

APPROVED MINUTES
SOUTH DAKOTA e HEALTH COLLABORATIVE
BOARD MEETING
March 18-19th, 2009

Minutes of the South Dakota eHealth Collaborative meeting held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 18 & 19, 2009, at AmericInn, Chamberlain, SD are submitted.

Members present are:

Holly Arends-SD Dept of Human Services
Bill Stoeckmann-Regional Health proxy for Dick Latuchie (March 19th)
Nancy Beaumont-SD Foundation for Medical Care
Arlyn Broekhuis-Sanford Health
Rebekah Craddock-SD Assoc. of Healthcare Organizations
Mark East-SD State Medical Association
Laurie Gill,-SD Dept of Health
Gary Goeden-SD Bureau of Information & Telecommunication
Scott Graff-Community Healthcare Association of the Dakotas
Dick Latuchie-Regional Health (March 18th)
Dennis Kaufman-Good Samaritan Society
Linda Maas-SD Health Information Management Association
Nicholas Carda-SD Division of Insurance proxy for Randy Moses
Jim Vachal-Brown Clinic
Gayle Varty-St. Mary's Healthcare Center
Mary DeVany- Avera Telehealth/GPTRAC proxy for Jim Veline
Revi Warne-SD Department of Social Services
Sam Wilson-American Association of Retired Persons (March 19th)

Also present Cindy Matson-Sanford Health; Kevin DeWald, SD Dept of Health; Sarah Zinter-SD Dept of Health; Dan Friedrich-Dakota State University; Dorine Bennett-Dakota State University; Joyce Havlik-Dakota State University; Rick Puetz-Dakota State University; Surenda Sarnikar-Dakota State University; Lance Jahnig-Dakota State University; Dianne Halverson-Dakota State University; Ann Brunick-University of South Dakota; Mary Derby-University of South Dakota; Sandra Durick-SD Office of Rural Health; Dennis Hedge-South Dakota State University; Halley Lee-SD Office of Rural Health; Brad Overby-Medicity Inc.; Pam Stott-Medicity and Jim Wright-Med Plus.

Members not present: Jacque Cole-Dakota Care; Randy Moses, SD Division of Insurance and Jim Veline-Avera Health.

Kevin DeWald welcomed everyone and delivered opening remarks.

He listed some of the many accomplishments HIT Summit, Finalized Roadmap, HISPC IOA and CMS EHR Demo.

A presentation by John D. Halamka entitled "Connecting Providers, Patients and Payers" followed. He is the Chief Information Officer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Chief Information Officer of Harvard Medical School, Chairman of the New England Health Electronic Data Interchange Network, CEO of MA-SHARE (a Regional Health Information Organization), Chair of the US Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel, and a practicing Emergency Physician. As Chief Information Officer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, he is responsible for all clinical, financial, administrative

and academic information technology serving 3000 doctors, 14000 employees and two million patients. As Chief Information Officer of Harvard Medical School, he oversees all educational, research and administrative computing for 18000 faculty and 3000 students. As Chairman of NEHEN he oversees the administrative data exchange in Massachusetts. As CEO of MA-SHARE he oversees the clinical data exchange efforts in Massachusetts. As Chair of HITSP he coordinates the process of electronic standards harmonization among stakeholders nationwide. He talked about the current state of electronic health records and e-Prescribing in the US; overview of Interoperability and reviewed Personal Health records. National efforts, US current use and electronic health records for the Boston community were explained. He also reviewed best practices, Clinic Systems Plans, The MA-Share Appliance, Approach to Data Sharing, Personal Health Records, PatientSite, Patient Access to Records, Educational Partners and Patient Experience.

Sarah Zinter provided ePrescribing updates. Electronic prescribing, or “**e-prescribing**” is the computer-based electronic generation, transmission and filling of a prescription, taking the place of paper and faxed prescriptions. E-prescribing allows a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant to electronically transmit a new prescription or renewal authorization to a community or mail-order pharmacy.

Kory Mertz is a Policy Associate at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). Kory’s primary focus is on health information technology. He monitors, tracks and reports on health information technology legislation in the 50 states. Kory is the lead staffer for Project HITCh, a public-private partnership that seeks to increase legislative leadership on health information technology. Prior to joining NCSL, he worked at the U.S. Census Bureau and the Minnesota State Legislature. Kory holds a B.A. with a double major in Political Science and Economics from Iowa State University. Kory provided background information and mission statement of NCSL. He noted that states view health IT as a vital tool to increase quality and decrease costs, what revenue sources are used, comprehensive reform, and promoting HIE. He shared the outlook for states with continued focus on health IT, economic situation and the Stimulus package.

