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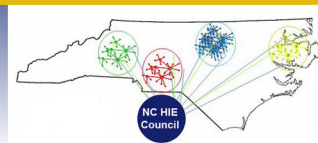
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# NC HIE UPDATE



## March 19, 2008 Meeting Highlights

**Testimony before NC General Assembly:** At the invitation of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on IT, Bill Mattern and Holt Anderson of NCHICA testified earlier in the day. They discussed NCHICA's activities and how it could help the state improve the quality of healthcare and reduce costs by promoting widespread health IT adoption. The Committee asked NCHICA to develop a proposal for a strategic plan that includes a timeline, steps needed, and expected cost savings. The HIE Council recommended that NCHICA enlist the support of other state leaders on this proposal as well, such as the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health Care and the Appropriations Committee.

**Mental Health Task Force:** Sally Cameron reported that the other chair of the Task Force, Mike Lancaster, was recently promoted to co-Director of the NC Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. She asked HIE Council members to let her know if they (or their colleagues) are interested in participating in this Task Force, and she will set up a meeting in April to discuss the next steps.

**NHIN 2 Progress Report:** Andrew Weniger reported that participating hospitals include FirstHealth of the Carolinas and Morehead Memorial, and participating physician practices include Carolina Neurosurgery & Spine Associates, Pinehurst Surgical, and Southern Pines Women's Health Center. The federal government recently extended the project through January 2009. NCHICA will require input from HIE Council committees to develop the business plan and evaluation plan.

**NC HIE Charter:** The HIE Council discussed the most recent version of the charter. The central issue is whether we are establishing an actual HIE exchange and/or an HIE Council that gives guidance on policies and standards for an HIE. The Charter Task Force believes that we should either create an HIE or outsource it. The HIE Council cautioned that we should develop a business plan for sustainability before establishing an HIE. The Council agreed we could try a phase-in approach, where we first establish a Council, then a business plan, and if no one else will do it, establish an HIE (which will either be outsourced or set up as a separate entity). The revised charter will be presented to the NCHICA Board for review at its April 18 meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Kris-Shae McCall asked members to send her nominations for HIE Council chair and vice chair, for review at the April 18 meeting.

**NC HIE Committees:** Council members were asked to volunteer to serve on the committees, or to send in names of colleagues who would be interested.

**Membership:** The HIE Council endorsed the addition of the NC Institute of Medicine as a voting member of the Council. NCHICA will contact the Institute.

### Future Meetings:

**April 18:** Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**May 14:** NCHICA office, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**June 18:** NCHICA office, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**August 1:** Mountain AHEC, Asheville, 2:30-3:30 p.m.