

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2012, MEETING  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
ILLINOIS HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority (“Authority”), pursuant to notice duly given, held a meeting at 12:00 p.m. on January 11, 2012, at the State of Illinois J.R. Thompson Center in downtown Chicago, IL.

<p><u>Appointed Members Present:</u>          1. Dr. Bechara Choucair          2. Mr. David Holland          3. Dr. William Kobler          4. Dr. Nancy Newby          5. Dr. Nicholas Panomitos          6. Dr. Bruce Wellman          7. Dr. Cheryl Whitaker</p>	<p><u>OHIT Staff Present:</u>          Laura Zaremba; Ian Bertorelli; Mark Chudzinski; Robert Crane; Diego Estrella; David Fagus; Krysta Heaney; Danny Kopelson; Saroni Lasker; Mary McGinnis; Melissa Tyler; Cory Verblen</p>
<p><u>Appointed Members Present by conference phone:</u>          1. Mr. Mark Neaman</p>	
<p><u>Ex-Officio Members Present:</u>          1. DOI – Mrs. Colleen Burns          2. DHS – Mrs. Susan Locke          3. OOG – Mrs. Amy Sagen          4. DPH – Mr. David Carvalho</p>	<p><u>Vacancies:</u> Executive Director  <u>Ex-Officio Members Absent:</u> HFS – Director Julie Hamos</p>

*Call to Order and Roll Call*

Dr. Cheryl Whitaker welcomed the appointed and ex-officio members of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority, as well as the members of the general public in attendance. Mr. Chudzinski, Secretary to the Board, confirmed the presence of the Members of the Authority Board noted above. There were no objections from the members of the Authority Board to the participation by conference phone of Mr. Mark Neaman, who had advised the Secretary in advance of his attendance by electronic means necessitated by business or employment purposes.

*Approval of Agenda*

There were no proposed revisions to the meeting Agenda, as posted in advance of the meeting in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

*Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings*

On motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Meeting of the Board on December 1, 2011, as well as the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on December 1, 2011, were unanimously approved by the voting members of the Board.

*Ethics Training 2012*

Mr. David Keahl, Director of Ethics Training and Compliance Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor, advised that for the purposes of Illinois' ethics laws the members of the Authority's Board were classified as "State employees" and are required to annually complete an ethics training program. The appropriate 2012 training materials will be provided following today's meeting; each Board member will be required to certify his or her completion of the program.

*Chair Report*

Dr. Cheryl Whitaker reported that she had chaired a three hour meeting yesterday of the Committee of the Whole at which representatives of six emerging sub-State health information exchanges (HIEs) shared with the five appointed Board members present their concerns regarding the development and implementation of HIE in Illinois. Mr. Dominick Bizzarro, a former CEO of the Health Information Exchange of NY, an upstate New York regional HIE, and currently engaged by InterSystems Corporation, shared his perspectives on the evolution in New York of a hybrid HIE system, in which a State-level entity was assuming increasing technical and governance responsibilities within a State where regional HIE initiatives emerged before the State-level HIE. The subsequent consolidation of regional HIE functionalities, particularly in the New York City metropolitan area, was driven by technical, financial and consumer considerations.

A primary concern of the sub-State HIEs in Illinois is their financial sustainability and the perceived threat of "competition" from the State-level ILHIE. The regional HIEs and State-level ILHIE have respective strengths and weaknesses, and assets that could be leveraged if all stakeholders collaborated in partnership rather than in competition. Dr. Whitaker shared with the Board the lists of respective assets of the regional and State-level HIE initiatives.

In the ensuing Board discussion, it was noted that the State of Illinois is the beneficiary of Federal funding for the development and implementation of a State-level HIE, and that the State's compliance with the terms of the \$18.8 million Federal grant requires close coordination of the State's HIE plans with the directives of the Federal Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). To ultimately promote the benefit of patients, the optimal use of limited Federal funds requires the avoidance of duplicative technologies and efforts, and utilization of cost-effective HIE services delivery methods. The deployment by the State of Federal funds for HIE in Illinois must be based on an accurate appreciation of the actual HIE capabilities present in the State. The emerging sub-State HIE initiatives have been requested to voluntarily submit specific information to the Authority.

Dr. Whitaker reported that another meeting of the Committee of the Whole with representatives of sub-State HIEs is scheduled for January 24, 2012. Consideration will also be given to whether an ad hoc committee of the Board should be formed to establish an ongoing forum for the discussion of issues with representatives of sub-State HIEs.

*Acting Executive Director's report*

Mrs. Laura Zaremba, Acting Executive Director of the Authority, Mrs. Laura Zaremba, Acting Executive Director of the Authority, advised that the implementation of the first two phases of the ILHIE core services is underway. On December 21, 2011, the ILHIE Secure Direct Messaging service was launched. ILHIE Direct is a secure clinical messaging solution that will facilitate point-to-point electronic communications between providers. ILHIE Direct can be used to send referrals, patient care summaries, medication histories and other data to support care coordination. ILHIE Direct will also facilitate provider attainment of Meaningful Use incentive payment requirements for clinical exchange. ILHIE will agree to serve as test partner for those providers who do not have a data sharing partner. ILHIE Direct represents an easy on-ramp to health information exchange, and may prove to be of particular value in segments of the health care community where electronic health record (EHR) adoption has been limited, including in the behavioral health and long-term care segments. Compared to standard email services over the Internet, ILHIE Direct enables the transmission of relatively large files (up to 125 MB) in an encrypted format. Without major promotion by OHIT of the service, ILHIE Direct has already attracted more than 30 registered users. User experiences will further inform the implementation of the ILHIE core services. A more publicized launch of the service is planned in the coming weeks, and a stretch goal of attracting 300 users by March 31 has been set. A demonstration followed of the user sign-on process at the portal established for ILHIE Direct (<http://ilhiedirect.net/register.jsp>).

