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Joint Meeting NC Health Information Exchange Council & NCHICA CIO Roundtable January 14, 2009

The meeting convened at 12:10 p.m. at the NCHICA office in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Meeting Participants:

Holt Anderson #, NCHICA
Jennifer Anderson, CCME
Denton Arledge ≠, WakeMed
Linda Attarian, NC DHHS DMA
Jason Baisden #, North Carolina Association of Free Clinics
Novlet Bradshaw ≠, Rex Healthcare
Rex Burnworth ≠, Wilson Medical Center
C. Hadley Callaway *, NC Medical Society
Avery Cloud ≠, New Hanover Regional Medical Center
John Doyle, LabCorp
Jeff Engel, NC DHHS, Division of Public Health
Robert Gordon ≠, Halifax Regional Medical Center
Gregory Griggs, NC Academy of Family Physicians
Jim Hazelrigs #, NC DHHS Division of Medical Assistance
Gail Hinte *, HIMformatics
Donald Horton *, LabCorp (phone)
Terry Jackson ≠, Craven Regional Medical Center
John Jenkins * ≠, Moses Cone Health System
Anthony Kane, NC AHEC
Dave Kirby *, Kirby IMC
Marc Kolman # @, Piedmont HIV Health Care Consortium
Laura Ksycewski, NCHICA
Geoff Lawson * ≠, Morehead Memorial Hospital
Jesse Long ≠, Alamance Regional Medical Center
Richard Low *, Topsail Technologies
Bill Mattern *, UNC Health Care (phone)
Kris-Shae McCall #, Gaston Memorial Hospital (phone)
Ryan McGhee, Cabarrus Health Alliance
Denny McGuire #, State of NC, Office of Chief Information Officer
Ron Mitchell #, Wake Radiology
Mary Jo Nimmo # ≠, Lenoir Memorial Hospital
Helen Pak-Harvey, IBM
David Pfeil #, LabCorp
Melanie Phelps, NC Medical Society
Carol Scheele, NC Medical Society
Vandana Shah, NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission
Sam Spicer *, New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Andrew Weniger, NCHICA
Roy Wyman, Williams Mullen

* NCHICA Board of Directors
≠ NCHICA CIO Roundtable
NC HIE Council

@ NC Consumer Advisory Council for Health Information
(For full list of HIE Council members see page 5)

Welcome and Introductions

NCHICA President Sam Spicer, MD welcomed the group and asked participants to introduce themselves.

Proposed Federal Stimulus Package

Sam Spicer led the discussion of the draft language for the federal healthcare economic stimulus package that has been proposed by several large states in consultation with the Obama transition team and Congressional staffers. The legislation would “fund the development and implementation of statewide programs for the nation’s health information infrastructure, including interoperable health information exchange infrastructure and healthcare provider adoption of interoperable electronic health records.” A number of states, including New York, California, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Vermont and Rhode Island, have endorsed the language, which still needs to be reviewed and passed by Congress. If passed as written, it would invest \$5 billion into Health Information Exchange (HIE) and \$5 billion into Electronic Health Records (EHR) nationwide. Based on the formula of \$20 per capita, North Carolina could invest approximately \$180 million each for HIE and EHR adoption or a total of \$360M.

If passed by Congress, North Carolina would have to move quickly to submit a proposal for funding. There may only be six weeks to prepare and submit a proposal that includes a state certification identifying and describing a statewide program for interoperable HIE and EHR adoption. The legislation also currently specifies that proposals should be prepared and submitted by the State or a State-designated organization. Further, a State-designated organization should be a nonprofit with specified characteristics including multiple healthcare stakeholder representatives on its governing Board.

Meeting attendees noted that we need to develop a plan that benefits the State and is sustainable. If North Carolina receives the funding, there will be constraints on how the money is invested as well as requirements to be met. A knowledgeable and trusted body like NCHICA and the NC HIE Council will be needed to develop a process in collaboration with the State, professional associations and other stakeholders to determine on what basis the funds are administered. A governance body will be required.

