



ILHIE Authority Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
 September 6, 2011

Attendance

In Person in Chicago:

Year 1 Appointees	
Name	Organization
Stanley Krok (Co-Chair)	Children's Memorial Hospital
Bill Odman (Co-Chair)	St. Mary's Good Samaritan
Hayes Abrams	Blue Cross Blue Shield (HCSC)
Gail Amundson	Quality Quest for Health; Central Illinois HIE
Elissa Bassler	Illinois Public Health Institute
Julie Bonello	Access Community Health Network
Jennifer Creasey	AARP
Patrick Gallagher	Illinois State Medical Society
Roger Holloway	Northern Illinois University/IL-HITREC
Terri Jacobsen	Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, MCHIE
Stasia Kahn	Fox Prairie Medical Group; User Centric Inc.
Marvin Lindsey	Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois
Edward Mensah	UIC School of Public Health
Sharon Post	SEIU Healthcare
Fred Rachman	Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services; Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center
David Stumpf	OPTUMInsight
Year 2 Appointees	
Name	Organization
Richard Baer	Provider Resources, Inc.
Pat Cunningham	Pfizer Inc
Gerald DeLoss	DeLoss Health Law
John Lewis	Northern Illinois University/ IL-HITREC
John Lynch	Provena Health
Mary Moody	UIC College of Pharmacy
Derrick D. Wallery	Marque Medicos

By Phone or Video Conference:

Year 1 Appointees	
Name	Organization
Philip Burgess	Philip Burgess Consulting LLC
Kelly Carter	Illinois Primary Healthcare Association
Carla Evans	UIC School of Dentistry; U IL Medical Center
Karl Maurer	Bank of America/ Merrill Lynch
Patricia Merryweather	IFM-C
James Mormann	OSF Healthcare
Thomas Raskauskas	Meridian Health Plan
Kim Sanders	Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Patricia Schou	Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network
Year 2 Appointees	
Name	Organization
Alan Gaffner	Greenville Regional Hospital & Fair Oaks Nursing Home
Lawrence Kosinski	Illinois Gastroenterology Group

State of Illinois Participants

Name	Organization
Damon Arnold	Illinois Department of Public Health
Mary Driscoll	Illinois Department of Public Health
Michael Gelder	Office of the Governor
Vincent Kucich	Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Susan Locke	Illinois Department of Human Services
Deborah Matthews	University of Illinois at Chicago, DSCC
Laura Zaremba	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Mark Chudzinski	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Diego Estrella	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
David Fagus	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Michael Flanigan	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Ivan Handler	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Krysta Heaney	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Danny Kopelson	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Saroni Lasker	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Mary McGinnis	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology
Cory Verblen	Illinois Office of Health Information Technology

I. Roll Call and Introductions

Mark Chudzinski, General Counsel of the Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT), opened the meeting of the Advisory Committee (“Committee”) of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority on September 6, 2011 at 1:00 pm, hosted at the State of Illinois J.R. Thompson Center in Downtown Chicago, with a telephone conference call-in number and video connectivity with the Prescott Bloom Building in Springfield. It was noted that notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted on the OHIT website and at the Chicago meeting location no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Roll was taken, and the ability of those attending by telephone to hear and participate was confirmed.

Mr. Chudzinski introduced Laura Zaremba, Director of the OHIT. Ms. Zaremba welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Stan Krok, Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee, and Bill Odman, Co-Chair of the Advisory Committee, both introduced themselves, followed by introductions of the remaining Committee members.

Mr. Krok noted that one of the goals of today’s meeting was to share information regarding the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority (“Authority”) with the individuals who have been appointed to the Authority’s Advisory Committee. In addition to hearing a presentation from the Authority’s Acting Executive Director, Laura Zaremba, several informational public webinars are under consideration for broadcast over the next several months. In addition, Mr. Krok noted that he anticipates that the Authority will be providing specific directions to the Committee on topics regarding which the Authority is seeking the Committee’s views.

II. Presentation: Overview of the Illinois Health Information Exchange

Ms. Zaremba provided an overview of the Illinois Health Information Exchange (“ILHIE”). The goals of Illinois’ HIE initiative are: improved health outcomes; better care coordination among providers; reduced medical errors; reduced health disparities; and controlled health care costs. The ILHIE is a network of technical services and standards that will: facilitate the exchange of vital health information in a secure environment; be available to all health care providers in all areas of the state; be governed by a State Authority to ensure that the privacy and security of data is maintained, and operations are conducted in an open and transparent manner with broad stakeholder input. The objectives of the ILHIE are: widespread adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records; secure exchange of clinical data among providers; electronic prescribing; reporting quality measures; and public health reporting and disease surveillance.

