

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 29, 2013 MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL HIE WORKGROUP OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE ILLINOIS HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AUTHORITY**

The Regional HIE Workgroup (“Workgroup”) of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority (“Authority”), pursuant to notice duly given, held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on July 29, 2013 at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois 60601, with a telephone and video conference call capability.

<p><u>Appointed Workgroup Members Present:</u> David Holland, (videoconference) Dr. Nancy Newby (videoconference) Dr. Cheryl Whitaker (phone) Victor Boike, MCHIE Dana Crain, Southern Illinois Healthcare (phone) Roger Crook, TriRivers Health Partners (phone) Chuck Cox, MCHIE Deb Gory, MCHIE (phone) Roger Holloway, Northern Illinois Health Information Exchange(phone) Steve Lawrence, LincolnLand and Illinois Health Exchange Partners (phone) David Miller, Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (phone) Jodi Sassana, MCHIE Crystal VanDeventer, LincolnLand and Illinois Health Exchange Partners (videoconference) Phil Wasson, TriRivers Health Partners (phone)</p>	<p><u>OHIT Staff Present:</u> Raul Recarey, Mark Pellegrino, Elizabeth LaRocca, Ivan Handler (phone), Krysta Heaney, Daniel Procyk</p>
<p><u>Guests and Members of the Public:</u> Jud DeLoss, Popovits & Robinson (phone) Martin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Healthcare Association (phone) Howard Lee, Wirehead Technology Michael Short, Southern Illinois Healthcare (phone) Peter Ingram, Sinai Health System</p>	

Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Krysta Heaney, confirmed the presence of the Members of the Committee noted above and quorum. The ability of the Committee Members to clearly participate by telephone and

videoconference was confirmed and there were no objections expressed to participation of any member by conference call.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Workgroup meeting, that took place on May 7, 2013, were approved.

Announcement of Newly Nominated Regional HIE Workgroup Members

Nominations of the newest additions to the Regional HIE Workgroup were announced and are as follows: Dana Crain - Southern Illinois HIE (SIHIE), Phil Wasson - TriRivers Health Partners, Charles Cox – Metro Chicago (MCHIE), Joy Duling - Central Illinois HIE (CIHIE), Steve Lawrence representing both LincolnLand HIE (LLHIE) and Illinois Health Exchange Partners (IHEP), Roger Holloway - Northern Illinois HIE (NIHIE).

Mechanics of Opt-Out

Mr. Ivan Handler presented an overview of “The Mechanics of Opt-Out” which summarized ILHIE’s basic technical approach to implementing the Opt-Out system throughout ILHIE and in conjunction with its associated Regional HIE’s. Mr. Handler walked the group through using the MPI to identify patients, set flags, and send batches vs. single records. In addition, he discussed fees for services and situations where no patient identifier was used. It was stressed that the opt-in, opt-out flagging system is to be a free service which will be provided regardless of whether or not an HIE joins the ILHIE network.

After Mr. Handler’s presentation, the group was invited to discuss the document, as well as participate in discussions pertaining to other relevant Regional HIE issues.

A policy vs. technology discussion ensued. The group recognized that the two issues were very much interlinked and interdependent, and may overlap. Nevertheless, it was generally agreed among the participants that if the technology to accomplish current policy approaches does not exist, it is in the best interest of the group to proceed with a policy approach that everyone can move forward with, followed by potential changes during the next Regional Workgroup review. After this clarification, the purpose of the “Mechanics of Opt-Out” document was restated as summarizing a service that would ensure that a Regional HIE can connect to ILHIE, should it desire to do so; as such, and consistent with patient expectations, it was the goal of the group to achieve an optimal level of MPI synchronicity.

Concerns were raised that all Illinois Exchanges may not be able to achieve the same level of synchronicity; however, it was noted that there may be other possible technical approaches to achieving similar outcomes. Consequently, although ILHIE believes the best possible approach is currently being proposed, ILHIE is open to suggestions regarding alternative query models.

Other issues discussed and raised included where and when the opt out occurs, to what extent the opt-out effected other records, the need to properly inform and educate the public, liability and immunity issues, and dealing with unavoidable errors within the MPI.

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Finally, all participants were encouraged to keep in mind that the Workgroup was an effective forum for discussion where participants were encouraged to voice their concerns in an effort to achieve cohesive, collaborative and effective HIE. Communication among the various subgroups of ILHIE was encouraged and participants were directed to the ILHIE website for more information and additional resources.

Establish Quarterly Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that quarterly meetings schedules should now occur on a 4-6 week basis.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 4:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Daniel Procyk, Esq.
