

# **MINUTES**

**Massachusetts Health Information Technology Council**

**Meeting**

**April 5, 2010**

**9:00 – 11:00 am**

**Matta Conference Room  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, Massachusetts**

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**MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**

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Attendees:

Council Members     JudyAnn Bigby, MD - (*Chair*) *Secretary of Health and Human Services*  
                                  (Jay Gonzalez - *Secretary of Administration and Finance*)\*\*  
                                  Represented by: Marcie Desmond  
                                  (Terry Dougherty – *Acting Director of Medicaid*)\*\*  
                                  Represented by: Philip Poley  
Deborah Adair - *Director of Health Information Services / Privacy Officer*  
                                  *at Massachusetts General Hospital*  
Karen Bell, MD - *Senior Vice President of HIT Service at Masspro*  
Lisa Fenichel, M.P.H. - *E-Health Consumer Advocate*  
Meg Aranow - *VP & Chief Information Officer, Boston Medical Center*

Other                     David Martin (EOHHS)  
                                  Bert Ng (Healthcare Finance Committee)  
                                  Jessica Long (Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals)  
                                  Lorllyn Allan (Lahey)  
                                  Carol Dresser (Hallmark Health)  
                                  Karen Welsh (CMS)  
                                  Brian Gildea (Arcadia Solutions)  
                                  LuAnn Kimker (Arcadia Solutions)  
                                  Jan Roce (ML Strategies)

MTC Staff             Mitchell Adams  
                                  Dr. Richard Shoup  
                                  Judy Silvia  
                                  Bethany Gilboard  
                                  Glen Comiso  
                                  Angelia Lewis  
                                  Carole Rodenstein  
                                  Barbara-Jo Thompson

The twenty-second meeting of the Massachusetts Health Information Technology Council was held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in the Matta Conference Room at One Ashburton Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

Secretary Bigby called the Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **I. Approval of March 24th Minutes**

After motions made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to accept the draft minutes as the official minutes of the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **II. State HIT (Health Information Technology) Plan - Motion to approve plan**

Dr. Shoup gave a brief status of the HIT Plan and thanked everyone for taking time to read the plan and offer suggestions. He explained that in today's packet was a single sheet that shows the history of changes and edits.\* This reflects the person who requested the change and the status of the change.

\*It was pointed out that this sheet only represents a sampling of the huge number of changes and edits to this document.

There was a brief conversation regarding the Plan.

- Suggested to put the 222 page Deloitte slide deck on the website. Then in the Plan, reference the Deloitte document.
- Before posting, MeHI (Massachusetts e-Health Institute) will find and add cites to undocumented assertions in plan. Deloitte will be questioned, if necessary, to ascertain the sources of information or the assertions will be deleted.
- Get Deloitte to certify. Give attribution to Deloitte.
- There is not a source page at the end because it is footnoted throughout the document.
- Suggestion of a resource page that would be added in next year's version of the plan. All agreed.

Council members thanked MeHI and Dr. Shoup for all of their hard work. It incorporates all of our comments. They also thanked Secretary Bigby for her guidance and leadership.

### **MOTION**

The Health Information Technology Council, acting pursuant to the authority delegated under Chapter 40J of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, does hereby approve the Massachusetts e-Health Institute: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Health Information Technology Plan (Plan) as presented. The Council recommends that the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Technology Park Corporation approve the Plan, as provided herein.

There was a suggestion to amend the Plan in order to change the title.

It was unanimously agreed to approve the Plan. {Cheers}

Dr. Shoup thanked the Council members for patience and the Council members thanked MeHI for theirs as well.

### III. MeHI 2010 Financial Update

Budget –

- We made some changes to budget.
- We will come with others over time.
- Federal Funds are for 4 years.
- There is a difference in the planning vs. implementation funding. Most of the funds are for implementation.
- We used eHealth funds for the conference and for the Medicaid match.
- What about the loan fund?
- We are working with local banks so it shouldn't require any of our funds money.
- One area of concern is workforce development as we did not get those funds and we don't want to miss that area.
- We will go through a formal reconciliation process and have finance team on hand when we approve next year's budget.

### IV. REC supplemental Funding Opportunity

- An FOA was released from ONC for funds for \$12,000 supplemental funds per Critical Access Hospital (CAH).
- Same structure as the Regional Extension Center (REC) - it comes in thirds.
- Similar payment. The funds would flow down through IOOs.
- We have questions outstanding but hopefully we can apply for the supplemental funds.
- Are these funds for the physicians in the CAHs? Yes, any primary care physician that is employed by CAH or rural hospital and even non priority care physicians who are employed.

### V. Updates

HIE Ad Hoc Workgroup – 1st Meeting

- We kicked off our first HIE meeting – Deb Adair attended and only one person could not attend.
- We suggested private and public co-chairs– Dr. John Halamka and Phil Poley were selected as co-chairs.

- They wanted to use software collaborative – NESCO (an organization of state Medicaid directors in New England) has made available ONTRAK, The software should work across all the Ad Hoc groups,
- ONTRAK is a repository for documents and a place for the other members of ad hoc workgroups to see and share documents. It is secure and password protected.
- It became clear through discussion before decisions could be made they would have to communicate with the other ad hoc groups.
- It was a productive meeting and the online tool will be very helpful.
- NESCO will help us work with other states as well. It appears it will work well with other groups.
- Mr. Poley and Dr. Halamka met for 30 minutes after the meeting and they are on the same page as to what needs to be done.
- We are lucky in MA we have HIEs. We now have to determine how to transfer data from one to the other.
- We have a clear view on how to get there.
- Online collaboration allows us to get together
- MeHI has hired a project manager for the HIE.
- Dr. Shoup will attend all of the HIE meetings along with Kris Cyr, the new HIE project manager.
- There will be frequent updates from the co-chairs of the ad hoc workgroups
- Stipends can be paid to consumers who participate in the ad hoc workgroup.
- Parking is paid for all ad hoc workgroup members

#### Governor's National HIT Conference

- It is very exciting and going well.
- Some of you in this room will be invited to participate and moderate a breakout session.
- To date 29 vendors are exhibiting.
- We have done follow up invites.
- It is moving along. We are close to break even.
- This is the Thursday morning event. It is about jobs.
- Full conference begins at 1:00.
- Networking reception paid for by vendors through the Mass Health Data Consortium
- If we can get the congressional delegation we will have that session – if not (they are in session) we have a backup plan.
- Finalizing the event this week – there will be a lot more notification through the press.

#### VI. Other

- Secretary asked now that we have an approved plan, how soon will you come back to the Council with the HIE Operational plan.
- The plan is due August 31, we will have updates along the way.

- We have received 35 responses for IOOs. We are going through the process of scoring them. We hope to have selection by end of month.
- We have a provider enrollment document that is going to ONC tomorrow for content approval. We will work with Secretary and council to define priority providers.
- Other activities include an RFI for banking followed by RFQ for EHR vendors.
- Staffing update - We have REC and HIE project manager. We are interviewing CRMs
- We did not get funding for the community college consortium with the other 13 states
- We are going to work with employers to determine next steps and what is needed. We may need to make an investment.
- The plan is to provide ongoing dashboard updates on the HIE and REC.
- All RFIs and job openings are on the website
- We are redoing the site. Trying to make it easier to navigate.
- Will you give milestone high-level progress?
- There is a tool out there that tracks if milestones are being met.
- That tool is sales force provided by ONC.
- The dashboard will would be useful for this group.

Hearing no other questions,

Meeting adjourned at 10:51am.