

**Networks Northwest Board: Prosperity Index Committee  
Monday, August 10, 2015  
NMC Hagerty Center, Traverse City, MI**

**MINUTES**

**Committee members present:** Coury Carland, Richard Schmidt, Clint Steele, Doug Luciani, Deborah Fellows, John Stephenson, Marsha Smith, Alan Cooper, Jamie Al-Shamma, Doug Mansfield, Eric Bachmann, Kevin Benson, Tim Nelson.

**Staff present:** Lisa Schut; Matt McCauley; Scott Gest.

**Call to order**

In light of the chair's excused absence, the meeting was called to order by M. McCauley at 4:00 p.m.

**Update on Benchmarks Northwest Site –purpose and functionality**

S. Gest updated that staff continues to work with Flight Path Creative to improve the functionality of the site, particularly relative to search and keyword functionality.

**Review Healthcare Data Sets**

- Existing Measures
- New Measures
- Identify Targets

S. Gest and M. McCauley reviewed health care data sets currently available to the region, which included a number of measures designed to track progress toward the strategies within the *Framework for Our Future* document. Committee members discussed limitations on the current data available and other potential measures, including a region-wide health care asset map. Discussion took place regarding the complexity of the issues and potential opportunities to empower the region to track its own health data. M. McCauley discussed the existing activities of the Northern Michigan Health Coalition and how Networks Northwest is moving toward becoming the backbone entity for that group.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Matt McCauley