



Approved - 11/07/13

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2013, MEETING OF  
THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority (“Authority”), pursuant to notice duly given, held a meeting at noon on September 18, 2013, at the State of Illinois JRTC, 2-201, 100 West Randolph, Chicago, Illinois 60601 with telephone conference call capability.

Appointed Members Present: Mr. David Holland (Chair) Dr. William Kobler Mr. Mark Neaman (by phone) Dr. Nicholas Panomitros Mr. Raul Recarey Dr. Bruce Wellman Dr. Cheryl Whitaker	Ex-Officio Members Present: HFS – Director Julie Hamos DPH – Mr. David Carvalho OOG – Ms. Laura Zaremba DHS – Ms. Susan Locke
Appointed Members Absent: Dr. Bechara Choucair Dr. Nancy Newby	Ex-Officio Members Absent: DOI – Mrs. Michele Oshman
OHIT/ILHIE Staff Present: Diego Estrella; Ivan Handler; Krysta Heany; Frank Kisner; Danny Kopelson; Elizabeth LaRocca; Saroni Lasker; Bukola Oni-Fatoki; Kerri McBride; Mary McGinnis; Pam Parker; Daniel Procyk; Cory Verblen	

*Welcome and Call to Order*

Mr. David Holland, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

*Roll Call*

Ms. Elizabeth LaRocca, Assistant Secretary to the Board, confirmed the presence of the Members of the Authority Board indicated above. The ability of those participating by phone to hear clearly was confirmed.

*Approval of Agenda*

The meeting notice and agenda, as posted in advance in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, was reviewed and approved without change.

*Approval of Minutes from July 7, 2013*



Approved - 11/07/13

Copies of the draft Minutes of the last meeting of the Board, and of the Committee of the Whole, both held on July 7, 2013, were circulated in advance of the meeting. Dr. Whitaker's name was removed from the list of attendees from the minutes. A reading of the minutes was waived, and a motion to approve both sets of minutes was duly made and unanimously approved. A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was duly made and unanimously approved.

#### *Resolution 2013-11 Adoption of the 2014 Board Schedule*

The motion for the adoption of Resolution Number 2013-11, *Adoption of the 2014 Board Schedule*, having been duly made and seconded, was unanimously adopted by the voting members of the Board present.

#### *Chair Report*

Mr. David Holland informed the Board that the Missouri HIE is up and running. Mr. Holland also addressed the 2013 HIE market trend report and had the following to report: Several of the new payment models are placing an emphasis on care coordination; meaningful use stage 2 is a driving force; privacy and patient matching is a big challenge for HIE's; many of the operational difficulties that Illinois is wrestling with are occurring around the country; and vendors seem to be consolidating. In addition, Mr. Holland indicated that the report concluded that most successful HIEs focus on performance, usability and deployment, and less on innovation. Lastly, he reported that the ONC has announced a project to identify best practices of patient matching initiatives. The floor was opened for questions from the Board, as follows:

Q: How will the ILHIE correct patient match problems if/once they are discovered?

A: Ivan Handler, CIO of the ILHIE Authority, replied that matching conflicts will manifest during the onboarding process, and conflicts will be resolved during the onboard process. If there are matching problems during onboarding, they will be manually reviewed.

Q: What about ongoing mismatching?

A: It will depend on the circumstances moving forward, however, the ILHIE Authority will be working to develop a notification process so a provider can alert the Authority upon finding a duplicate or other error.

Q: Is the ILHIE still calibrating to minimize false positives instead of false negatives?

A: Yes. In other words, the ILHIE is calibrated to err on the side of concluding that data pertains to more than one patient and is not a match, rather than uniting mismatched records.

#### *Executive Director Update*

Mr. Raul Recarey introduced recent additions to the ILHIE workforce: Ms. Kerri McBride as ILHIE Authority General Counsel and Ms. Bukola Oni-Fatoki as Technical Engagement Manager. Mr. Recarey also provided an opportunity to introduce themselves and address the Board. Ms. McBride and Ms. Oni-Fatoki provided the Authority with a brief overview of their backgrounds and qualifications, and expressed enthusiasm and pleasure at being able to contribute to the ILHIE team.



