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ONC Strategic Plan

US Health & Human Services
Health Information Technology
News Update

Upcoming Events

March 18 & 19, 2009
eHealth Collaborative Spring
Meeting in Chamberlain at the
AmericInn (more info to follow)

May 14, 2009
Treatment Group Kickoff Meeting in
Pierre

October 7 & 8, 2009
3rd Annual SD Health Information
Technology Summit

CMS EHR Demo Update

The application deadline for the CMS Electronic Health Record Demonstration was November 26, 2008. South Dakota had close to 100 applications submitted from clinics across the state. The final numbers will be released once all of the applications have been validated and confirmed.

The next step in the project includes the randomization process and assigning of clinics to the treatment and control groups. The kickoff for the project is May 14, 2009 in Pierre, SD. For more information visit www.ehealth.dsu.edu.

The Search for Funding

The South Dakota Department of Health and Dakota State University are in the process of looking for funding opportunities and other community resources to support the eHealth Collaborative and its work in South Dakota.

DOH and DSU are currently researching several grant opportunities as well as a variety of foundations and community organizations. The goal is to secure funding for a long range period so the Collaborative can begin to build its business and sustainability plan. "This interim funding will be the building blocks on which I hope a solid foundation can be laid to support the work and direction the Collaborative wishes to go" Kevin DeWald, director of the eHealth Collaborative said.

The Department of Health and Dakota State University will be turning to the Collaborative for letters of support or other input throughout the application process. The eHealth Collaborative is encouraged to send any ideas or suggestions for funding to sarah.zinter@state.sd.us.

NeHII: Nebraska Health Information Initiative

(Information taken from nehii.org, the Nebraska Health Information Initiative's website)

NeHII is leading the effort to create a secure, online, web-based Health Information Exchange (HIE) designed to serve the state of Nebraska. The leaders of the Collaborative created and filed the Articles of Incorporation and Company Bylaws with the Nebraska Secretary of State, forming NeHII, Inc. as a nonprofit Nebraska Corporation. This required the election of officers to guide the corporation's activities. [Click here](#) to view organizational structure. The next step is establishing their 501(c)3 status.

Over the next few years the HIE will be rolled out across the state and ultimately will become part of a planned Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN). A controlled pilot is set to begin in January '09 with an evaluation in April. NeHII plans to launch the HIE statewide in May 2009. Nebraska chose to use "opt out" due to existing Nebraska law that states "opt in" is only valid for a certain number of days.

The NeHII principles were defined at the outset of the strategic planning process and have naturally evolved throughout the *business planning process* as a result of input from many participants. They are meant to create a framework for working together collaboratively and include: 1) Statewide approach; 2) Patient-centric; 3) Collaboration and consensus; 4) Open and transparent process; 5) Neutrality; 6) Shared resources, shared burden, shared planning; 7) Investments should reflect benefit flow; 8) Economically self-sustaining; 9) Inclusion of those with less resources; 10) Keep it simple; 11) Incremental implementation with early victories; 12) Build on what is available; 13) Support quality improvement; 14) Ensure interoperability

SPOTLIGHT on State Health Information Exchange Efforts

Montana

- o [HealthShare Montana](#)
- o [Montana HIT \(Health Information Technology\) Task Force](#)
- o [Montana health center to host EMR for state clinics](#)

California

- o [California Regional Health Information Organization: CalRHIO](#)
- o [Foundation gears up for broad telehealth expansion](#)
- o [Statewide Center for Telehealth established in California](#)

Nebraska

- o [Nebraska Health Information Initiative](#)
- o [Nebraska ITC](#)
- o [Move to electronic medical records could save money, lives](#)

Links

- [eHealth Initiative](#)
- [The Cornerstone](#)

September newsletter

▪ AHIC

American Health Information Community

▪ AHRQ

and Quality

▪ HHS

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

▪ ONC

▪ HITSP

Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel

▪ SLHIE

State-level Health Information Exchange Consensus Project

▪ NHIN

National Health Information Network

▪ HRSA

Health Resources and Services Administration

▪ NCSL

National Conference on State Legislatures

More info on Nebraska's Health Information Initiative:

- o [NeHII: Nebraska Health Information Initiative](#)
- o [Move to electronic medical records could save money, lives](#)

HIMSS releases healthcare reform blueprint for Obama and lawmakers

(excerpts from an article by Diana Manos, Senior Editor, Government Health IT, 12/17/2008)

WASHINGTON - The [Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society](#) on Wednesday released a blueprint for harnessing the power of information technology to reform healthcare and stimulate the economy.

[President-elect Barack Obama](#) has proposed \$10 billion a year for five years for healthcare IT. The [HIMSS](#) report calls for an investment of \$25 billion in healthcare IT to help non-governmental hospitals and physician practices adopt electronic medical records. [HIMSS](#) would like to see additional funding allocated to cover EMR adoption by federal and state-owned healthcare providers.

To view the full article [click here...](#)

More articles on Obama and Health Information technology:

- [Budget Office Sees Hurdles in Financing Health Plans](#) (NY Times) (12/19)
- [Daschle Will Oversee Health Reform Office](#) (Wall Street Journal) (12/12)
- [Obama promises an aggressive approach to health IT](#) (Government Health IT) (12/11)

Funding News

[Physicians call on Daschle for more money, IT help](#) (Healthcare IT News) (12/18)

[HIMSS: IT funding infusion will speed health reform](#) (Government Health IT) (12/17)

[Docs' EMR use is up, but users are still a distinct minority](#) (Government Health IT) (12/11)

[AHRQ on chronic care management: healthcare IT lowers costs, improves care](#) (Healthcare IT News) (12/3)

[U.S. 'Not Getting What We Pay For'](#) (Government Health IT) (11/30)

Governance News

[Health IT certification group to embrace PHR privacy labeling](#) (Government Health IT) (12/19)

[New privacy guidelines for e-health records announced](#) (cnet.com) (12/17)

[Leavitt releases his personal doctrine on healthcare IT privacy](#) (Healthcare IT News) (12/15)

[HHS will issue new guidance on health IT by Jan. 20](#) (Government Health IT) (12/15)

[States accelerate health IT lawmaking](#) (Government Health IT) (12/10)

Education News

[Physicians Trained with Health IT Feel Vulnerable in its Absence, Researchers Find](#) (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation) (12/10)

[Okla. University offers nurses, med students HIT program](#) (Healthcare IT News) (12/9)

[Medical security tops urgency list](#) (Washingtontimes.com) (12/2)

Technology News

[HL7's PHR standards ready for trial run](#) (Healthcare IT News) (12/16)

[Open Health Tools project to boost HIEs](#) (Healthcare IT News) (12/12)

[Chicago Docs Select Free Software Apps](#) (Health Data Management) (12/12)

[Virginia multi-specialty group provides its physicians with EHRs](#) (Healthcare IT News) (12/3)

More News

[Medicare offers bonuses to e-prescribing doctors](#) (Las Vegas Sun) (12/15)

[With e-prescribing, US doctors pick cheaper drugs](#) (Reuters.com) (12/8)

[West Virginia health information exchange to expand](#) (Government Health IT) (12/9)

[New York state requires hospitals' new EMR systems to enable information sharing](#) (Government Health IT) (12/3)

[Indiana health data exchange offers 'practical tool' for chronic disease care](#) (Healthcare IT News) (11/19)