



## **IL HIE Advisory Committee Behavioral Health Work Group Meeting Notes September 29, 2011**

### **Attendees (all by phone)**

Connie Christen, Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)  
Mark Chudzinski, Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)  
Kathye Gorosh, New Age Services Corporation  
Jim Hobbs, Department of Human Services  
Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois  
Rick Nance, Department of Human Services  
Mike Ouska, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

### **Welcome and Review of Minutes**

After roll call, the minutes from the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by the work group.

### **Inaugural IL-Health Information Exchange (HIE) Advisory Committee**

- IL-HIE Timeline
- Role of the Advisory Council
- Workgroups
  - Behavioral Health
  - Telehealth
  - Public Health
- IL-HIE Core Services - [http://www.hie.illinois.gov/assets/ilhie\\_082311.pdf](http://www.hie.illinois.gov/assets/ilhie_082311.pdf)

**Mark Chudzinski** updated the group saying that the first IL HIE Advisory Committee met on September 6<sup>th</sup>. A total of 45 people were appointed to the committee. 32 will begin now and the other 13 will begin one year from now for their two year appointment. Mark spoke to the co-host of the advisory committee about this work group. The advisory committee would like this group to continue their work. There will eventually be 10-12 work groups.

Mark said that the electronic health record provider incentive program has begun at HFS. Over 200 eligible professionals (EPs) have registered. The advisory committee will hold a series of webinars. A webinar on core services took place. The next webinar will be about public health reporting through the Health Information Exchange (HIE) and is scheduled for Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **IL-HIE Newsletter**

- “What You Need to Know” (Provider and Consumer)

**Marvin Lindsey** indicated that OHIT staff prepared newsletters for EPs and one for consumers. The consumer newsletter was sent to different associations and consumer groups asking that they distribute the newsletter.

**Mark Chudzinski** said that the communications team is discussing how to leverage resources of stakeholders and are discussing a larger campaign. The Office of the National Coordinator is developing information for a national distribution.

**Issue- HIT Resources for Behavioral Health- Finance**

- Survey the BH Field about HIT resources?
- What are some recommendations that we can make to the Advisory Council?

**Marvin Lindsey** opened the discussion saying that this work group has discussed several issues including consent and how to inform the behavioral health community about Health Information Exchange. Another issue discussed by the group is resources. This work group can make recommendations to the HIE Advisory Committee about assessing resources necessary to develop systems and what is needed in the behavioral health community.

Creating a survey to solicit ideas about resources and other barriers and issues behavioral health providers have experienced was discussed. Questions such as asking providers where they are in the process, do they have a functional Electronic Health Record (EHR) system, if they've decided on an EHR vendor, what do they have in their IT budgets and how do they maintain their EHR systems should be included. It was suggested that the group may want to contact the Regional Extension Centers (RECs) who may have already developed surveys. **Jim Hobbs** recommended that someone do an environmental scan to find out if other states have developed similar surveys and send to him to help craft the new survey. **Kathy Gorosh** suggested asking what providers plans are for sustainability. Marvin will check with the RECs and Kathy and Marvin will check into other state's surveys. **Rick Nance** will ask the IL State Library to do a search on behavioral health surveys.

Discussion took place about which states are giving the provider incentive payments to behavioral health providers. **Mark Chudzinski** noted that a behavioral health center in Oklahoma was receiving incentive payments. Behavioral health providers are not eligible but they do have eligible providers qualifying as physicians.

**Next meeting**

The next conference call is scheduled on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.