

**IL HIE Advisory Committee  
Behavioral Health Work Group  
Meeting Notes  
January 5, 2012**

**Attendees (all by phone)**

Connie Christen, Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)  
Kathye Gorosh, New Age Services Corporation  
Krysta Heaney, Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)  
Jim Hobbs, Department of Human Services  
Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois  
Mike Ouska, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois  
Meryl Sosa, Illinois Psychiatric Society  
Erin Stoody, Chicago Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights & Healthcare Consortium of Illinois  
Lora Thomas, NAMI Illinois

**Welcome and Review of Minutes**

Roll call was taken. The group approved the meeting minutes from the November and December meetings.

**Update on OHIT Activities Work Group  
*SAMHSA/HRSA Grant Opportunity***

**Marvin Lindsey** reported that Laura Zarembo, Director of OHIT, was a panelist at the Community Behavioral Health Association conference in December. At that conference, Mike Lardiere from the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, informed Laura about a grant opportunity available. The 12-month grant is for \$600,000 to each of the five states' Health Information Exchange offices that are awarded the grant. It is to be used for the development of an infrastructure supporting the exchange of health information among behavioral health and physical health providers and to promote the use and exchange of electronic health records. OHIT, other state agencies and many stakeholders met and also gathered information to apply for the grant. Letters of support were sent by various organizations. Marvin and Jim Hobbs prepared a letter of support from this work group. Receiving matching funds for the grant for federal financial participation was discussed. The grant awards will be announced on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

***ILHIE Direct***

**Krysta Heaney** described the ILHIE Direct Secure Messaging Solution. It enables providers to send patient health information via the Internet in a secure and encrypted format. It allows providers to quickly achieve clinical exchange for Stage 1 Meaningful Use by sharing clinical data through secure and encrypted email capability. Registration is very easy and the ILHIE is offering it to providers at no cost through 2012.

Adding a question to the survey regarding the IL Direct System was discussed. Krysta will send a description of the system to the work group to review and possibly create questions from regarding the system.

OHIT communications staff have prepared and sent information to various provider groups to spread the word about ILHIE Direct. **Mike Ouska** commented that he's had several colleagues ask him about it.

#### **Update on Legal Work Groups**

**Marvin** said that the legal subcommittees' are looking at proposing legal and policy work around consent and confidentiality. In addition, they are reviewing the Mental Health Act to possibly revise it. They are also discussing continuity of care records (what behavioral health data should be included in records).

#### **Provider Issues**

##### ***Outstanding Systemic or Providers Issues that Prevent Care Coordination or the Sharing of Patient Records***

Laura Zaremba requested that Marvin discuss with this work group if there are any outstanding issues that prevent care coordination or sharing of information. One of those issues is the many systems that providers have to use. **Mike Ouska** mentioned the rural services info. that he sent to Marvin. **Meryl Sosa** suggested adding detail on the Medicaid Billing System. **Kathye Gorosh** suggested adding information about the DARTS system.

##### ***Use Cases (as it relates to the sharing of patient records to improve care coordination)***

Krysta Heaney gave a description of a use case. A use case describes the work flow within a health system. A common use case is emergency room cases such as how would you look at their records. Marvin asked the group to send him any use case information that would be helpful.

#### **Update on the Survey**

**Jim Hobbs** will send Connie Christen the link to the current version of the survey so that the work group members can test it.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next conference call is scheduled on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned.