

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 15, 2013, MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
ILLINOIS 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 12:10 p.m. on May 15, 2013, at the State of Illinois HFS Building, 201 S Grand Ave East, Springfield IL 62763, with telephone conference call capability.

<p><u>Appointed Members Present:</u> 1. Mr. David Holland 2. Dr. William Kobler 3. Mr. Mark Neaman (by telephone) 4. Dr. Nancy Newby 5. Dr. Nicholas Panomitros 6. Mr. Raul Recarey 7. Dr. Bruce Wellman 8. Dr. Cheryl Whitaker</p>	<p><u>Ex-Officio Members Present:</u> 1. DPH – Mr. David Carvalho (by video) 2. OOG – Ms. Laura Zarembo 3. DHS – Ms. Susan Locke (by video) 4. HFS – Director Julie Hamos</p>
<p><u>Appointed Members Absent:</u> 9. Dr. Bechara Choucair</p>	<p><u>Ex-Officio Members Absent:</u> 5. DOI – Mrs. Michele Oshman</p>
<p><u>OHIT/ILHIE Staff Present:</u> Mark Chudzinski; Frank Kisner; Saroni Lasker; Mary McGinnis; Sanjay Patel</p>	<p><u>OHIT/ILHIE Staff Present (by video):</u> Dia Cirillo; Diego Estrella; Ivan Handler; Krysta Heaney; Peggy Johnson; Danny Kopelson; Cory Verblen</p>

Item 1: Welcome and Call to Order

Dr. Cheryl Whitaker, Chair of the Board of Directors of the ILHIE Authority, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Mr. Mark Chudzinski, Secretary to the Board, confirmed the presence of the above Members of the Authority Board and the ability of those participating by phone to hear clearly and participate. There were no objections expressed to the participation of Directors by electronic means.

Item 3: 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.

Item 4: Approval of April 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Copies of the April 8, 2013 draft minutes of the ILHIE Authority Board meeting, and of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, were circulated in advance of this meeting. The Board approved both sets of minutes.

Item 5:2013 Ethics Training

The Board members were reminded of the June 1 deadline for completion of the Ethics Training.

Item 6: Chair Report

Dr. Cheryl Whitaker spoke to the change in Board leadership proposed for enactment at this meeting. She thanked her fellow Board members for their ongoing service to the State of Illinois and the Authority. She also thanked Laura Zaremba and the staff of the Office of Health Information Technology for their assistance in facilitating her service to the Authority Board as its Chair for the past two years. On behalf of the Office of the Governor, Ms. Zaremba thanked Dr. Whitaker for her hard work and her leadership the past two years during the launch of the Board's activities.

Item 7: ILHIE Executive Director Update

Mr. Raul Recarey, Executive Director of the Authority, introduced Mr. Frank Kisner, the newest ILHIE Authority staff member, to be responsible for Business & Client Relationships. Mr. Recarey presented updates on the ILHIE's on boarding progress, the expansion of ILHIE Direct, the Illinois EHR Incentive Program, and the proposed consent legislation amending Illinois mental health law, and a federal State Health Care Innovation Model Design award.

Ms. Zaremba discussed how the ILHIE was exploring a pilot project with the Medical Home Network to deliver pharmaceutical claims data to facilitate care coordination for Medicaid patients.

Mr. Recarey reported that ILHIE Direct enrollment has now exceeded 1,900 mailboxes and continues to increase. New groups are being engaged, including Mercy Hospital and long term care providers. The ILHIE is also implementing its first Enterprise Direct service, integrating Direct messaging into an ILHIE client's Epic EHR system.

Ms. Zaremba reported that the Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs are now in their second year, and participation in these programs continues to increase. Illinois ranks sixth in the nation in terms of registered eligible professionals and hospitals, with 4501 registered Medicare EPs, 11,782 Medicaid EPs, and 168 hospitals. Also, Illinois ranks sixth in terms of EHR incentive payments – \$598,299,962 total to date.

Legislation to amend the Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disability Confidentiality Act (MHDDCA) is now under consideration in the Illinois General Assembly. The bill, HB1017/SB1186, provides for the exchange of mental health records through an HIE, but allows patients to “opt out” of such disclosure. HB1017 has been passed unanimously by the House and

has been sent to the Senate, where on May 7 it was approved in committee and sent to the full floor of the Senate for a vote, which is expected to occur in the coming days.

Finally, Illinois is one of 16 states to receive a State Health Care Innovation Model Design award (from the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation) to design a multi-payer service delivery and payment model, with a strong emphasis on health information technology, to support improvement in health care delivery. Illinois is to submit its plan in October for a \$60 million 3-year Model testing phase. It is anticipated that the Illinois plan will be focused upon three care coordination initiatives already underway in Illinois, in which the ILHIE will have a role.

