The 7th annual ANHIX-Digital Health Canada Winter Conference was held in Calgary on February 5 with over 110 in attendance. Through a series of panel discussions, attendees explored how healthcare could be advanced through technology.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Alexandra Greenhill, CEO and Chief Medical Officer, Careteam Technologies Inc. who spoke to the subject “Unlocking the Full Potential of Innovation in Healthcare”. She described her experience to date and identified five key ingredients in moving forward; failure is an opportunity to grow, deal with the “not invented here” syndrome, look back a number of times and get feedback before building, identify people who are “can do” people, and be passionate about change to take risks and push forward.

Panel 1 discussed leading edge advancements in artificial intelligence and data based machine learning to make critical advancements in the provision of healthcare. The panelists introduced some of the latest work and explored future possibilities for further integration of smart technology in healthcare.

Panel – Dr. Alexandra Greenhill (Careteam Technologies - Moderator), Almin Surani (AMII, University of Alberta), Dr. Naweed Syed (Professor, University of Calgary), Michael Grahame (Strata Health Solutions).

Panel 2 started with an update on current activities at the Ward of the 21st Century (W21C), including information on human factors for healthcare adoption and other success stories between the industry and clinical setting. This was followed by a description of the impressive results using Virtual Reality in wound care at the Rockyview General Hospital in Calgary.

Panel – Greg Hallihan (W21C Research and Innovation Centre – Moderator), Don Anderson (Rockyview), Jaclyn Frank (Rockyview).

After a networking lunch and a presentation by Jim Mickelson (Canada Health Infoway) the audience was provided a short update on the progress of Connect Care that shared how clinical users, patients and family advisors are involved in the decision making.

Panel – Peter Smith (Strata Health Services – Moderator), Dr. Kenneth Moselle (Vancouver Island Health Authority), Regan Paddington (Highland Primary Care Network), Dr. Scott Wilson (Neurologist).

Front-line experiences, including the patient perspective, show how this will change practice processes and clinical user experience working with patients, and team-based care with multiple communication paths.

Presentation - Barb Kathol (AHS – Moderator), Barbara Jones (AHS), Tricia Miller (AHS), Ryan Magnussen (AHS).

To close the session, Panel 3 explored broad components of health equity and how we can measure and report on them. It explored how population health, and especially social determinants of health, impact the underlying ethical and pragmatic drivers for equitable access to healthcare. It also explored how technology is impacting our understanding of population health and improving health equity.

Panel – Dr. Alexandra Greenhill (Careteam Technologies - Moderator), Almin Surani (AMII, University of Alberta), Dr. Naweed Syed (Professor, University of Calgary), Michael Grahame (Strata Health Solutions).
Running for office?

At our upcoming AGM on May 8, we need to elect a Vice-President (VP) and six Board Directors. The VP's position is a three-year term (year 1 as VP, year 2 as President and year 3 as Past-President) while the Director positions are two-year terms.

The nomination period opened on April 1 and remains open until April 26. To nominate yourself or someone else, send an email to info@anhix.com with the following details:

- Name/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 VP and/or a Director position.
- A brief description of the nominee's background and qualifications and their reason for standing.
- A photo in electronic format.
- The name/contact details of one other current ANHIX member prepared to second the nomination.

If someone is putting their own name forward, they still require two members to propose and second their nomination. After April 26, nominee details will be distributed to members before the AGM. Nominations may be accepted from the floor of the AGM, but the Board strongly encourages nominees to submit their details before April 26.

Over the past year, ANHIX has enjoyed the financial support of thirteen organizations; Cisco, CGI, Deloitte, Gevity, HIMSS, IBM, KPMG, Meditech, Orion Health, Ricoh, 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.

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. We also would be pleased to welcome any new sponsors.

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 **May 8, 2019** at the Holiday Inn, South Edmonton on Gateway Boulevard.

The Symposium program will comprise the following speakers and topics:

- **Anthony Kaul, Co-Founder and COO, CloudDX**
  - "New innovations in Digital Health"

- **Tim Murphy, Vice-President, Health, Alberta Innovates**
  - "Health Research and Innovation - Supporting a Healthier Alberta"

- **Rob Novotny, VP, Client Engagement and Strategy, Groundswell**
  - "Clinical Decisions Automation"

- **Mike Burgoyne, National Healthcare Solutions Lead, Ricoh Canada**
  - "Digital Transformation for Improved Care Collaboration"

- **Rhonda Collins, Chief Nursing Officer, Vocera Communications Inc.**
  - "Inspire Collaboration, Influence Technology Adoption"

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 April 17. 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.

The Spring Symposium will include ANHIX's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The AGM will include reports from the President and Treasurer and the election of the new Board members for the upcoming year.

**ANHIX Summer Symposium and Golf Tournament**

The symposium and golf tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. 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. The weather must be better next year – it can’t be any worse 😊!

**ANHIX Fiscal Year End & Audit**

Our fiscal year end is March 31. As ANHIX is now an incorporated Society, there is a need to have our financial reports audited. This can be done either by professional auditors or by two members in good standing. If you are willing to undertake this role, please contact us at info@anhix.com.
We want to hear from you!

ANHIX is always looking for feedback from its members. Whether it’s recommendations for presentation topics or speakers, ideas for newsletter articles, suggestions you may have for ways we can provide greater value to our members or any other general comments, we want to hear from you. 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.

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