

Health Information Technology Commission
Meeting Information

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2008
1 - 4pm

Location: Michigan Public Health Institute, Interactive Learning Center
2436 Woodlake Circle, Suite 380
Okemos, MI 48864

Commissioners Present:

Greg Forzley, M.D. – Chair
Joseph Hohner
Toshiki Masaki – Vice Chair
Mark Notman, Ph.D.
Robin Cole
Kimberly Ross

Tom Lauzon
Jeanne Strickland
Robert Paul
Larry Wagenknecht, R.Ph.
Ken Theis
R. Taylor Scott, D.O

Commissioners Absent:

Janet Olszewski

Joseph Hohner

Staff:

Ed Dore– MDCH
Beth Nagel – MDCH
Laura Rappleye – MDCH
George Boersma – MDIT

Guests:

John Hazewinkel – MSU
Denise Holmes - MSU
Gary Newell – WM HIE
Kimberly Lynch – Altarum
Erin Conklin - GFHC
Linda McCardel – MPHI
Dana Green – MPHI
Leslie Johnson – Resource Center

Valerie Glesnes-Anderson–CAHA
Matt Monroe – Altarum
Kristen Werner – Altarum
Dan Armijo – Altarum
Jody Britz – OU-DNP
Kelly Coyle – MPHI
Sue Moran - MDCH

Agenda:

A. Welcome and Introduction

B. Review of 4-10-08 meeting minutes

- Minutes were approved without discussion and will be posted on the HIT Commission website

C. Commissioner Updates

- Jeanne Strickland noted that she and her organization are watching Medical Identity Theft bills in the Michigan legislature. A copy of the bills will be forwarded to the Commission.
- Toshiki Masaki reported that Ford testified at the U.S. Senate Finance Committee hearing on health care reform and the recommendations included federal funding assistance for starting up Health Information Exchange to be distributed through states.
- Mark Notman reported that Jeff Shaw and John Hazewinkel presented at the Michigan Osteopathic Association annual conference and that the MiHIN concept was well received and had good feedback.
- Greg Forzley noted that no AHRQ EMR grants were given to Michigan applicants. However, there will be future cycles of funding and we should keep an eye out for the next round.
- Larry Wagenknecht reported that he is part of a group that is setting standards for e-prescribing and will send out information to the group as it is available.
- Beth Nagel announced that Laura Rappleye has joined the MiHIN staff within MDCH. She will be working with Beth to staff the Commission and support all of the initiatives under the MiHIN umbrella. Laura can be reached at rappleyel@michigan.gov and 517-335-3692.

D. MiHIN Annual Conference Feedback

- Denise Holmes from the Resource Center provided an overview of the MiHIN Conference and asked the Commission for their feedback.
- The MiHIN Annual Conference was held May 7-9 at the Dearborn Hyatt.
- There were 296 attendees (52 attendees were from states other than MI), which approximately met the conference attendance goal
- Leslie Johnson and John Hazewinkel were thanked for their hard work in putting together the conference
- The Resource Center was directed by the Commissioners to develop goals for the next annual conference and to check with the regional HIEs to determine if they have any specific needs. Further input included ensuring more advanced presentations, having more focus group-like discussions, develop strategies for attracting new stakeholder groups and to analyze this year's attendance to decide the location for next year.

E. MiHIN HIE Grant Program Update

- Beth Nagel from MDCH gave an overview of the MDCH MiHIN HIE Grant program.
- A group of Commissioners drafted and approved a Request For Proposals for planning and implementation HIE grants in early April. The RFP was then sent out on May 1 to all regions including the two currently unfunded regions. The deadline for response is July 7. The contracts will start on September 1.
- A group of Commissioners will be needed to review proposals and make funding determinations. The Commissioners and the organization of their employment cannot be directly involved in an HIE to participate.
- Larry Wagenknecht and Robin Cole both volunteered to participate in the evaluation committee.

F. National Group Involvement Update

- Beth Nagel from MDCH provided an update on the two national HIE groups that included MiHIN participation.
- Janet Olszewski is part of the National Governor's Association Public Programs Implementation Taskforce, which is meeting at the time of the Commission meeting in Washington D.C. This taskforce has been focused on finding appropriate ways to leverage state systems to support bi-directional communications that will benefit both the clinical setting and public health needs.
- Denise Chrysler is part of the National Governor's Association Privacy and Security Taskforce. This group is looking at mechanisms to support interstate exchange of electronic information by aligning state laws and policies where necessary, as well as ensure accountability.
- Beth Nagel is representing Michigan on the State Level HIE Steering Committee, which is a group funded by the Office of the National Coordinator to give the state HIE perspective on policies and issues. This group will serve as an advisory commission to the American Health Information Community 2.0 when it is fully formed.
- The Commission will be kept up-to-date on the events of these groups.

G. Update from the Resource Center

- Denise Holmes from the Resource Center provided an update on the activities of the Resource Center.
- The Resource Center will be forming two workgroups: a privacy workgroup and a MPI workgroup to add more detail to the outcome to the first MPI workgroup.
- The Commissioners will be invited to each of these workgroups and are welcome to attend and/or pass-on to others who may be interested in attending.

- The Resource Center has provided the regions with a legal toolkit that contains several model documents.
- After discussing multiple communication and marketing strategies for raising the awareness of HIE and the action of the HIT Commission (including direct letters, targeted stakeholder meetings, and messaging HIE as a quality issue) the Commission asked the Resource Center to draft a plan for marketing and communications that the Commission could work from at the next meeting.

H. Continuity of Care Document (CCD) Overview – Liora Alschuler

- Liora Alschuler walked the Commission through the history and current applications of the CCD, which is a technology standard that ensure interoperability with different HIT/HIE products.
- This presentation is available in the Commission's packets and at www.mihin.org

I. Discussion of Agenda and Calendar setting for next meeting

- The next meeting of the Commission is set for August 14, 2008.
- Before the next meeting, the Chair and Vice-Chair will evaluate any impending issues to determine if a touch-base telephone conference is appropriate.

J. Time For Public Comment

- Gary Newell offered his congratulations on the success of the MiHIN Conference.