NCHICA representatives have briefed Governor Perdue’s office about NCHICA’s historical successes in the exact areas described as being required and our strong interest in being named the State-designated organization responsible for submitting the proposal and, if awarded, of facilitating the decisions about how the money is invested. The meeting attendees discussed and then agreed that NCHICA is the only organization in the State with the infrastructure and experience needed to undertake this effort. They also agreed that the Governor’s Office will need to drive this effort by encouraging all healthcare stakeholders in the State to work with NCHICA. Individuals in attendance proposed and unanimously passed the following resolution: “We recommend that the Governor’s Office designate NCHICA as the applicant to prepare and submit North Carolina’s proposal for the Federal Stimulus Package funding.” They also suggested that the NCHICA Board of Directors approve the resolution. (Note: this resolution has been forwarded to the NCHICA Board for vote by January 21).

Andrew Weniger discussed the partners already identified to assist with the proposal development. The group suggested adding community colleges, e-NC Authority, the NC Consumer Advisory Council on Health Information, the NC Association of Local Health Directors and MCNC to the list. Currently identified partners are listed at the end of the minutes and additional collaborators who have expertise and skills to support a successful application and implementation effort will be welcome.

NHIN 2: Trial Implementations Update

Andrew Weniger and Geoff Lawson reported on the NHIN Forum held in Washington, DC on December 15-16. At the Forum, NCHICA successfully demonstrated three Use Cases: (1) Wounded Warrior Continuity of Care and Determination of Disability Benefits, (2) SSA Authorized Release of Information to a Trusted Entity, and (3) Consumer Empowerment: Consumer Access to Clinical Information. The NHIN 2 contract for \$4.1M ends on January 23, and NCHICA has been informed that it will receive an extension for another phase. The scope and

statement of work have not yet been determined, but it is expected the contract will be for approximately \$1 million.

HISPC 3 Update

Andrew Weniger reported that activities are winding down on the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC) contract, which ends in with a national HISPC meeting in Bethesda MD in early March. The Inter-Organizational Agreements (IOA) Collaborative is very close to finalizing model agreements for Private-Private and Public-Public data exchange. Roy Wyman, who heads the IOA Collaborative effort in NC, reported that they tested the IOA agreements and received encouraging feedback from the NCHICA Legal Workgroup and NHIN participants. This work will be leveraged in another project funded by the CDC and headed by Jeff Engel at the NC DHHS Division of Public Health, which will use the public-public IOA model agreement to facilitate HIE between public health officials in the Charlotte area with hospitals in South and North Carolina participating and utilizing the NC DETECT public health situational awareness capabilities and those developed by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control..

The Consent Policy Options Collaborative, headed by Trish Markus and Linda Attarian, has reviewed different consumer consent options for sharing health information in NC. The options are No Choice, Opt Out, Opt In, Opt Out with Exceptions, and Opt In with Restrictions. They are evaluating these options for HIE in NC. Andrew noted that California did this work already and selected the No Choice option, while England had the No Choice option and is changing to Opt-In. There is no funding for a phase 4 of HISPC. Roy Wyman said there is still a lot of work to be done in the area of policy to enable the technical objectives of the stimulus package, and the HISPC participants expect some other projects and funding will emerge.

Upcoming Meetings

- **NC HIE Council**
 - Late February / Early March, NCHICA office
- **Policy Development Committee**
 - **January 28:** NCHICA office, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - **February 25:** NCHICA office, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - **March 25:** NCHICA office, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Finance & Administration Committee**
 - **January 28:** NCHICA office, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 - **February 25:** NCHICA office, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 - **March 25:** NCHICA office, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- **Quality of Care & Value Committee**
 - Likely January 29th 3:30 – 5:00
- **Stakeholder Relations Committee**
 - Proposed meeting February 4th 11:00 – 1:00
- **HIE Development & Technical Operations Committee**
 - Proposed meeting February 4th 4:00 – 6:00

Organizations currently identified as potential contributors and participants in the stimulus funding process include those named below. In order to effectively carry out the charge NCHICA's Board is expected to endorse, NCHICA will build upon existing relationships with these and other stakeholders – readers are welcome to send Andrew Weniger any additional organizations with the expertise and resources to contribute to a successful effort:

