



Office of Health Information Technology
James R. Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, Room 2-201
Minutes of the Friday, October 14, 2011 Meeting
of the Technology and Interoperability Work
Group

<u>In-person Attendees:</u>
Charles Cox, MCHC
Peter Ingram, Sinai Health System
Elizabeth McKnight, CHITREC

<u>Attended by Phone:</u>
Jim Anfield, Blue Cross Blue Shield
Crystal Van DeVenter, Lincoln Land HIE
Joy Duling, Quality Quest
Doreen Haaksma, Independent Consultant
Bala Hota, Cook County Hospital
Stan Krok, Children's Memorial Hospital
Steve Lawrence, IHEP
John Lynch, Provena Hospital System
Jay McCutcheon, SIU
Bill Odman, Connect SI
Morris Rang, Blessing Hospital
Ira Thompson, Infinite Systems Support

<u>Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)</u>
Mark Chudzinski
Diego Estrella
Michael Flanigan
Ivan Handler
Krysta Heaney
John Lekich

Ron Warren, Infinite Systems Support
Phil Wasson, TriRivers Health Partners

Welcome and roll call

Ivan Handler, Chief Technology Officer of the Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT), opened the meeting at 9:09 a.m. hosted by OHIT at the State of Illinois J.R. Thompson Center in downtown Chicago, with a telephone conference call-in number. 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.

Approval of previous minutes

Mr. Handler asked if anyone had any additions or corrections to the past minutes posted on the OHIT website. No one had any additions or corrections to the past minutes and all in attendance approved the minutes.

Progress reports from ILHIE

Vendor Selection

Mr. Handler announced the selection of InterSystems Corporation as the vendor assisting the state in the next stage of development of Illinois' electronic health information system. He provided an overview of InterSystems Corporation. The main highlights of InterSystems Corporation are: dearth of 30 years of experience and expertise; implementation of other health information exchange systems; able to meet scheduling and pricing deadlines; and their maturity of software products.

Mr. Handler provided the next steps of the implementation with a vendor kickoff meeting and contract negotiations. The contract negotiations are scheduled to be completed by the beginning of November.

In the ensuing discussion it was suggested that time should be spent on what InterSystems is providing in Sweden, and to clarify whether they are a backbone for the HIE to connect to the rest of the European Union. Furthermore, the group noted the difference between the contract and the whiteboard session, and whether the scope of the contract has the flexibility to expand and contract. Finally, the group commented on the incorporation of the standards in the HIE contract, the experience of integrating the regional and local HIEs connectivity, and the vendor engagement in the whiteboard session.

Direct Provider Portal

Mr. Handler noted that communication at the national level for direct provider portal is difficult. However, Mr. Handler discussed a temporary solution of using Surescripts until a more permanent solution is provided at the national level.

Progress reports from local HIEs

1. **Metro Chicago Health Information Exchange** (Metro Chicago HIE). Charles Cox reported that progress is continuing as plan. No changes.
2. **Central Illinois Health Information Exchange** (CIESI). Joy Duling reported that 7 hospitals are under contract and 4 charter hospitals are reviewing their contracts. Also, they began the data analysis process with 2 hospitals and some successfully connected with the analysis environment. Finally, they are on track with connectivity this quarter and should complete physician use by January 2012.
3. **Southern Illinois Health Information Exchange** (HIESI). Bill Odman reported that pilot program is delayed due to software issues with NextGen Healthcare. The pilot program should be resolved by December 2011.
4. **Lincoln Land Health Information Exchange** (LLHIE). No report.
5. **Illinois Health Exchange Partners** (IHEP). Steve Lawrence reported that they are nearly complete with the legal and operational agreements, and they are continuing legal negotiations with their vendor.
6. **Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network Exchange** (ICAHN Exchange). No report.
7. **Northern Illinois Health Information Exchange** (NIHIE). Phil Wasson reported that they are nearly complete with the contract and they are going to implement the demonstration project within 4-6 weeks. Also, Phil reported that they had a discussion with HIE in Wisconsin about building a Wisconsin domain to exchange records with UW Health.

Subgroups

Mr. Handler noted that the subgroups are not workable. Instead, Mr. Handler proposed moving forward with the whiteboard session with the stakeholders by the middle of November. Mr. Handler advised that everyone should participate in these sessions. Mr. Handler noted that the topics for the session will be sent out soon.

Whiteboard Session

Mr. Handler proposed that the plan of the whiteboard session is to discuss the details of the implementation, use cases, sequence of events, and the interfaces of the local HIEs. This will be a chance to talk with the vendor and discuss a variety of issues. Mr. Handler would like to invite the members of this group to talk with the vendor, especially those who are developing an HIE.

Mr. Handler will provide more details about the whiteboard session along with the specific time and date. Mr. Handler suggested that stakeholders should email a list

of all of their use cases—each use case limited to two paragraphs—by **October 28**. A formal email will be circulated to the group soon.

In the ensuing discussion, the group commented that the schedule should provide multiple dates and topics earlier rather than later. Also, the group noted that some of the topics should derive from the RFP and the operating plan.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:56 a.m.