

**IL HIE Advisory Committee
Behavioral Health Work Group
Meeting Notes
December 5, 2013**

Attendees (all by phone)

Connie Christen, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Eric Foster, Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association
Kathye Gorosh, AIDS Foundation of Chicago
Jim Hobbs, Department of Human Services
Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois
Emily Miller, Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities
Mike Ouska, Lutheran Social Services
Raul Recarey, Illinois Health Information Exchange
Steve Vanderpoel, Chicago Children's Center for Behavioral Health

Review of Minutes

The work group approved the meeting minutes from the August 1st call.

Status of Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE)

Raul Recarey, Executive Director of the ILHIE Authority, spoke to the group saying that ILHIE is quickly moving forward and is providing many services. One of those services is the web-based Direct secure messaging solution that is HIPAA compliant. The Integrated Direct service enables providers to send information to other Electronic Health Records (EHR) systems within and outside of their EHR system if they are XDR compatible.

ILHIE is moving forward with a regional plan and are currently working with Wisconsin to enable providers' to access the Wisconsin EHR system at no cost. Wisconsin will have access to Illinois' EHR system at no cost. ILHIE recently signed an agreement with the state of Missouri for access to their system. This data sharing is particularly important for border states since patients frequently cross state lines to receive care. ILHIE will give HIE rights to other states at no cost if they offer the same to ILHIE.

ILHIE is connecting to the Veteran's Administration (VA). The VA will have bi-directional connectivity to allow providers to query VA patient records and have that information flow into their EHR system. In addition, the VA will use the Direct messaging service.

ILHIE is working with the Social Security Administration to connect to the ILHIE. There are three million disability claims filed a year with the administration with 208,000 of those claims being from Illinois. This will substantially reduce the amount of time that it takes to approve a disability claim.

The Nationwide Health Information Network (NWHIN) standards group was moved into the private sector and is now part of Healthy Way. NWHIN is a think tank protocol standards body that promotes set standards of protocol and is backed by the Office of the National Coordinator. The Healthy Way standard is how Illinois is connecting to Wisconsin, Missouri, the Veteran's Administration and the Social

Security Administration. ILHIE will become a member of Healthy Way and is a proponent of health information exchange standards.

Marvin Lindsey asked what role the ILHIE will play as health care networks develop in the future. **Raul** stated that ILHIE is being set up as a network of networks to interconnect others. If anyone is interested in more information, they can contact Frank Kisner at Frank.Kisner@illinois.gov at the ILHIE.

HIT Care Coordination Provider Issues

- **Ideas on surveying behavioral health providers in care coordination entities (CCEs, MCCNs, ACEs, MCOs)**

Marvin Lindsey discussed having this work group send a survey to behavioral health providers to find out what their plans are for exchanging information with Care Coordination Entity networks. Possible questions to ask are how they are doing if they're exchanging information now and are they using the ILHIE. **Kathye Gorosh** suggested surveying the CCE's first and then surveying behavioral health providers. **Mike Ouska** said that Lutheran Social Services is a member of the Together for Health CCE. Mike attends monthly information services related calls and said that the CCE is still clarifying use cases, and discussing governance issues. Mike thinks it is too soon to survey the Together for Health CCE. **Jim Hobbs** suggested contacting someone at HFS first before sending the survey to providers. **Marvin** will invite the new behavioral health manager at HFS to attend a work group call to find out more information.

Additions to the Agenda

Marvin Lindsey said that work group member Kathye Gorosh was recently appointed to the HIE Advisory Committee. Marvin continues to serve on the committee.

Marvin reported that he has not been contacted by Senator Heather Steans regarding the \$395,000 settlement grant that was discussed during the last work group call. Senator Steans requested that Marvin provide suggestions on how the grant could be used. Marvin sent suggestions on using the grant funding for behavioral health providers information technology needs. **Jim Hobbs** will contact others to find out if they have an update on the grant.

Jim Hobbs said that DHS has been in discussions with the Illinois Departments of State Police and Financial and Professional Regulation about development of a reporting system that will comply with the new concealed carry firearms law requirements. DHS worked with many trade and professional associations about what they are required to report. DHS created a new web-based reporting system for this. A Frequently Asked Questions document and newsletters will be done and information will be posted on the DHS website. Guidance and training will be provided to many of the associations.

The next call is scheduled on February 6th. Meeting adjourned.