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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008

Live teleconference with CMS about the EHR Demo project

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. CST
11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. MT
Toll-free dial in #: 1-888-982-7414
Participant passcode: EHR DEMO

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008

Live teleconference with CMS about the EHR Demo project

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November 26, 2008

CMS EHR Demo application period closes

May 14, 2009

Treatment Group Kickoff Meeting in Pierre

eHealth Collaborative Fall Meeting Minutes

The South Dakota eHealth Collaborative met September 8 and 9 in Chamberlain for their fall meeting. The group discussed reports presented by individual workgroups, made recommendations and revisions, and created a final report. The members also discussed the future direction and responsibilities of the Collaborative.

The Patient and Provider Education and Outreach group focused on generating awareness among stakeholder groups; consumers, providers, employers, and insurers/payers. The group provided an action plan containing tactics and action steps for accomplishing recommendations. They also provided evaluation tools for monitoring success.

The Provider and Payer Data Consensus group made several recommendations for a statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE). The group looked at the different levels of data to be integrated as well as the types of business agreements and legislation necessary to have an effective exchange of data.

The focus of the Legal and Patient Consent workgroup centered on drafting effective legislation to establish the parameters for the project as well as how the information exchange might be governed and administered. The group looked at current statutes to determine if there is legal authority to establish and operate an HIE.

The Technical Issues workgroup looked at the "opt-in" or "opt-out" choice and overall technical support needs. Members analyzed different types of databases including centralized, decentralized, and hybrid. The group also identified possible sources of funding.

A final report was created from the revisions to individual group reports and the recommendations of the Collaborative members. The group also decided to include a purpose statement in the final report. The final report will be available October 2008 at <http://www.ehealth.dsu.edu/>.

CMS EHR Demo Project Update (Sept 2008)

The following is an update on the activities related to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Demonstration Project (Project) over the last month. The Project's goal is to revolutionize the way health care information is managed, producing better health outcomes and greater patient satisfaction. Highlights of recent activity include the following:

- The application is now available on the eHealth Collaborative Website at www.ehealth.dsu.edu. Primary care physician practices that meet the eligibility requirements have until November 26th to complete an application. Questions about the project can be directed to the SD Department of Health via sarah.zinter@state.sd.us.
- The eHealth Collaborative has a listing of CCHIT certified vendors online at <http://www.ehealth.dsu.edu/CMS/Vendors.aspx>.

Links

The Cornerstone

US Health & Human Services
September newsletter

AHIC

American Health Information
Community

AHRQ

Agency for Healthcare Research
and Quality

HHS

U.S. Department of Health &
Human Services

ONC

Office of the National
Coordinator

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

eHealth Initiative

SPOTLIGHT on Other State Health Information Exchange Efforts

Arizona

Arizona Health-e Connection
Final Report-April 2006

Colorado

Colorado Regional Health Information
Organization

Indiana

Indiana Health Information Exchange

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Health IT Summit

South Dakota's second annual Health Information Technology Summit took place October 7 and 8 in Sioux Falls, SD. The summit, sponsored by the eHealth Collaborative, focused on health information exchange and health information technology.

The summit provided information on state, regional and national ehealth initiatives to professionals who are working on health information exchange. The summit presented information on how to empower consumers, inform and connect clinicians, and improve health care delivery.

The event showcased speakers from across the United States including keynote speaker Grad Conn, Senior Director for Global Consumer Health Strategy for the Health Solutions Group at Microsoft Corp. Speakers included:

- Rick Benoit, Intel
- Chris Muir, ONC
- Holt Anderson, NHIN
- Stephanie Rizk, HISPC
- Lynn Dierker, SLHIE/CoRhio
- Trudi Matthews, HealthBridge
- Paula Roy, Delaware Health Care Commission
- Emily Welebob, Indiana Health Information Exchange
- Ray Campbell, Massachusetts Health Data Consortium
- Beth Nagel, Michigan Department of Community Health
- Ray Rogers, National Center for Health Care Informatics

Attendees also heard remarks from eHealth Collaborative members and state health officials on South Dakota's progress.

To view speaker presentations visit
<http://www.ehealth.dsu.edu/Resources.aspx>.

Funding News

CDC gives out \$16.9M contract for influenza Web system (Healthcare IT News) (10/10)

Governance News

Rhode Island signs HIE act (The Providence Journal (R.I.)) (9/30)

Education News

Rhode Island HIE moves ahead (Government Health IT) (10/8)

More News

Online tools help patients manage health (The New York Times) (10/11)

Wireless health care will survive economic downturn (Healthcare IT News) (10/7)