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**NH's State Committee on Aging**

**January 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Russ Armstrong, Norma Brettell, Candace Cole-McCrea, Richard Crocker, Larry Flint, Herb Johnson, Joan Schulze

**Excused:** Rep. Susan Emerson, Mark Frank, Sherri Harden, Bob Ritchie, Jim Thompson,

**Guests:** Joan Marcoux DHHS, Sandra Metevier NH Health Families, Michael Radice ChartaCloud, Tracey Tarr DHHS

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Joan Schulze. Attendees introduced themselves.

Motion to approve for December 7, 2015 meeting minutes, moved until next meeting, February 1, 2016

**ChartaCloud Technologies – Michael Radice**

In November they introduced in the state of New Hampshire a humanoid robotic assisted care system and an overview of a computer system for connecting seniors by way of a tablet based unified communication system.

My Home Reach is a tablet or web-based community assisted living support system that is critical in facilitating a safe and secure environment for seniors to age at home. It is a centralized system to connect seniors in their home with their care providers and families, along with a network of supporting community-based services tailored to meet their needs. You can connect to care providers, family members, and supporting services at home. Remotely monitor and track vital health metrics and adherence to care plans. You will have access to community resources and services. Manage medication and appointment reminders.

Some other features with My Home Reach are, a one touch alert and GPS tracking ensures that any emergency is promptly taken care of. Customizable Q&A sessions called "HealthTrees" which can be completed daily or weekly to give updates to care providers as to the status of the patient and current vitals and symptoms. HealthTrees can also aid in self-management of chronic ailments.

Easy and simple to manage calendars with appointment and medication reminders that can be read aloud. Visual images of prescribed medications can help ensure proper adherence to medications

**Predictive Analytics**, is the practice of extracting information from existing data sets to determine patterns and predict future outcomes and trends. Healthcare organizations that are, already using predictive analytics for improving patient care, chronic disease management, hospital administration, and supply chain management.

**Predictable Readmissions** –How it works is the Predixion Insight platform uses your local hospital data to risk score patients upon admission and throughout their hospital stay to identify patients at risk of readmission before they leave the hospital with 79% accuracy.

**Predictable Length of Stay** – When a patient remains in the hospital beyond the average length of stay, the hospital is at risk for not being reimbursed. CMS benchmarks for length of stay force care providers to maintain care quality while discharging patients in a timely fashion. To achieve this efficiency, case managers and nurses need to be tracking patient progress in real-time.

**A Robot in Assistive Care** – Project HOPE the robot is a series of robotic applications designed for humanoid NAO robot from Alderbaran Robotics. The goal of Project HOPE is to bring humanoid robotic applications to home care, assisted living facilities, and to help elders “age in place”.

For dementia, robotic therapy offers the ability to support and strengthen mental, physical, and emotional activities without a heavy drain on resources.

For Assisted Living Facilities, robots can help dramatically improve quality of care. They help alleviate loneliness. Seniors can interact and speak to the robot. The robot can be used to teach physical therapy classes, and call out numbers for residential bingo.

## **Current Business & Update**

### **Legislation/LSR -**

Rich has volunteered to keep the committee up to date on this.

### **Medicaid Managed Care**

DHHS has contracted with two managed care organization (MCO). Enrollment began on November 1 for the long term care population and enrollment will end on February 1. Nursing homes and other long term care facilities will be enrolling sometime in the fall.

### **SCOA Secretary -**

Still no one has volunteered.

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## **Other Cats & Dogs**

### **What's Happening in Your Region:**

**Sullivan County** – Larry mentioned that his Area Committee on Aging (ACOA) will hopefully meet this month to elect a new chairman.

**Strafford County** – Candace ACOA had a Christmas party for senior who are caring for their grandchildren due to the parents being incarcerated. 400 gifts were donated for all the children and gift cards for the caregivers.

**Cheshire County** – Russ mentioned that the legislative request to remove the barrier to towns requesting bonds for internet connectivity.

Monadnock at Home is working on a specific with Keene to establish another Village.

**Belknap County** – Rich mentioned that their Aging and Disabilities sub group of the Winnepesaukee Public Health council have created a falls preventive database that will be connected and integrated to all the local hospital and EMTs.

The Winnepesaukee Public Health council is looking for trainers to train caregivers in the Powerful Tools for Caregivers program.

**Meeting Schedule – next meeting will be on February 1, at 10 AM**