Approved - 11/07/13

Mr. Recarey spoke about a recent alliance the ILHIE Authority has formed with the Veterans Administration (VA), through the VA's EHR system, VistA. The new relationship will allow for continuity of care and health information, regardless of whether or not the patient was seen at a Veterans Hospital or at a private hospital. Mr. Recarey produced a list of 30 hospitals the group is working with. The ILHIE Authority has contacted 24 of them. Six are in Indiana and will be connected to through the Indiana HIE, producing the added benefit of another state-to-state connection. Thus far, four Illinois hospitals have confirmed participation. Mr. Recarey responded to a question from Board members:

Q: Are the VA records made available to the private hospitals as well?

A: Yes, the private hospitals will have the same relationship with the VistA system hospitals that the any other ILHIE clients would.

The Board was also informed that to date, there are 28 signed EHR bi-directional data sharing agreements and there are 57 signed Direct Messaging agreements.

Ms. Mary McGinnis provided a report on recent public health reporting developments. The ILHIE Authority has seen a great deal of progress in connecting hospitals. Over 100 providers have connected. Steve Linthicum, a new ILHIE Authority Engagement Manager, was recently brought on to help with the process.

Ms. McGinnis also spoke about the purpose and function of the Public Health Node and how ILHIE will interact with the Node. Lack of technologic infrastructure was cited as one of the greatest hurdles to actionable reporting and connectivity; as such, the ILHIE Authority is attempting to minimize these technical burdens. The ILHIE Authority's goal was to connect 20 hospitals by the end of 2013, and the goal was reached the day before the Board meeting. Ms. McGinnis received questions from the Board:

Q: How broad is the extent of public health reporting?

A: Public health reporting is limited to core set Meaningful Use 2 hospital reporting requirements: electronic laboratory reporting, syndromic surveillance, and immunizations. Public Health reporting does not currently include other public health measures, such as births and deaths. Ms. McGinnis clarified that the public health reporting connection is different than the ILHIE EHR Connect connection.

Q: Are birth certificates part of the Public Health Node?

A: Not yet.

Mr. Carvalho added that Birth Certificate data is currently available from the Public Health Department and that sharing and connectivity problems were being remedied.

Sharon Miller, ILHIE Engagement Manager, presented an update on NorthShore/Long Term Health Facility connectivity developments. Ms. Miller spoke about the June 20<sup>th</sup> project kick-off and went through the project management timeline, as well as a list of tasks and the steps taken. She informed the Board that the system successfully went live a few days ago, two weeks ahead



Approved - 11/07/13

of schedule, with all 14 nursing homes participating. Ms. Miller received questions from the Board:

Q: Is the information bi-directional?

A: Bi-directional connectivity is currently being developed.

Q: Are documents being sent in a standardized form?

A: Not currently, however it will be noted as a possible option in the future.

Mr. Carvalho noted that Ms. Miller's work will impact other ILHIE projects, such as promoting bi-directional connectivity necessary for developing an xDRO registry.

Board member Mr. Mark Neaman, of NorthShore, commented that a status update or review within the next 90-120 days might be in order. On behalf of NorthShore, he extended his thanks and gratitude for the work accomplished thus far. The ILHIE Authority reciprocated the sentiment.

Next, Mr. Recarey stated that ILHIE's primary sources of revenue continue to expand and interest, particularly in ILHIE Direct, continues to grow exponentially. The ILHIE Authority expects to receive full remuneration for the 2013 budget. Consequently, the ILHIE appears to have a solid, long term financially sustainable construct.

Ms. Laura Zaremba provided the Board with an update on EHR Incentives and the Alliance for Health program within Illinois. Currently, the Medicare and Medicaid EHR incentive program participation in Illinois has seen marked growth. Among the states, ILHIE is still sixth in terms of registered participants and payments provided. Next, Ms. Zaremba provided a succinct overview of the Alliance for Health program within Illinois. Originally, the program was developed by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to incentivize states to find ways to develop payment and deliver transformation systems within their state. ILHIE has already received a planning grant and is awaiting dispensation of the implementation grant. The entire grant is meant to cover a five year period. Ms. Zaremba also provided a summary of many of the health IT components and issues currently being discussed, and how those issues intermingled with ILHIE. More information about the program, as well as comprehensive documentation discussing the issues, can be found online at the HealthIT website. Ms. Zaremba received questions from the Board:

Q: Is there any way of measuring reimbursement per eligible participating participant for the purposes of comparison?