Item 8: Budget & Finance Committee Report

Dr. Bruce Wellman reported that the Budget & Finance Committee had met earlier that day and reviewed the ILIHE Authority's business model, particularly with respect to a proposed "cost-plus" pricing for ILHIE services. The Executive Director has been directed to obtain input from potential customers with respect to the pricing proposal. It is anticipated that the Authority's refined business model will be further explored during the next meeting of the Committee, and that a resolution will be presented for the Board's consideration to approve a proposed pricing model of the Authority's ILHIE services.

Mr. Sanjay Patel, OHIT's Chief Financial Officer and the Authority's Treasurer, reported to the Board on recent financial activity and refinements to the ILIHE Authority's business model. Up to \$2 million has been allocated to on-board entities and provide HIE services to rural and underserved areas across Illinois. Up to \$3.3 million has been allocated to financially remunerate the ILHIE Authority for helping to establish HIE connectivity, and an initial payment in excess of \$900,000 is currently being processed.

Item 9: ILHIE Governance & Nominating Committee Report

Dr. Whitaker presented three Resolutions, as the Board's Chair, for the Board's consideration:

- *Resolution Number 2013-03*: As the one-year terms of the current officers have expired, the election is proposed of the following persons as Authority officers, as discussed at the prior meeting of the Board: Mr. David Holland as Chair; Dr. Nicholas Panomitros as Vice-Chair; Mr. Sanjay Patel as Treasurer; and Mr. Mark Chudzinski as Secretary;
- *Resolution Number 2013-04*: appointing seven entities as additional members to the Regional Health Information Exchange Work Group; and
- *Resolution Number 2013-05*: granting authorization to the Chair to execute on behalf of the Authority an amendment to an inter-agency agreement between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, OHIT, and the Authority providing procedures for the Transfer of funds to an account of the Authority for the operating expenses of the Authority.

The text of each proposed Resolution had been circulated in advance to the members of the Board. The motion for the adoption of *Resolution Number 2013-03* having been duly made and seconded, *Resolution Number 2013-03* was unanimously adopted by the voting members of the Board present.

Mr. Chudzinski then reviewed *Resolution Number 2013-04*, which provides in pertinent part:

“Work Group Chair. The Chair of the Board of the ILHIE Authority, or a Director designated by the Chair, shall be the Chair of the Regional Health Information Exchange Work Group.

Operating Procedures. The Board reaffirms the delegation to the Chair of the Regional Health Information Exchange Work Group the authority in his or her discretion to select the Work Group’s members, in addition to the Institutional Members appointed by this resolution, and to adopt the Work Group’s operating rules and procedures.

Institutional Members. The following seven entities are hereby appointed as members of the Regional Health Information Exchange Work Group:

- 1) MCHC-Chicago Hospital Council operating the MetroChicago HIE;
- 2) Central Illinois Health Information Exchange;
- 3) Southern Illinois Hospital Services operating the Southern Illinois Health Information Exchange;
- 4) Northern Illinois Health Information Exchange;
- 5) Lincoln Land Health Information Exchange, LLC;
- 6) Illinois Health Exchange Partners, LLC; and
- 7) TriRivers Health Information Technology, LLC.

The membership rights granted to any of the foregoing institutions shall be transferrable to any successor entity with written notification to the Chair of the Authority.”

The motion for the adoption of *Resolution Number 2013-04* having been duly made and seconded, *Resolution Number 2013-04* was unanimously adopted by the voting members of the Board present.

Mr. Chudzinski then reviewed *Resolution Number 2013-05*, which provides in pertinent part:

“RESOLVED, that Amendment No. 2 to the HFS Interagency Agreement in the form presented to the Board is hereby approved, and that the Chair is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver Amendment No. 2 to the HFS Interagency Agreement for and on behalf of the Authority substantially in the form presented to the Board, with such modifications as the Chair in his/her discretion may deem necessary or desirable.”

The motion for the adoption of *Resolution Number 2013-05* having been duly made and seconded, *Resolution Number 2013-05* was unanimously adopted by the voting members of the Board present.

The text of each of the Resolutions as adopted is posted on the Authority’s website and included in the Authority’s minute book records.

Item 10: ILHIE Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Stan Krok, co-chair of the Advisory Committee, reported that the Advisory Committee had met on April 30, 2013. The majority of the Committee's discussion has been focused on the development of three to five use cases that would utilize the ILHIE. The most developed of these to date is a telehealth project that would allow rural hospitals connected to the Illinois rural healthcare network to enjoy greater access to specialty care providers, such as neuro critical care, enabled by video conferencing and the electronic exchange of a patient's record. It is anticipated that the potential participants for such a pilot project will be identified by mid-July, with implementation in the second half of the year. Other use cases under development involve long term care, and the exchange of laboratory and pharmacy data.

