

**HIE Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday November 17, 2009**

HIE Stakeholders:

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Angie Lobo, Office of Representative Julie Hamos
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Cory Verblen
Laura Zaremba

Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

Illinois' Proposal to the ONC:

Zaremba opened the meeting with a presentation regarding [Illinois' proposal to the Office of the National Coordinator \(ONC\) for the state grants to promote the Health IT Program.](#)

Zaremba indicated Illinois will receive \$18.8 million of the grant funds. A non-negotiable formula was used to determine how much each state received. ONC will begin releasing funds to states around January 15th. A planning vendor will be retained to create strategic and operational plans.

Regional Extension Center Update:

Moersch said that the Regional Extension Center grants are being awarded in three cycles with four months between cycles. Three entities in Illinois were invited to submit applications for the first cycle of grants. The Illinois Foundation for Quality Healthcare submitted an application in collaboration with the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network and the Illinois Primary Health Care Association.

ONC is anticipating that 20-25 grants will be awarded in subsequent cycles. Per the ONC, regions cannot be overlapping and ONC reserves the right to renegotiate the regions. ONC expects each region to provide services to 1,000 priority providers of which twenty percent must be represented by all primary care providers. The maximum award is \$30 million. Applications in the first round included proposals for specific areas in a state, statewide proposals and some multi-state proposals. There were 60 organizations nationally which were invited to submit applications in the first round.

Holloway commented that the Illinois HITEC Collaborative is waiting to hear about their application, as well. The Illinois HITEC Collaborative, which is comprised of several organizations including the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network, The Illinois Hospital Association, the Illinois Public Health Institute, Illinois State University, Northern Illinois Physicians for Connectivity, Northern Illinois University, Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, Quality Quest for Illinois and the University of Illinois at Chicago. The HITEC Collaborative stated in their proposal that they intend to collaborate with a third grant application which was submitted by the Alliance of Chicago in conjunction with Northwestern University and the University of Chicago for the 606** zip code area in Chicago. A joint statement was provided indicating that these two entities would collaborate so there would be no duplication of services.

ONC will announce the first round of awards on December 11th.

Planning Grants Update

McGinnis indicated that Peter Eckhart, Illinois Public Health Institute, compiled all of the first quarter Medical Trading Areas (MTA) reports into one comprehensive report for

analysis. McGinnis indicated that some MTAs got off to a slow start because they were waiting for funding which delayed filling staffing positions. All MTAs are getting organized and in the process of engaging stakeholders to populate the MTA work groups. McGinnis and the HFS Liaisons will review which organizations are represented in the MTAs and make recommendations for expanding stakeholder representation. During the last few months, several MTAs sponsored webinars to educate themselves about what other states are doing to develop health information exchanges and to learn from their experience.

Working Groups Update

Zaremba – We are seeking subject matter experts to be part of the working groups. The working groups serve a critical role in putting together the best possible HIE plan for Illinois. If anyone is interested, please let Laura know.

- **Sustainability**

McGinnis – Documents were sent to the work group last week from the National Governor’s Association and NORC for the committee to review. The work group will meet again in the next couple of weeks.

- **Consumer Education**

Matthews – The work group determined that there was a gap in outreach on the local level regarding HIE and EHR. The group did extensive research on previously released HIE information including three websites with HIE/EHR information. The work group developed an informational brochure, poster and flyer and is in the process of developing a palm card. After approval is given by the HIE Advisory Committee, these outreach materials will be given to each of the MTAs to customize and add their own contact information.

The work group welcomes input from all committee members and asked that they send any suggested changes in the next week. Suggestions can be emailed to Cory Verblen at: <hfs.hie@illinois.gov>. A final version of the materials will be reviewed at the next Advisory Committee meeting in January and will be posted on the HIE Web site when they are finalized.

Eckart responded to a question regarding whether focus groups had been created to develop the materials. He explained that the original version of the materials came from the Illinois HISPC and went through a rigorous review process. The materials that this work group developed were simplified to be easily understandable to consumers.

- **Survey Subcommittee**

Mensah did a presentation on the statewide EHR survey results. There were 553 survey responses analyzed. Dr. Mensah pointed out several interesting results such as:

- 16 percent of respondents said that they have EHRs which is equivalent to the national average

- 60 percent of respondents reported that their organizations use part paper processes and part EHR
- 20 percent responded that they use all paper records
- 24 percent of respondents are from group physician practices
- 12 percent of respondents are from local public health departments
- 18 percent of respondents are from hospitals
- 78 percent of respondents are aware of federal incentives
- 50 percent responded that data is shared outside their corporate systems
- 45 percent use computers and faxes for prescriptions
- 20 percent use all paper prescriptions

McGinnis indicated that the information from the survey will be valuable to the MTAs and the results will be refined and posted on the HIE website.

Group Discussion/Questions

Zaremba stated that it has become apparent that the Advisory Committee should meet once a month instead of bi-monthly. There were no objections from committee members and monthly meetings will be scheduled to begin in January 2010.

Zaremba also mentioned the plans to hire a planning vendor who will attend the Advisory Committee meetings to gather information for the strategic and operational plans for HIE.

Bassler commented that it would be helpful to know if the Advisory Committee is the decision making body. **Zaremba** replied that the Advisory Committee is the primary stakeholder body and will be the consensus body for Illinois.

Hayden inquired what the purpose of the HIE general information session on November 18th. **Zaremba** replied that it is a general information session for vendors to inform them of Illinois' plan for HIE. The session will hopefully alleviate the many inquiries and calls received from vendors. The session will be videotaped and a webcast will be added to the HIE website.

The date for the next Advisory Committee meeting in January will be sent to the committee.

Meeting adjourned.