

**Wisconsin eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board
Board Meeting, June 11, 2008
Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Christopher Alban, MD, EPIC Systems; Edward Barthell, MD, National Institute for Medical Informatics; Gary Bezucha, North Central Health Care; Patricia Flatley-Brennan, School of Nursing and College of Engineering; Catherine Hansen, St. Croix Regional Medical Center; Ravi Kalla, Symphony Corporation; Candice Owley, Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals; Peggy Smelser, WEA Trust; Justin Starren, MD, Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation; David Stella, ETF; Karen Timberlake, DHFS; John Toussaint, MD, Theda Care; Hugh Zettel, GE Healthcare.

Members unable to attend:

Betsy Abramson, Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Bevan Baker, City of Milwaukee Public Health; Donald Layden, Metavante; Lois Murphy, Veterans Administration; Debra Rislow, Gunderson Lutheran; Dan Schooff, DOA; Lon Sprecher, Dean Health Insurance.

Others in attendance:

Tom Berg; Alison Bergum, UW; Tina Ellis Coyle; Kären Droagsvold, DHFS; Seth Foldy, MD; Kathly Farnsworth, DHFS; Donna Friedsam, UW; Joe Kachelski, WHA; Cheryl McIlquham, DHFS; Kim Pemble, Wisconsin Health Information Exchange; Matthew Schwei, DHFS; Matthew Stanford, WHA; Bernadette Thomsen, DHFS; Denise Webb, DHFS; Katherine Wirka.

1. Call to Order

Secretary Karen Timberlake, Chair of the eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 PM. She welcomed the Board, business partners, and members of the audience.

2. Minutes December 4, 2007

The minutes from the previous Board meeting were approved as written prior to the Board meeting by email.

3. Chair's Report:

Secretary Timberlake briefly spoke about her background and what she sees as her role with the Board. She described what she foresees as the Board's agenda for the next year including: identifying ways and methods to increase the adoption rate of electronic medical records by physicians, the development and release of another ambulatory HIT adoption survey, and the consulting work on the RFP that was just released for state-level health information exchange

planning and design. Secretary Timberlake also discussed with the Board the Department's plan on how to best use the Board's time. She explained that the eHealth staff would like to convene smaller workgroups in specific areas to allow for broader engagement and more consumer input. These workgroups will be staffed with volunteers recruited at the annual Summit the following day. A green form will be handed out at the Summit and attendees will be asked to fill it out if they are interested in being included in an email notification group and/or volunteering their time in the following areas: clinical care, public health, quality and safety, health technology, security and privacy, communications, education and marketing, and state-level governance and finance. Secretary Timberlake asked the Board for their feedback on the idea. The item was tabled for later discussion. In concluding her introduction, Secretary Timberlake noted that eHealth remains an important part of Governor Doyle's health care agenda and that she is excited to be a part of this initiative.

4. Staff Report:

State-level Health Information Exchange (HIE) Planning and Design – Denise Webb

Denise Webb informed the Board that the Department had released an RFP on June 10 to solicit proposals for consulting services to assist the Department and the Board in completing a state-level HIE planning and design project. She provided an overview of the project work plan that was finalized by members of the Patient Care Workgroup and the Information Exchange Workgroup. The project will assess, propose, plan, and design a model and architecture for a state-level HIE entity and state-level HIE business and technical services in Wisconsin. She also gave an overview of the procurement schedule. Proposals are due from vendors on July 21. The Board members were provided a copy of the RFP.

The RFP created a lot of discussion amongst the Board. One main discussion point was the timeline of the RFP. Denise explained that the State anticipates the project work could take anywhere from 6-9 months to complete and expects the vendor to propose a realistic timeline for the tasks to be completed. Another item of discussion was specific to tasks three and four of the RFP. There were questions regarding whether the State was asking that the Vendor create use cases and how many. Denise explained that the RFP was not asking for use cases to be created; the RFP was asking Vendors to put together a price for the scope of work as described in Appendix A of the RFP.

Privacy Legislation – Act 108 / Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC) III – Kathy Farnsworth

Kathy Farnsworth provided updates on activities related to privacy and consent. She summarized the provisions of 2007 Act 108 amending Wisconsin Statutes Chapters 51.30 and 146. She summarized and shared the recommendations and general plans for addressing the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration grant's 51.30 Workgroup "Other Provisions" recommendations. She reviewed the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration's Multi-state Consent Collaborative's goals, participants, activities and timeline. Kathy also shared the HFS 92 Rule Revision scope of work, purpose, process and timing plans.

Emergency Department (ED) Linking Project – Denise Webb

Denise Webb reported on the ED Linking project status. Three Milwaukee hospital ED's: Aurora Sinai, Columbia-St. Mary's, and Wheaton Franciscan-St. Francis are operational with Admission Discharge Transfer (ADT) message data only on the health information exchange system developed by Microsoft and are using it when treating patients. The hospital systems turned on several ADT message feeds to the exchange—47 total. Medicaid data is not yet available in the system views provided to the ED but was expected to be available by July. Dr. Barthell shared some of the early feedback and thoughts about the system and associated anecdotes demonstrating the system and its positive effect on patient care, even with only ADT data being available from the exchange system.

Annual Ambulatory HIT Adoption Survey – Matt Schwei

Matt Schwei gave a progress report on the Annual Wisconsin Ambulatory HIT Adoption Survey. The Department is working with the University of Wisconsin Survey Center to conduct this year's survey. The survey will be administered over the summer; analysis and report writing will be completed in the fall; and the final report and presentation will be presented at the December 2008 Board meeting.

The survey for sites in large systems will be conducted primarily via phone interview and smaller independent site surveys will be conducted with a brief phone call to identify the proper respondent and then a web-based survey will be presented.

This year's survey combines the previous survey with the "National Survey of HIT Adoption by Physicians in Ambulatory Settings" to allow for trend analysis and for benchmarking against national data.

Wisconsin Health Information Organization (WHIO) Project – Denise Webb

Denise Webb reported on the status of WHIO's claims data aggregation, analysis, and reporting project. WHIO executed a contract with Ingenix to create a data mart that will hold a rolling twenty-seven (27) months worth of administrative claims data. The goal is to use the data to improve the quality, affordability, safety and efficiency of health care delivered to patients in Wisconsin. The WHIO data mart will be an all-inclusive, central repository for health care claims data that will provide for tracking, analysis and measurement of entire episodes of care that can be used in determining value based on quality measures and cost over time. The first version of the data mart will be delivered in December 2008 and include claims data from the five large commercial payers: Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wisconsin, Humana, United Healthcare of Wisconsin, WEA Trust, and WPS Health Insurance. Medicaid claims and encounter data will be included in the second version of the data mart to be delivered by June 2009. The Department of Health Services and the Department of Employee Trust Funds entered into a contract with WHIO per Wisconsin Chapter 153 on Health Care Information, after WHIO signed its contract with Ingenix for the data mart work.

5. Announcements

There were no additional announcements from the chair, board or DHFS staff.

The topic of convening smaller workgroups composed of volunteers from the Annual eHealth Summit was again raised and the Board had a general agreement that it was a good approach as it allows for broader engagement.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 P.M.