlantic Provinces, Ontario, the NWT and Alberta. In addition to being a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and trained in PROSCI change management, Geoff has a Bachelor of Science in Economics and serves as a Public Member on the Council of the College of Dieticians of Alberta.

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

## In the News ....



### ANHIX Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament 2019

The Summer Symposium and Golf tournament will take place on September 11, 2019 at the Ranch Golf and Country Club at Acheson.

The day will comprise a speaker program in the morning followed by lunch, a shot-gun Texas Scramble golf tournament in the afternoon and a BBQ supper and prize giving in the evening.

The program comprises three speakers:

Ryan Gallivan, A/Executive Director Strategic IMT Services, Alberta Health, who will provide an update on eHealth initiatives;

Dr. Tim Graham, Assoc. Chief Medical Information Officer, Edmonton Zone, Alberta Health Services (AHS), has worked extensively on the Connect Care project and will provide an update on AHS' implementation of the Connect Care Clinical Information System; and

Reg Joseph, CEO, Health City Edmonton, who will

provide an update on Edmonton's Health City Initiative, an economic development initiative that catalyzes and connects the health innovation ecosystem in Edmonton and the surrounding area.

Registration is now available at [Summer Symposium Registration](#). The Early-bird cost for members for the full day is \$90 with a limited number of "morning only" (speakers and lunch) registrations available for \$50. Prices after the Early-bird deadline of August 23 will be \$120 and \$60 respectively. The price for non-members is \$160.

#### Patron Sponsor Update

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Cisco, CGI, Gevity, IBM, Meditech, Orion Health, Ricoh, The SAS Institute and Strata Health have all stepped forward again to renew. In addition, we welcome new sponsors, KPMG.

Deloitte and HIMSS are unable to renew their support this year but ANHIX thanks them for their past support and hopes they may resume their support again in the future.

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He described examples that support the three strategies before taking the audience through a case study at a Canadian Maternity and Children's Hospital.

The last speaker of the day was Rhonda Collins, Chief Nursing Officer, Vocera Communications, who spoke to solving the communication challenge.

She talked about the adoption of technology in healthcare and the barriers to adoption of mobile technology. She then spoke in detail of a study to determine nurse's perceived usefulness of secure texting for the purpose of patient care. She outlined the study's purpose, the clinical considerations, the study design, its framework, how the results were measured, suggestions for future research and project conclusions.

The full presentations are available to members at [Spring Symposium](#).

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