



Telehealth Workgroup

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Jim Anfield	Blue Cross Blue Shield
Pat Schou	PCI Board of Directors, Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network
Josh Sarver	Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

1. Introductions and Roll Call

Glenn Groesch conducted roll call.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Glenn Groesch approved the minutes and they were seconded by Nancy Kaszak.

3. HIE Update

Mary McGinnis - ILHIE Direct was launched the end of last year. There are approximately 280 registered providers on Direct which exceeds the goal



previously set. Direct is a secure email messaging service available at no cost through 2012.

ILHITREC and CHITREC have been subcontracted to provide outreach to their subscribers and providers. OHIT will continue to work on building the number of providers, and check back in with the RECs to build usage.

A webinar was conducted for HFS which had 400 participants and 600 registrants showing providers how to utilize Direct. The core audience was the organizations who sent a LOI to HFS for the care coordination program.

The process of building the Master Patient Index is continuing. 2.7 million Medicaid members were loaded into the directory and InterSystems is running all the algorithm checks to do the patient matching. It was very successful. 2% of the population did not match and work is being done to lower that percentage to 1% or lower. It is anticipated there will always be a very small degree of manual intervention for the MPI.

Work continues with the two Alpha Partners - Northwestern and the Alliance.

Mary McGinnis – told the group about Pin 003 which the ONC introduced to OHIT. Pin 003 is a very long, detailed and “granular” consent form which the ONC would like the ILHIE to use. Mary will share Pin 003 with the group if they wish.

OHIT also presented a “HIE 101” webinar targeted toward providers.

4. ILHIE Telehealth Use Case

Glenn Groesch – Glenn proposed the “Telepsych Use Case” on April 3rd to the Advisory Committee. One of the things discussed was the “Glass Break” and is there such a thing to get into mental health records.

SIU is going to work on another use case this summer and will probably be presented in the fall.



5. “Telemental Health” Conference Call Report

Nancy Kaszak - Twenty different organizations participated and many from down state. Everybody agreed there is a need for general Telehealth education. There is also a uniform interest in creating a statewide Telehealth network that could be launched with behavioral health in the emergency rooms.

Nancy also touched based on another issue: Charity Care. It must be completely rethought how Charity Care is done. Assuming the Affordable Care Act continues, as intended, there will be a lot more people covered by Medicaid in the future. Charity Care is now calculated based on services to uninsured. Hospitals, in order to retain their taxes and status, must be able to provide care to these people and justify their tax exemptions. On April 9th, a very well attended breakfast meeting was held where lots of ideas, as well as issues, were discussed.

6. Behavioral Health Integration Program

Mary McGinnis- explained that the Behavioral Health Integration Program is not emergency room focused, but it is the integration of behavioral health and medical health systems; having providers in those two disciplines talk to each other and share information electronically. A six hundred thousand dollar grant was received from HURSA and SAMSA for this purpose. The grant was received the middle of January and runs through the end of September- it’s a bit of an accelerated time frame.

7. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5th at 10 a.m.

9. Meeting Adjourned

Glenn Groesch adjourned the meeting. Pat Schou seconded adjournment.