Major ILHIE milestones reached to date include: the establishment by the State of Illinois HIE Planning Grant Program in Feb. 2009; the enactment of the Federal HITECH Act which provided federal funds for State HIE development; the creation of the Office of Health Information Technology in Feb. 2010; the enactment by the Illinois General Assembly in July 2010 of the IL Health Information Exchange & Technology Act; the establishment of the ILHIE Authority in April 2011; and the commencement in the summer of 2011 of the distribution of Medicare / Medicaid payment incentives to qualified providers

who acquire Electronic Health Record systems. Major future ILHIE milestones include the commencement of the delivery by the ILHIE of core services in spring 2012, which will include: provider, payer and public health entity directories; master patient index; record locator service; privacy and security services; public health and other mandated reporting services.

Ms. Zaremba commented on the barriers which OHIT and the Authority are addressing, including: currently low electronic health record adoption rates; workflow burdens and lack of available technical assistance; workforce development and training needs; slow development of standards; connectivity/bandwidth, particularly in rural areas; and legal requirements and privacy concerns.

OHIT is presently completing the selection by the end of September of a vendor to provide the ILHIE core services. The implementation of the ILHIE is planned in a phased approach, with statewide availability of initial core services beginning in April, 2012. OHIT and the Authority will be seeking stakeholder and user input during the implementation of the ILHIE, as feedback is viewed as critical to implementation and long-term development of additional ILHIE services.

Ms. Zaremba reviewed the role and composition of the Committee, and the anticipated relationship of the Committee to other workgroups which continued to provide input to OHIT.

In the ensuing discussion it was suggested the role of the emerging local/regional HIE initiatives and their relationship to the state-level HIE is not currently clear, and that clarification is desired by healthcare providers who will be deciding how to connect with HIEs to enable the exchange of data.

III. Discussion: Webinars for new stakeholders

Ms. Zaremba noted that OHIT had recently expanded its public communications staff resources to facilitate the public dissemination of information regarding the ILHIE. Among the initiatives under consideration are several public webinars. OHIT welcomes suggestions of potential webinar topics.

IV. Discussion: Survey of Advisory Committee Member Interest and Work Groups

Mr. Krok advised that a survey questionnaire would be sent to Committee members soon to obtain a better appreciation for the Committee's interests, and future meeting agenda topics.

V. Discussion: Identifying Use Cases for the Illinois Health Information Exchange

Mr. Odman proposed that the Committee may have a valuable role in the identification of the use cases which will be addressed by the ILHIE, and the alignment of the efforts of the emerging local/regional HIE initiatives with those of the ILHIE. In the ensuing discussion it was suggested that the state-wide exchange of data should not be adversely affected if all HIE initiatives operated in concert with interoperable technical standards, regardless of the particular use cases the local HIE may wish to address. A discussion of standards and use cases may be a desirable topic for one of the first webinars. The selection of specific use cases being addressed by local HIE initiatives may be principally influenced by the specific interests of the founders of the local HIE, local differences in health delivery, as well as the "Meaningful Use" requirements for the receipt of Federal Medicare / Medicaid payment incentives

to qualified providers who acquire Electronic Health Record systems. It was suggested that the forthcoming survey of the Committee members could help identify the extent of informational resources that the members might desire, including a glossary of relevant technical terms. Representatives of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) offered to assist in the preparation of a webinar presentation regarding the work of IDPH in the creation of a “public health node” which through the ILHIE would address certain public health use cases.

VI. Discussion: Incorporating the Patient Perspective

The group discussed the importance of incorporating the perspective of Illinois patients in the Committee’s deliberations. Discussion included consideration of how to identify individuals who would be representatives of the “patient perspective”, and the number of such individuals that may be needed. The potential use of social networking tools to solicit public comment on topics of interest to the Committee was noted, as were the limitations of such tools in obtaining input from under-privileged communities or those in which English is a second language. The importance of the Authority engaging in consumer education efforts in Illinois regarding the ILHIE was also noted.

VII. Regular Meeting Schedule

Mr. Odman advised that the Advisory Committee was expected to present at each meeting of the Authority Board a report on the Committee’s activities. Mr. Odman proposed that the Committee meetings be organized to coincide with the Authority Board’s schedule, which will be meeting on November 16, 2011, January 11, 2012 and February 22, 2012. Provisionally, it was proposed that the Committee will meet in the afternoon following each of the Authority Board meeting dates, with Committee members afforded the opportunity to participate in meetings electronically. It was suggested that in advance of presenting the Committee’s report to the Authority Board, the co-chairs would share with the Committee their draft report. The co-chairs of the Committee will further explore future Committee meeting logistics with the assistance of the OHIT staff, and share with the Committee members further recommendations.

VIII. Ethics Training

Mr. Chudzinski advised that OHIT would be providing further guidance regarding the obligation of Advisory Committee members to complete an on-line ethics training webinar.

IX. Public Comment

In response to Mr. Krok’s invitation for comments from any members of the general public in attendance who had requested an opportunity to speak, Mr. Vincent Kucich of the Illinois Office of Inspector General noted the potential value of electronic records in promoting the financial integrity of the State of Illinois public medical programs and efforts to fight fraud. Mr. Steven Wilson of LabCorp noted the potential for the collection from patients of valuable demographic data that could facilitate medical research and the performance of quality assessments.

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Mark Chudzinski, Secretary of the Authority