



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 13, 2025

7:30 AM

Microsoft Teams

### Draft Meeting Minutes

**Directors & Officers:** David Shippee – Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Services (Chair), Brian O’Grady – CDPHP (Vice Chair), Howie Architzel – Broadview Federal Credit Union (Treasurer), Ashima Butler – Ellenville Regional Hospital, Jeremiah Benoit, MD – Highmark Western and Northeastern New York, Scott Cohen, MD – Bassett Health Care Network, Julie Demaree – St. Mary’s Amsterdam, Craig Dreher – Community Care Physicians, Kevin Gallagher, MD – Hudson Headwaters Health Network, Eric Linzer – New York Health Plan Association, Scott Momrow, Jim Sinkoff – Sun River Health, Charles Welge – Albany County Department of Health

**Trustee Emeritus:** Julie Bazell, Joan Hayner, Paul Macielak, Esq., & Wouter Rietsema, MD

**Invited Members of the Public:** Mackenzie Boushie – Adirondack Medical Center, Patty Fusco – Fusco Personnel, Inc., Kevin Kerwin – Iroquois Healthcare, Lyndsay Macagg – Community Health Center of the North Country, Matthew McCarty – Albany Medical Center, Matt Miles, MD – MVP Health Care, Paul Milton – Ellis Medicine, James Wellman – Nathan Littauer Hospital

**Hixny Staff:** Mark McKinney – CEO, Bryan Cudmore – Vice President, Account Management, Taiymoor Naqi – Chief Compliance Officer & Vice President, Privacy & Security, Justin Wise – Director of Finance

**Guest(s):** Karen Sosler, Esq. – Rivkin Radler

**Public Session Commenced: 7:31 AM**

#### I. Welcome & Chairperson Remarks

Mr. Shippee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Shippee acknowledged Brian O’Grady and Scott Momrow - two board members who have had a long-standing history with Hixny. Both are stepping down from their board positions. Mr. Shippee thanked them for their service, commitment, time and passion for the work that Hixny does. Mark echoed Dave’s words.

#### II. Adopt Minutes from the September 18, 2025 Board Meeting

***A motion to approve the September 18, 2025 Board Meeting was made by Dave Shippee and was seconded by Craig Dreher. With no further comments, no opposition, and no abstentions, the motion was unanimously approved.***

#### III. Public Session

SHIN-NY Update

Mark explained that the state is expecting a budget deficit in the upcoming fiscal year, which could affect the availability of matching funds for the SHIN-NY, as the funding is a mix of federal and state dollars. The governor’s draft 2026 budget does currently include level funding for the SHIN-NY, but the situation remains uncertain.

One area of uncertainty relates to the federal matching rate. At present, the State contributes approximately \$30 million, with the federal government providing approximately \$60 million in matching funds.



Mark also noted that some hospital stakeholders have expressed the view that their data exchange needs are sufficiently met through Epic and have questioned the incremental value of the SHIN-NY in that environment.

SHIN-NY reform has gained traction within the last few months. Hixny was awarded a statewide data curation project as well as an encounter notification service grant project. HealtheConnections received the primary document repository and encounter alert service projects.

Mark reported that NYeC is considering updates to the SCPA to clarify the Primary Document Repository and its permitted uses. This is necessary because the Primary Document Repository is considered part of the Statewide Data Infrastructure (SDI) as defined under SHIN-NY regulation.

Reform progress has four main risks:

- Hospitals and regulated entities not signing the SCPA
- QEs not aligning with the reform
- The SHIN-NY consent model prohibits the reforms from gaining momentum
- Statewide service vendors do not deliver as expected

Mark shared that at a recent QE meeting, there was discussion about some QEs passively resisting the reforms, which could then prompt DOH and/or NYeC to consider alternative models for statewide data exchange, such as consolidating to a single QE or shrinking SHIN-NY services and relying on national networks.

The board was informed that Hixny submitted a proposal to NYeC to enhance its data curation for five additional use cases which builds upon existing work with the childhood obesity and respiratory illness surveillance that is already being done.

Once contracted, Hixny will deliver de-identified reporting directly to the Department of Health for 7 conditions. This helps to solidify our long-term role in public health data delivery and reporting. At the moment, Hixny's team is at maximum capacity balancing all the projects and there is very little room for error.

**Public Meeting Adjourned: 7:56 am**

***A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Brian O'Grady and was seconded by Julie Bazzell. With no further comments, no opposition, and no abstentions, the motion was unanimously approved.***

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Linda Mensching-Quinn  
Human Resource & Board Relations Administrator**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: January 15, 2026 at 7:30 am.**