Dan Friedrich illustrated (CAHIT) Center for Advancement of Health Information Technology. This is where health information management meets information Assurance. The Center will work for the benefit of all SD healthcare stakeholders by identifying opportunities for improvements to healthcare quality and system wide costs savings in SD. As a core activity, CAHIT will operationalize the long range plan of the South Dakota eHealth Collaborative to facilitate implementing interoperable information technology to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare in South Dakota. Activities provided by the center

- Develop and maintain a clearinghouse of Health Information Technology resources that can accessed by providers, payers and consumers.
- Develop and implement a program for gathering provider requirements to use in selecting HIT projects at the direction of SDDOH/eHealth Collaborative.
- Research existing products offerings and recommend to SDDOH/eHealth Collaborative based on provider needs.
- Manage and host a collaborative environment to facilitate the sharing of best practices and lessons learned within the community.
- Develop competitive proposals seeking funding from appropriate funding sources to help fund CAHIT.

- Develop and implement an EHR preparation matrix for providers so they can gauge their readiness to implement an EHR.
- Develop and implement a Risk Assessment model that fulfills HIPAA requirements.
- Develop and maintain a training program for providers implementing an EHR focusing on HIPAA Privacy and Security rules
- Develop and maintain a training program for providers focusing on preparation for EHR implementation needs
- identify technical issues that impact education needs, and recommend programs to address these needs
- Conduct pilot health information exchange projects to test the effectiveness of vendor solutions and compatibility with eHealth Collaborative goals.

As a core activity, CAHIT will operationalize the long range plan of the South Dakota Ehealth Collaborative. An organizational chart was reviewed.

Some questions from the group included:

- Resources?
- Long term plan?
- New FTE's needed?
- How other University fit?
- Source of additional funding?

Changes and updates for the website and newsletter were provided by Lance Jahng and Sarah Zinter.

Mary Derby (Director of Health Services Administration) and Ann Brunick (Chairperson and Professor, Dept of Dental Hygiene) from University of South Dakota provided information about educational opportunities, fields and resources provided at their University.

Dennis Hedge (Dean of the College of Pharmacy at South Dakota State University) demonstrated the role of Pharmacy, issues facing the field and training provided to students in this field. SDSU Strengths include dedicated faculty, excellent students, Strong healthcare infrastructure, Support within the region and state, emerging alliances, well structured curriculum and their Ph.D. program.

Kevin DeWald presented the Collaborative Bylaws discussion followed on the wording and changes were discussed. The changes will be made and reviewed at tomorrow's meeting.

Meeting closed.

Thursday, September 19th Kevin opened the meeting.

Sandra Durick and Halley Lee of Rural Health covered the resources and opportunities of this agency.

Dan displayed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus package.

Framework

- Identify Workflows
 - Current
 - Proposed
 - National Strategic Plan
- Identify Partner Progress

- Systems
- Independents
- Redefine Needs
 - E-Prescribing
 - Search-Select-Deliver
 - Results Reporting
- Identify Barriers
 - Changes in Workflow
 - Ongoing Support
 - Training
 - Consumer acceptance
- Prototype
 - Hardware/Software
 - Training Models
 - Service Models
- Test
 - Central Services
 - Partner Connectors

A teleconference followed with Chris Muir. He joined the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) in January 2007. As Senior Program Analyst, Chris's responsibilities include acting as ONC's liaison to state and local health information exchange initiatives. Additionally, he leads programs that address important health information exchange issues such as governance, self-sustainability and organizational practices. Previous to ONC, Chris was the Strategic Projects Manager for the State of Arizona's Government Information Technology Agency (GITA). GITA is the state CIO's office and is responsible for implementing the Governor's information technology initiatives. During his nine years at GITA, Chris led numerous projects including Arizona's Health-e Connection, a statewide health information exchange initiative. Chris received an undergraduate degree in Political Science and a master's in Public Administration from Arizona State University. Chris provided current information about the:

