

Meeting Minutes

**Massachusetts Health Information Technology Council
And Advisory Committee Meeting**

July 30, 2012
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor Conference Room 2
Boston

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Attendees:

Council Members: JudyAnn Bigby, MD – *(Chair) Secretary of Health and Human Services*
Deborah Adair – *Director of Health Information Services/Privacy Officer, Massachusetts General Hospital*
Meg Aranow, MPH – *Senior Research Director, The Advisory Board*
Karen Bell, MD – *Chair of the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT)*
James Ermilio – *Special Council to Secretary Gregory Bialecki, representing EOHED*
Lisa Fenichel, MPH – *E-Health Consumer Advocate*
John Letchford – *Chief Information Officer, Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

HIE-HIT Advisory Committee:

John Halamka, Co-Chair – *Chief Information Officer, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center*
Nicolaos Athienites, MD – *Renal Medical Care*
Steven Fox – *Blue Cross Blue Shield MA*
Larry Garber, MD – *Reliant Medical Group*
Peter Bristol – *Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Network Health*
Kathleen Donaher – *Associate Professor, Regis College*
Keith Maxwell – *Technical Services Director, Mass League of Community Health Centers*
Wendy Mariner – *Edward R. Utley Professor of Health Law, Boston University*

MTC/MeHI:

Pamela Goldberg – *Chief Executive Officer, Mass Technology Collaborative*
Laurance Stuntz – *Director, Mass eHealth Institute*
Judy Silvia – *Director, Government Affairs/MeHI Chief of Staff*
Mary Creamer – *Manager, Financial Systems & Analysis*
Christopher Andrews – *Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Officer*
Donna Nehme – *Executive Assistant*

Other:

Deb Schiel – *EOHHS/MassHealth*

Claudia Boldman – *Administration and Finance*
Foster Kerrison – *Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*
Christine West – *Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative*
Micky Tripathi – *Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative*
Mark Belanger – *Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative (MAeHC)*
Piali De – *Senscio Systems*
Adrian Gropper, MD - *HealthURL*

The forty fourth meeting of the Massachusetts Health Information Technology Council was held on July 30, 2012, at One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor, Conference Room 2, Boston, Massachusetts.

Secretary Bigby called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

I. Approval of the June 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes:

After motions were made, seconded, and approved with no abstentions, it was agreed to accept the draft minutes as the official minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting.

II. FY13 Budget Discussion and Approval (slides 3-14)

Motion was made for the Health IT Council to approve the Fiscal Year 2013 budget and its constituent elements for the Massachusetts eHealth Institute (MeHI) as presented, seconded, and approved with no abstentions.

III. Last Mile (slides 16-30)

Laurance gave recognition to Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative (MAeHC) for their hard work reaching out to organizations and getting the hard data. He also recognized all the organizations that worked collaboratively to reach out to providers to gather input and information for the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Vendor Landscape Assessment and Vendor Request for Response (RFR).

Slide 21 Question: Was there any thought to connecting school nurses?

Answer: Schools will probably not have EHR systems, so their connection to the HIE would likely be through the HIE web portal initially.

Slide 22 Question: Were dentists included in the survey?

Answer: No.

Slide 23 Question: How many of the 16 EHR vendors with the largest usage in Massachusetts were included in the 26 that participated in the detailed interviews?

Answer: 15

Slide 27 Question: Are there any discussions regarding consumer demand side?

Answer: Yes, mostly around how do we get consumers to get their providers to connect to the HIE.

IV. Communications Plan Update (slides 31-35)

V. REC and Medicaid Services Update (slides 36-47)

The REC has exceeded its goal in the number of providers that have signed up and plans to over recruit by 200-300 providers in order to give us the best chance of fully expending the REC Direct Assistance funds.

VI. HIE-HIT Advisory Committee Meeting notes: (slides 48-55)

Work Group Update: (presented by John Halamka and Manu Tandon)

The Co-Chairs for the Advisory Committee asked each of the work group chairs represented at the meeting to present the updates from their respective work group areas:

Topic Area	Recommendations
Consumer	a) Consumer communication strategy will focus on education and then marketing b) Simple message to patients that will be specific for the various consumer groups and will be Phase specific c) Developing characters and stories that outline how the HIE will remedy certain situations –i.e. the difficulty in accessing to patient information- will be key in messaging to both patients and providers.
Finance and Sustainability	a) The work group has made recommendations on pricing principles that need to be reviewed and approved by EOHHS. Once finalized, will need to be included as part of the participation agreement.
Legal and Policy	a) The work group is continuing to refine their policy framework including the opt-in process, consent and participation agreement language.
Provider Adoption	a) The work group is defining the provider segmentation so they can then identify the best channels for communication. b) Provider Recruitment for early adopters and beyond will be a focus of upcoming work group meetings.
Technology and Implementation	a) This work group will continue to provide guidance to EOHHS on the development of policies and procedures as they relate to the October 15th “go-live” and the Last Mile Program.

- There was great appreciation expressed for the work that was done to procure the HIE vendor and the work that has been completed to-date by all those involved in the work groups and on this project.
- The HIE vendor (Orion) is now on board and had an official kick off with EOHHS on July 9th.
- There is a great deal of work that needs to be done to meet the October 15, 2012 release date for phase 1 services.

- EOHHS and the work groups will now be focused on areas such as funding models, participation agreements, implementation guides and policies and procedures with input from EOHHS.
- EOHHS is working to document the implementation guides by 8/9 and the technical specification by 8/30. - The team will be looking towards those identified early adopters to help us walk through and validate the specifications
- We also will need to start looking towards Phase 2 and 3 program development, beginning in August.

Announcement: The August 27 meeting will be cancelled and the September meeting will be moved from the 17th to September 10th. Details are forthcoming.

No further questions or comments.

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

July 30, 2012 PowerPoint Presentation attached.