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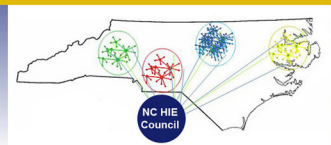
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NC HIE UPDATE



June 18, 2008 Meeting Highlights

Committee Reports

The **Policy Development Committee** met in May and June and has primarily addressed policy issues being raised by the NHIN 2 and HISPC projects. The Committee has over 40 individuals participating, and during July will continue their dialogue on policy issues using an online collaboration tool provided by the ISOM Faculty in Bryan School of Business and Economics at UNC-Greensboro.

The **Finance & Administration Committee** has had rousing discussions on the financial components and sustainability for health information exchange (HIE). They agree the existence of HIEs is prefaced on the existence of information to be exchanged, e.g. through the adoption of electronic medical records (EMRs). This foundational question of adoption of technology informs the business planning for HIE – without widespread digitalization of records and adoption of EMRs, an HIE will not have information to exchange. Council members were urged to nominate people with finance and administration experience to serve on the committee.

The **Quality of Care & Evaluation Committee** will hold its first meeting this summer. Sue West of RTI International has offered to help facilitate the committee, and we need others to join.

Mental Health Task Force

The Task Force met on May 23 with representatives from the Veterans Administration and Social Security Administration.

NC General Assembly Update

There are two bills pending in the House and Senate – H2241 and S1802 – both entitled “Health Information Management Study/Funds.” These bills would create a legislative study commission on electronic health information management, which would include eight members of the House, eight members of the Senate, and four members of the general public.

Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN 2) Progress Report

The AHIC demo is scheduled for September 23 in Washington, DC. This is a very important demo, with the scope still being developed by ONC. There is still no date for the final demo in December. The core services development is completed. There are four pathways to get data into the system: HL7, IHE, web services and web-based, and three of those are completed. Most of the software has been installed and integrated, and contract negotiations are underway with the vendors working on the use cases. The biggest obstacles to the contract negotiations have been about protecting intellectual property and liability. Four of the five VPNs are established and testing is underway. The schedule for the consumer empowerment use case implementation remains on track for the final demo in December. We are the only contractor that is giving patients control over their data, using the HIPAAT Privacy Suite – and we will shine compared to the other HIEs.

Upcoming Meetings

- **August 1:** Mountain AHEC, Asheville, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- **September 9:** Grandover Resort, Greensboro, 7:45-8:45 a.m.