State level HIE Consensus Project

- Deliverables for this year:
 - Provide guidance for SLHIE business model development:
 - Value propositions for stakeholders
 - Identify business models for SLHIE sustainability
 - Guidance to make the models work
 - Identify criteria for HIE accountability
 - Develop implementation guidance for HIE organizational privacy and security policy
 - Establish the SLHIE Forum
- Three major objectives of the project:
 - Coordinate between the national, state and local levels
 - Research activities that add to the body of knowledge of sustainable state-level HIE organizations
 - Establish a forum for SLHIE leaders to find solutions to common problems, shared learning, and develop consensus positions
- Previous Years' Deliverables

- Workbook to provide guidance to developing SLHIEs
- Identified the unique roles of health information exchange
- Provided guidance towards financial sustainability
- Identified organizational policy questions surrounding health data access, use and control
- Annual reports with findings and recommendations to state and national policy makers

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

SEC. 3001. – ONC – Purpose

- Ensures secure and protected patient health information
- Improves health care quality
- Reduces health care costs
- Informs to help medical decisions at the time/place of care
- Includes meaningful public input in infrastructure development
- Improves coordination of care and information among hospitals, labs, physicians, etc.
- Improves public health activities and facilitates early identification/rapid response to public health emergencies
- Facilitates health and clinical research
- Promotes early detection, prevention, and management of chronic diseases
- Promotes a more effective marketplace
- Improves efforts to reduce health disparities

SEC. 3002. – Health IT Policy Committee

- Federal Advisory Committee (FACA)
- Development and adoption of a nationwide Health IT infrastructure
- Recommendations on specific areas of standard development
 - Privacy protection technologies
 - HIT infrastructure
 - Certified EHR use
 - Technologies that identify unusable, identifiable health information
 - Systems for collection of patient demographic data
 - Technologies that address needs of children and vulnerable populations
- Appointments made by the President, HHS Secretary, Senate Majority Leader, House of Representatives (HOR) Speaker, HOR Minority Leader, Comptroller General

SEC. 3012. – HIT Implementation Assistance

- HIT Extension Program
 - Assist providers to adopt, implement, and use certified EHR technology
- HIT Research Center
 - Technical assistance
 - Develop/Recognize best practices to support and accelerate HIT adoption
- HIT Regional Extension Centers
 - Regional support deriving from the HIT Research Center and its activities
 - Affiliated with any U.S. based non-profit institution or organization
 - Individual awards based on merit

SEC. 3014. – Grants to States & Indian Tribes

- Competitive Grants for Loan Programs To Facilitate Widespread Adoption of Certified EHR Technology
- Entity must comply with requirements (Secretary or otherwise)

- Entity must include plan on how providers involved intend to maintain and support EHR technology over time
- Entity shall establish a certified EHR technology loan fund
- Entity shall develop a strategic plan
- Private sector contributions acceptable
- All awards must be matched by applicant(s)

Kevin reviewed the changes to the By-Laws and discussion and recommendations followed.

Motion by Nicholas Carda to approve the eHealth Collaborative By-Laws. Seconded by Scott Graff. Motioned approved unanimously.

Kevin asked members for input on the Planning Activities for E-health

Planning Activities for Health

1. Redefine the Need
 - A. Survey-Evaluate
2. Infrastructure/Imp
3. Education Outreach
 - A. Form and function
 - B. Branding
 - C. Providers-from roadmap
4. Prototype
5. Test

The Roadmap needs to define the exchange itself and to align with the National Plan.

Kevin explained the five groups which are based on the original groups and the two AD HOC groups.

Technical Advisory Committee

Arlyn Broekhuis
 Dick Latuchie
 Jim Vachal
 Jim Veline

Educational Advisory Committee

Nancy Beaumont
 Mark East
 Sam Wilson
 "Consumer"

Policy Governance Advisory Committee

Jacque Cole
 Laurie Gill
 Linda Maas
 Gayle Varty

Legal Legislation Advisory Committee

Holly Arends
 Rebekah Craddock
 Randy Moses

Vacant
Privacy/Security Advisory Committee
Dennis Kaufman
Gary Goeden
Scott Graff
Revi Warne

AD HOC groups and their assignments.

1. Stimulus Package
 - Arlyn Broekhuis
 - Jim Veline
 - Dick Latuchie
 - Donna Hardie
 - Gilbert Johnson
 - Jacque Cole
2. Broad band Technology Opportunities Program
 - Gary Goeden
 - Mary DeVany
 - Arlyn Broekhuis
 - Scott Graff
 - Bill Stoeckmann

Motion by Mary DeVany, seconded by Arlyn Brekhuis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.