

Health Information Technology Commission
Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2009
1 – 4:00pm

Location: MDCH
1st floor Capital View Building
Conference Room B&C
201 Townsend Street
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Commissioners Present:

Greg Forzley, M.D. – Chair
Larry Wagenknecht, R.Ph.
Mark Notman
Ken Theis
Janet Olszewski
Toshiki Masaki – Vice Chair
Tom Lauzon
R. Taylor Scott, D.O

Commissioners Absent:

Kimberly Ross – Jessup
Robin Cole
Robert Paul
Joseph Hohner
Jeanne Strickland

Staff:

Beth Nagel – MDCH
George Boersma – MDIT

Guests:

John Hazewinkel – MSU
Amy Smith - MSU
Jeff Shaw – MPH
Denise Holmes – MPH
Mark Dressel – Accenture
Gail Gregori – Accenture
Sharon Leenhouts – MiHIA
Lydon Neumann - Accenture
Mindy Richards – ChangeScape
Tim Ryan – Ciber
Cathy Poll - MPA
Jennifer Tomaszczk – MSU
Cynthia Edwards - MDCH
Laura Rappleye – MDCH
Gary Newell – WMHIE
Scot Ellsworth - MDIT
Matt Monroe – Altarum
Samer Naser – Dewpoint Inc.

Linda McCardel, MPH
Melissa Topolewski – Kheder, Davis &
Assoc.
Nancy Walker – MHIMA
Jeff Mason – URC
John Evans – S2a
Heidi Hoyles – Sun
Vivian Roeder – MPCC
Carrie Lindereth – Impenium Solutions,
PLLC
Elizabeth Gertz – NCC of the MHA
Tim Pletcher – CMURC
Tina Grant – Trinity Health
Michael Gagnon – S2a
Kelly Amalfitano – Canon Business
Solutions
Larry Arreguin – Vision IT
Helen Hill – SEMHIE/HIMSS

Minutes: The regular monthly meeting of the Michigan Health Information Technology Commission was held on Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m., at the Michigan Department of Community Health, Capital View Building with 8 Commissioners including the Chairman present.

A. Welcome

B. Review and Approval of 6-11-09 meeting minutes

- Minutes of the 6-11-09 meeting were approved and will be posted to the HIT Commission website following this meeting.

C. Commissioner Updates

- Janet Olszewski announced that the University Research Corridor (URC) will take the lead in coordinating the activities in the HIT activities in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Presidents of Michigan State University, University of Michigan and Wayne State University formed the URC. More information was provided later on the agenda.

D. Update on Federal level activities

- Beth Nagel provided an overview of the HIT related activities taking place on the national level, including: progress on the definition of “meaningful use”, the discussion surrounding the “certification of EHRs”, the findings in the National Governor’s Association State Alliance for e-Health Report, the eHealth Initiative survey results and upcoming events.
- Greg Forzley, M.D., gave an overview of the recent press and promotional information about health information exchange advancements within the state.
- Commissioners also noted that the Michigan Care Improvement Registry is also an example of health information exchange with public health.

E. Update on Statewide ARRA Activities

- Denise Holmes introduced Jeff Mason, the Executive Director of the University Research Corridor (URC) and provided background on the URC history, mission and values. The URC will be the coordination point for three important HIT initiatives in the Recovery Act: the Regional HIT Extension Centers, the Health Care Information Enterprise Integration Research Centers and Strengthening the HIT Workforce.

F. Update regarding the ARRA Broadband funds

- George Boersma provided information about how Michigan was responding to the ARRA Broadband funding opportunity and how the Michigan Department of Information Technology was organizing and efforts of entities across the state in order to maximize funding and utility for Michigan.

G. Introduction and Overview of MiHIN Project Control Office Contractor

- Jennifer Kwapis of Dewpoint and John Evans of Strategic Alliance Advisors (s2a) gave the background of Dewpoint and s2a including how these two organizations became partners for the MiHIN Program.
- Michael Gagnon from s2a and Shaun Grannis, M.D., provided background on the methodology that MiHIN would undertake to develop a technical and business architecture for MiHIN.
- Commissioners discussed the need for the MiHIN PCO to fully understand the work that has already been done in the MiHIN regions before beginning any new methodologies.

H. Update on MiHIN Program Office Activities

- Beth Nagel presented the work of the MiHIN Program Office (MDCH and MDIT) and how it directly aligns with national reports to prepare states for the Recovery Act. The following topics were covered: the establishment of the MiHIN program office within MDCH and MDIT, engaging stakeholders through an outreach and analysis of “early adopters”, Analyzing state systems that may interface with an HIE, refreshing the MiHIN *Conduit to Care* to be aligned with national guidance, and selecting a MiHIN PCO that will guide the state through the process for developing a HIE technical and business architecture.

I. Public Input

- Helen Hill announced National HIT week in Washington and the activity that HIMSS will be sponsoring the week of September 21 in Washington D.C. There will be a Michigan Day on September 24 that will showcase all that Michigan is doing regarding HIT.
- Mindy Richards from SWMHIE provided that SWMHIE has sent out an RFI and has the response of 72% of the physician population in southwest Michigan in a physician survey. Also, SWMHIE will be sponsoring a conference on October 22. More information will be provided to Commissioners.

J. The meeting adjourned at 3:49pm