Progress was also reported in the phase two implementation of the ILHIE core services. InterSystems Corporation (ISC), the State's selected HIE services technology vendor, and OHIT have established a Project Management Office, and will be finalizing a detailed implementation project plan by the end of January. A second technical "white boarding" session was held on January 10, 2012, with over 60 participants, including representatives from local HIEs, individual providers, EHR vendors and members of the ILHIE Advisory Committee. The session reviewed the proposed utilization of the ILHIE core series to enable an emergency room use case and a specialist referral use case. The ensuing discussion included an examination of the management of patient identity and continuity of care documents. The third "white boarding" session is scheduled for January 24, 2012.

Encouraging discussions relating to the ILHIE core services implementation are also underway with a number of potential project partners, including (i) the University of Illinois Strategic Healthcare IT Advanced Research Project (SHARPS); (ii) Blue Cross/Availity; (iii) Walgreens; (iv) Northwestern Memorial Hospital; and (v) IFMC-IL. Encouraging participation in the State's Medicare and Medicaid HER Provider Incentive Program as of December 31, 2011, was also noted, with 1,702 registered Medicaid eligible providers (EPs), 5,813 Medicare EPs, and 117 registered hospitals. Mrs. Zaremba also reported that the search for a full-time Executive Director for the Authority was progressing well.

The State of Illinois was one of twelve States invited by Federal authorities to apply last week for up to \$600,000 in grant funding for a special behavioral health integration initiative. The project would explore the use of health information exchange to facilitate the integration of behavioral health treatment with physical health care. Such care integration is viewed by the

State of Illinois as a key to achieving improved health outcomes and cost-containment. The project would place increased attention upon the significant legal, policy and technical barriers to more widespread health information exchange between behavioral health and physical health providers. Addressing legal barriers, grant resources could be applied to the development of needed consent forms, data sharing agreements and other documents. Addressing technical barriers, grant resources could be applied to provide training and technical assistance to providers lacking needed technical staff, and to exploring the development of documentation standards that promote the integration of behavioral health data into a patient record subject to electronic exchange. Finally, addressing financial barriers, grant resources could be applied to the promotion of ILHIE Direct as a potential low-cost document exchange solution for providers lacking EHR systems for participation in more robust HIE. The proposed project would be a state-wide initiative, and involve the dissemination of best practices learned from several pilot projects with selected behavioral health facilities in Illinois.

It was noted that a number of the members of the Board have advised their unavailability for the next meeting of the Board that was scheduled for February 22, 2012 in Springfield, IL; consequently, a postponement of that meeting to February 28 proposed by the Chair was unanimously agreed.

#### *ILHIE Data Security & Privacy Committee Report*

At its meeting on December 1, 2011, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee that an ILHIE Data Security and Privacy Committee of the Board be formed, to be charged with examining issues of data privacy and security and proposing for the Boards' consideration appropriate policies that should apply to ILHIE data. Dr. Nicholas Panomitros, the appointed Chair of the Committee, reported on the status of the organization of the Committee, noting that the following six individuals have agreed to his invitation to serve with him as members of the Committee: Mr. David Carvalho; Dr. Edward Mensah; Mrs. Pat Merryweather; Mrs. Elissa J. Bassler; Mr. Jud DeLoss; and Mr. William Spence. Additional Committee members are being recruited. The Committee proposes to have its inaugural meeting on Wednesday, February 8, and will be open to the public. The meeting will feature a presentation on the work of the ILHIE Legal Task Force and their initial views regarding the status of Illinois law with respect to patient data security and privacy.

#### *Budget & Finance Committee Report*

David Fagus reported that the Budget and Finance Committee met twice since the last board meeting, on December 16, 2011, and January 5, 2012. At both meetings the Committee explored the development of policies that will help shape the business plan. Five policies were reviewed by the Committee and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion by all of the members of the Board. These discussions are providing helpful clarification which will help guide the Committee's future deliberations.

It is anticipated that a comprehensive business plan will be completed in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012, and throughout the year, the Finance and Budget Committee will be seeking guidance from the Board on various items.

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With respect to its grant from the ONC, OHIT is consistently monitoring these dollars, with the majority of the spending to date being for personnel. As of December 31, 2011 the grant had remaining funds of \$16.8 M. The first outlay to InterSystems relating to the implementation of the ILHIE core services will occur later this month, with quarterly outlays thereafter, totaling \$2.9 M in 2012.

*Advisory Committee Report*

A report on behalf of the Advisory Committee will be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

*Public Comment*

There were no public comments offered.

*Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:  
Mark Chudzinski, Secretary