Item 11: Regional HIE Workgroup Report

Dr. Whitaker reported that the Regional HIE Workgroup of the ILHIE Authority Board met on Tuesday, May 7, 2013; all three (3) members of the Committee participated. In addition, persons affiliated with six (6) regional HIEs joined the conference call.

At the meeting, Mr. Chudzinski provided a status update on the passage of HB1017, a bill to modernize the Illinois Mental Health Confidentiality Act, which was passed unanimously by the Illinois House on March 8, 2013, and had been sent to the Illinois Senate for consideration. Following the passage of the bill in the Illinois House, concerns were raised by a few regional health information exchanges regarding exactly which HIEs would enjoy the benefits of the HIE exception being created pursuant to HB1017.

With the assistance of the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), one of the organizations endorsing HB1017, OHIT had drafted an amendment to HB1017 to address the expressed concerns of the existing regional HIEs. HB1017, as amended, was being presented that day (May 7) for approval by the Senate Human Services Committee. The Senate amendment principally:

1. Modifies the definition of HIE to allow existing regional HIEs to be grandfathered under HB1017 through inclusion in the membership of the Regional HIE Work Group of the Authority Board
2. Removes language that referred to "certifying or approving" regional HIEs, and the basis for collecting fees for that purpose; and
3. Provides for the ILHIE Authority to establish the statewide standard for "opt-out" consent according to HB1017 and allows for annual review of "granular" patient choices of data sharing in relation to reliable and affordable technical upgrades.

It has been proposed that the Work Group should in the near future address several issues relating to the implementation of HB1017 (assuming it is enacted into law), including: the form and content of the patient "opt-out" rights and "meaningful disclosure"; the process for the annual review of the practical and technical feasibility of implementing "granular" patient

consent choices; and the content of a breach response protocol to be applicable to the state-level ILHIE. The proposal was favorably received by the Work Group, and a meeting date for a Patient Consent Management Workshop was provisionally set for June 12, 2013.

Item 12: Regional HIE Update

Mr. Chuck Cox, representing Metro Chicago HIE, advised that the MC-HIE is progressing in its implementation of a revised services offering, with approximately 30 hospitals identified as participants in the first implementation group, and a second wave of 12 to 20 hospital sites scheduled for participation later in the year. Mr. Holland requested a copy for the Board of the MC-HIE power point slides that had been presented by Mr. Cox at the HIE Advocacy Day in Springfield on May 14, 2013.

Ms. Lauren Wiseman reported on behalf of Central Illinois HIE that CIHIE is working on the implementation of the on-boarding required under the “white space” grant from the ILHIE, as well as on the activation of the direct messaging function being offered by CIHIE’s HIE vendor. The exchange of patient records through CIHIE is already operational, and Ms. Wiseman shared some positive results experienced by a physician from his use of CIHIE.

Mr. David Holland, Chairman of the HIE of Southern Illinois, reported that SIH had connected approximately 50 providers as part of the on-boarding required under the “white space” grant from the ILHIE. Additional hospitals and Federally Qualified Health Centers are in the pipeline for HIE participation in the near future.

Ms. Crystal VanDeventer reported on behalf of the Lincoln Land HIE and Illinois Health Exchange Partners, which are separate HIE legal entities working in tandem with a shared vendor and network. It is anticipated that ten hospitals will be on-boarded during the coming summer months, representing approximately 1800 beds and 1400 physicians in their networks. Multiple clinical integration projects are in progress for exchanging of orders and results. Two referrals pilots are in progress. Both HIEs are implementing direct secure messaging with their own HISPs. A referrals pilot is also being developed with the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, a Federally Qualified Health Center, which has over 10,000 annual pediatric referrals to the St. Louis medical trading area. The two FQHCs being on-boarded to the HIEs cover approximately 118,000 lives. It is anticipated that the service functionality of the IHEP HIE will be expanded within the next twelve months to include “community record”, enabling the bi-directional query and retrieval of clinical records; discussions are in progress for a similar functional expansion of the Lincoln Land HIE.

Item 13: Regional Extension Center Update

No report was presented on behalf of the Illinois Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center or the Chicago Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center.

Item 14: Public Comment

There were no comments offered from the general public.

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Mr. David Holland thanked Dr. Cheryl Whitaker for her service to the Authority Board as its Chair for the past two years, providing leadership during the launch of the Board's activities. He thanked his fellow Board members for their expression of confidence in electing him. He looks forward to the challenges ahead as the ILHIE enters into its operational mode, and to bringing more stakeholder voices to the table.

Item 15: Adjourn

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

Minutes submitted by Mark Chudzinski.