

Minutes

Massachusetts Health Information Technology Council Meeting

January 30, 2012

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor Conference Room 3
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*
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*
Abigail Moncrieff, JD – *Peter Paul Career Development Professor and Associate Professor of Law, Boston University School of Law*

HIE-HIT Advisory Committee:

John Halamka, Co-Chair
Manu Tandon, Co-Chair
Nicolaos Athienites
Peter Bristol
Kathleen Donaher (TP)
Steven Fox
Larry Garber (TP)
Gillian Haney
Michael Lee
Keith Maxwell
John Merantza (TP)
John Poikonen (TP)
Naomi Prendergast

(TP) participated by telephone

MTC:

Pamela Goldberg
Rick Shoup
Judy Silvia
Chris Andrews
Bethany Gilboard
Donna Nehme

Lisa Erlandson
Matt Schemmel

Other:

Claudia Boldman – *Administration and Finance*
Deb Schiel – *EOHHS/MassHealth*
Foster Kerrison – *Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh*
Christina Moran – *Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative*
Micky Tripathi – *Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative*
Helene Solomon – *Solomon McCown & Company*
Michael A. Powers – *Verizon Business*
Piali De – *Senscio Systems*
Rick Gilles – *Senscio Systems*
Bert Ng – *Joint Commission, Healthcare Financing*
Mark Belanger – *Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative (MAeHC)*
David Smith – *Massachusetts Hospital Association*
Beth Marsden – *ICA Informatics*
Adrian Gropper – *Health URL*
Tom Mottl – *Renaissance Group*
Peter P. Garcia – *Leading Age Massachusetts*

The fortieth meeting of the Massachusetts Health Information Technology Council was held on January 30, 2012 at One Ashburton Place, 21st Floor, Conference Room 3, Boston, Massachusetts.

Secretary Bigby called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Secretary Bigby thanked Rick Shoup who is stepping down as the MeHI Director, for his great efforts as the first MeHI director and his getting the State of Massachusetts through the first implementation of Chapter 305, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and the Health Information Technology Act (HITECH). Rick will stay on at MeHI and continue to oversee the Federal Grant Efforts.

I. Approval of the December 12, 2011 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 December 12, 2011 meeting.

Pamela Goldberg – Introductory Comments

- A search firm has been hired to help recruit and find a new director for MeHI. She expects the position to be filled within three months.
- She met with the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) team in Washington DC and they only had positive comments regarding the work MeHI has done and continue to do. They are

predicting that Massachusetts will be a leader among the states to have fully integrated Electronic Health Records (EHR) and Health Information Technology (HIT).

II. HIE Strategic and Operational Plan (SOP) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Motion to Approve and Delegate Authority

Secretary Bigby commented that the SOP and MOU has been reviewed and vetted by a lot of people, and that we are on a good path which we want to continue. The Secretary reviewed the Health IT Strategic Plan Goals and the strategies to achieve these goals and objectives (slides 4 and 5).

HIE Strategic and Operational Plan: Last Mile – Work in Progress (Rick Shoup)

Overview

- Repurposing HIE funding – bringing in a consultant to help figure out the landscape in the market.
- Leveraging REC and other MeHI team members
- Analysis to include review of status of adoption of EHRs and vendors
- Managed procurement of standards based interfaces for EHR vendors
- Assistance with end-user testing and implementation support
- Education and outreach for providers – huge effort
- Create a Last Mile Management Office (LMMO)
- Last Mile Project Timeline was reviewed
- We will submit updated SOP to ONC Friday, February 3, 2012. ONC want to make an on-site visit in mid-February.

(See slides 6-11)

Referring to slide 9, the Secretary commented the workgroups can help us understand the best mechanisms to look at this and the Department of Public Health (DPH) requirements. The workgroups should report back to the Council with their findings.

Question: What is the kickoff?

Answer: The kickoff is when we get the team together to start this process and to ensure all the players are in the same room.

Question: Is there a formal structure to achieve the Last Mile?

Answer: We will use all resources available and leverage skills in this room and elsewhere.

Note: The ONC gave their approval of the revised SOP and MOU today, January 30, 2012.