A: Payments for individual eligible professionals are static and based on the number of years for which you qualify for Meaningful Use; however, for hospitals, it's more formula driven, and might warrant more discussion.

Mr. Ivan Handler provided an overview of the latest technology-intensive projects that the ILHIE is involved with. Projects included:

- CHIPRA: Illinois has received grant money from CMS for the Child Health Improvement Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). Through increased information exchange, the



Approved - 11/07/13

program hopes to reduce poor birth outcomes by tracking and interacting with Medicaid patients, in conjunction with HFS. Ms. McGinnis provided details about the project.

- CCE: A Continuity of Care Entity project is currently being developed with HFS.
- LOINC: Meaningful Use, Stage 2 laboratory reporting requires the use of LOINC standards. The ILHIE Authority is currently working with partners to speed up the complex process.
- SAML: The ILHIE Authority is promoting the adoption of the SAML standard throughout the state, by Summer 2014.

Mr. Cory Verblen, Communications Manager of OHIT, talked about ILHIE Direct enrollment throughout the state, as well as pricing.

Ms. Kerri McBride provided an update about developments, thus far, concerning the outcomes of HB1017 and the resulting Workshop process that was developed. In addition, she provided a brief overview of the Work Groups and Subgroups created, as well as a concise timeline and summary of goals.

#### *ILHIE Governance and Nominating Committee Update and Resolution 2013-12*

Dr. Cheryl Whitaker summarized the discussion of the Governance and Nominating Committee meeting earlier in the day and submitted the Committee's nomination for Secretary to the Board, Ms. Kerri McBride. A motion to adopt Resolution 2013-12 appointing Ms. McBride as ILHIE Authority Secretary, was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by a quorum of the voting members of the Board.

Mr. Raul Recarey spoke to Board about the ILHIE Authority's search for a new Treasurer as well as the ILHIE Advisory Committee member search. The ILHIE Authority is open to referrals and applications. In addition, Mr. Recarey proposed another Governance and Nominating Committee meeting in October to finalize the slating of the new ILHIE Advisory Committee members.

#### *Regional HIE Workgroup Report*

Dr. Cheryl Whitaker apprised the Board of the two issues discussed during the meeting: 1) the ILHIE Authority consent management policy, and 2) connectivity/SAML issues.

#### *Regional HIE Update*

Mr. David Holland requested updates from the Regional HIEs:

- Central Illinois HIE: Informed the Board that attempts to solidify connectivity were ongoing. In addition, similar to NorthShore's recent connectivity venture, CIHIE was also attempting to partner with long term care organizations. A progress report was provided. In addition, the Board was informed that CIHIE was conducting their annual HIE summit on October 13, 2013, in Champaign, Illinois. All are welcome.
- Lincoln Land Health Information Exchange/Illinois Health Exchange Partners: Mr. Steve Lawrence, representing both exchanges, announced the integration of several hospitals,



Approved - 11/07/13

and provided updates for the Direct Secure Messaging, as well as the INEX programs. Likewise, he announced that both HIE's were participating in a long term care program.

- Tri-Rivers Health Information Technology: Provided a brief update.

#### *Regional Extension Center Update*

Ms. Theresa Walunas, Director of Operations in Chicago of CHITREC, provided an enrollment update. She announced CHITREC's participation in the Whitespace grants as well as its interest in connecting small practices. Finally, the Regional Extension Center held a meeting with the Office of the National Coordinator and the Beacon Nation to discuss care coordination.

#### *Advisory Committee Report*

Mr. Raul Recarey reported that the Committee is still looking for new members and new projects. The NorthShore progress presentation was favorably received by the Committee and Mr. Recarey expects new and similar initiatives to occur in the coming months.

#### *Public Comment*

In response to a public comment from Mr. Victor Boike, MCHC, Ms. Elizabeth LaRocca, OHIT General Counsel, replied that the distinction between ILHIE Authority operational policies and standard setting initiatives was important to make and that if there are ever any concerns, confusion or discrepancies regarding the two activities, the ILHIE Authority would attempt to address them as soon as possible and on a case-by-case basis.

#### *Next Steps*

The next ILHIE Authority Meeting is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Adjourned 2:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Daniel Procyk