- NC State Agencies
- Academic Medical Centers
- CareShare NC
- CCME
- Community Care of NC
- Community colleges
- e-NC
- Health & Wellness Trust Fund
- NC Assoc. of Local Health Directors
- MCNC
- NC AHEC
- NC Academy of Family Physicians
- NC Association of Free Clinics
- NC Association of Pharmacists
- NC Association of Health Plans & Members, (BCBSNC, Aetna, Cigna, FirstCarolina, United, Wellpath)
- NC Chapter of the American College of Physicians
- NC Dental Society
- NC Foundation for Advanced Health Programs
- NC Healthcare Quality Alliance
- NC Hospital Association
- NC HIMA
- NC HFMA
- NC HIMSS
- NC IOM
- NC Medical Society
- NC MGMA
- NC Pediatric Society
- Nurses Associations
- Radiology / Laboratories / Long Term Care sectors
- Sheps Center / Academics
- UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health
- **Etc.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

NCHICA Health Information Exchange Council (NC HIE Council) – Representatives and Sectors Represented

Position on NC HIE Council	Representative	Affiliated Entity	January 14
Rep. of the North Carolina Consumer Advisory Council on Health Information	Kolman, MSPH Marc	Piedmont HIV Health Care Consortium	Present
Rep. of the North Carolina Medical Society	Ermini, MD, Ed	Edward B. Ermini MD, PA	Absent
Rep. of NCHA (the North Carolina Hospital Association)	TBD		
Rep. of the North Carolina Nursing Profession	Kitzmilller, MHR, MSN, RN-C, Rebecca	Duke University Health System	Absent
Rep. of the North Carolina Health Information Management Association (NCHIMA)	McCall, RHIA, Kris-Shae	Gaston Memorial Hospital	Present – phone
Rep. of the NC Institute of Medicine	Holmes, PhD, Mark- TB confirmed	Same	Absent
Rep. of the North Carolina Association of Pharmacists	Kessler, PharmD, BCPS, John	Second Story Health	Absent
The North Carolina State Health Director or his/her designee	Cline, DDS, MPH, J. Steven	NC DHHS Division of Public Health	Jeff Engel – sub
The North Carolina State Chief Information Officer or his/her designee	McGuire, MPA, CPM, J. Denny	NC Office of Information Technology Services	Present
Rep. of the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors	Pilkington, DPA, Phred	Cabarrus Health Alliance	Ryan McGhee – sub
Rep. of the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services	Crawford, Regina	NC DHHS Division of Health Service Regulation	Absent
Rep. of the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics	Baisden, Jason	NC Association of Free Clinics	Present
Rep. of the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance (Medicaid)	Hazelrigs, Jim	NC DHHS Division of Medical Assistance	Present
Rep. of the North Carolina Division of MH/DD/SAS	Tripp, Mary	NC DHHS Division of MH/DD/SAS	Absent
Rep. of the North Carolina Association of Health Plans	TBD		
Rep. of private-sector behavioral health providers	Cameron, PhD, Sally R.	NC Psychological Association	Absent
Rep. of long-term care / nursing homes	Clark, CPA, Samuel B.	NC Health Care Facilities Association	Absent
Rep. of laboratory services	Pfeil, David R.	LabCorp	Present
Rep. of radiology services	Mitchell, Ron	Wake Radiology	Present
Rep. of the NCHICA CIO Roundtable appointed by the Board of Directors of NCHICA	Nimmo, RN, Mary Jo	Lenoir Memorial Hospital	Present
Rep. appointed by the Board of Directors of NCHICA	Cansler, Lanier M.	NC DHHS / to be replaced	Absent
Rep. appointed by the Board of Directors of NCHICA	Dillehunt, David	FirstHealth of the Carolinas	Absent
Rep. of a Health Information Exchange service provider	Wagner, PMP, Ginny	IBM Corporation	H.-Pak Harvey-sub
Ex Officio Rep. of NCHICA (Executive Director)	Anderson, Holt	NCHICA	Present