The motion was read, moved, seconded, and approved with no abstentions. (See slide 12 – Motion to Approve HIE SOP and MOU)

III. MeHI 2012 Budget – Motion to Approve (slides 14-22)

Overview (Chris Andrews, MTC Chief Financial Officer and Administrative Officer)

- We are currently into the fiscal year without an approved budget
- We passed the State Audit – no single negative finding
- Operating expenses are in good control and we are running below budget. Maybe some opportunity for Federal funding repurposing.
- An overview of how the \$11 million allocation was spent last year is on slide 21

Motion to Approve MeHI 2012 Budget

The motion was moved, seconded, and approved with no abstentions. (See slide 22 - Motion to Approve MeHI 2012 budget)

IV. Implementation and Optimization Organization (IOO) Oversight and Marketing and Communications Update (Rick provided an overview – slides 23-24)

- Salesforce is the tool used to track progress over all providers and IOOs. ONC uses salesforce as well.
 - Can identify issues
 - REC team make in-person contact and phone call follow up with IOOs
 - Follow up with individual providers
 - The Clinical Relationship Managers (CRMs) are assigned various regions and they correspond with the providers and establish positive working relationships.

Question: Is there a process for sharing best practices?

Answer: Yes, there are ongoing monthly in-person meetings with the IOOs to share their experiences, etc.

HIE-HIT Advisory Committee Meeting notes:

*Please refer to Slide Presentation “Health IT Council and Advisory Committee Meeting” dated January 30, 2012

V. I-APD/SOP/RFR Review Update (Presented by John Halamka and Manu Tandon - slides 26-31)

- Advanced Planning Document-Update (APD-U) is moving through CMS as part of a package with five other states
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) asked for updated financials against the federal financial calendar rather than the MA state financial calendar
- Continue to anticipate approval of the document in the near future.
- The Request for Responses (RFR) has been written to procure a technology platform and not a specific product in order to accommodate future technologies
- The Executive Office of Health & Human Services (EOHHS) is currently working to provide more user-friendly explanations of the RFR
- APDU-U must be approved by CMS before the RFR can be released.

Comment: If we are going to develop a business model going forward, we need a story for the consumers, and a way to streamline.

Question: With an October 15th go-live date set for the HIE, is there time built in to develop standards and a test environment? If so, it would be helpful to have that part of the overall project timeline.

Answer: We will know more about test system timing once vendors respond to the RFR. We hope that off the shelf components will be used leading to the availability of a test system a few months before going live.

Workgroup Updates

(Refer to slide 27 for workgroup updates)

- Vendor roundtable event in Springfield, February 1 from 1:00-4:00 pm at BayState.
- Consumer & Public Engagement workgroup working more closely with provider groups to foster relationships with providers and provide more education, etc.
- Focus on value, what is value to each stakeholder, and what will it take to have a viable model going forward?

Comment: Legal & Policy workgroup – it is important to codify policy and procedures in an organized way.

Comment: Technology & Implementation – every bit of feedback has been incorporated.

Question: What is the relationship between the IAPD and the SOP documents?

Answer: The IAPD and the State Medicaid HIT Plan (SMHP) are sister documents to the SOP which has the Last Mile components.

Statewide Services Overview (Slide 30)

- Provides an overview of the phased approach to the function of the HIE. Over time the primary goal will be to continue to add participants and functionality through first the “push” data model finally to a “pull” data model.

State Policy Guidance Document (slide 31 and Appendices slides 33-40)

- Artifact that can be used to identify decisions and recommendations that have been made by each of the workgroups as they relate to: Governance, Financing, Infrastructure and Standards, HIE Services, Policies and Procedures, Business Processes, Users and Uses, and Use Cases
- This document is currently in progress and will result in multiple variations over the life of the project.
 - Should have initial draft in February

Question: How did the particular topics get determined and the responsible workgroups assigned?

Answer: They were the initial suggestions to divide the work, but the document will be iterative and evolve over time with input from every workgroup across all topics.

The Secretary thanked everyone for all their time and hard work that has been put into the process so far.

No further questions or comments.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

January 30, 2011 PowerPoint Presentation attached.