September News, Resources & Happenings

Program for Behavioral Health and Long-Term Post-Acute Care to Launch in Fall 2014
MeHI's soon-to-be-launched eHealth eQuality Program will support Behavioral Health (BH) and Long-Term and Post-Acute Care (LTPAC) organizations in Massachusetts in the adoption and effective use of Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems. The effective use of EHRs helps improve the efficiency, cost and quality of health care in those fields.

MeHI will assist BH and LTPAC providers in the procurement and implementation of interoperable EHRs and effective use of the technology. EHRs help providers enhance patient care coordination, prioritize transitions of care, and advance health reform in the Commonwealth.

Learn More About the eHealth eQuality Program

Health IT Research Study Released
This July, MeHI invited legislators and other stakeholders to gather at the State House for the launch of the 2014 Health IT Consumer & Provider Research Study. Laurance Stuntz, MeHI Director, shared important highlights on EHR adoption, as well as MeHI's perspective on how to move Health Information Exchange (HIE) forward in Massachusetts. View the key findings from the research and download the full report.

New HIE Use Case Library Available
MeHI's new Use Case Library is now live! The Library serves as a central location where you will find Health Information Exchange (HIE) use case examples focused on the positive impacts on transitions of care, the exchange of lab results, and its impact on public health reporting. MeHI's goal is to keep you informed of Meaningful Use objectives, ways to improve care coordination, and best practices in the reduction of hospital readmissions. We'll provide the latest insights in how other organizations are using HIE to share patient information, as well as examples of theoretical use cases. To learn more, visit our Use Case Library.

Merrimack Valley Providers Use Health IT to
**Improve Patient Care Coordination after ER Visits**

Four unaffiliated healthcare providers in the Merrimack Valley region of Massachusetts came together in a collaborative effort to solve a care coordination challenge through the use of Health Information Exchange (HIE) technology for their Community of Care. Their Health IT strategic vision was to enhance care coordination by securely sharing electronic patient data. This particular Community of Care consists of four providers, including the Home Health VNA, Lawrence General Hospital, Pentucket Medical Associates, and the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, who started working together to address a long-standing logistical challenge: that the ambulatory care providers did not receive notification when one of their patients visited Lawrence General's Emergency Center. [Read full story](#)

**South Cove Community Health Center Uses Electronic Health Records**

The Regional Extension Center at MeHI helps eligible providers in Massachusetts implement EHR systems and achieve Meaningful Use. MeHI has partnered with 3,051 primary care providers to adopt, optimize and transform their practices using Health IT tools.

One example is the South Cove Community Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). South Cove implemented an EHR interface with their lab vendor at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), with the guidance from the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, and through funding provided by MeHI and ONC. South Cove's work is a great example of what can be accomplished when an EHR is used to improve patient health, address health care quality and control costs. [Read Full Story](#)

**The 5th EU-US eHealth Business Marketplace & Conference - October 21-22, 2014**

Join global connected health innovators, public officials, patient groups, academics, and entrepreneurs this fall at the 5th EU-US eHealth Marketplace and Conference. The event will take place in the prestigious surroundings of the [Massachusetts State House in Boston](#). Aimed at those with an interest in electronic and mobile health care from across the United States and Europe this event offers the opportunity to engage with international leaders in the connected health space. Designed to stimulate and generate meaningful business opportunities and relationships, this fall's Boston Marketplace will feature several participating companies and organizations, with a focus on 'meeting' rather than 'showcasing'. For central topics, agenda, and registration visit the [event website](#).

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