

# Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Committee (HIIAC) Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2009

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Portland State Office Building

## Committee Members Present:

Dick Gibson, Dawn Bonder, Ken Carlson, Nancy Clarke, Andy Davidson, Jim Edge (by phone), Laura Etherton, Paul Gorman, Grant Higginson, Denise Honzel (by phone), Lauren O'Brien, Andrew Perry (by phone), Abby Sears, Dave Widen

## Committee Members Absent:

Chris Apgar, Homer Chin, Joyce DeMonin, Bart McMullan, Barbara Prowe, Gina Nikkel, Nan Robertson, Sally Sparling

## Staff:

Rick Howard (DHS), Dr. Jeanene Smith, Ilana Weinbaum

### Call to Order

HIIAC co-chairs Dawn Bonder, Governor Kulongoski's Policy Advisor, and Dick Gibson, Chief Information Officer, Legacy Health Systems, called the meeting to order and welcomed HIIAC members and guests.

### Update on 2009 Legislative Session

Dr. Jeanene Smith, administrator of the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research, reviewed the health reform bills passed during the 2009 Legislative Session. HB 2009 reflects the Health Fund Board Recommendations which incorporated the HIIAC recommendations. The bill creates a Health Policy Board to consolidate state health and health policy functions and initiates a number of quality improvement and cost containment policies. HB 2116 restructures and renews Oregon's provider tax to provide access to coverage for all kids and additional low-income adults.

### Oregon Health Record Bank Update

Barry Kast updated the HIIAC on the Oregon Health Record Bank Project. The RFP for this project was released and bids were due May 11. A 5-member expert panel has reviewed the proposals and has made a recommendation to DHS. The new contract will be executed on July 16 and will go live on January 1.

The HIIAC discussed the relationship between the health record bank and the health exchange for Oregon. In addition, the group discussed a number of decisions that have been made about how the bank will function. This discussion included the following: information in the health record bank will be personally controlled and available to the consumer; data will be collected from a range of sources, including claims data, immunization records, and problem and medication lists; DHS will contract with a single contractor who will have to be able to connect with MMIS, DHS immunization registry, and DHS disease management contractors; and the Bank will be opt-in for Medicaid enrollees. Opportunities for health information exchange will initially be limited. Patients and their proxies will be able to access the record and print it out to bring in to their physician.

### ARRA/HITECH Update – Timeline for Federal Money, Oregon's Work to Date, Washington State's Work To Date

Ms. Bonder, Ms. Smith and Rick Howard (CIO DHS) updated the HIIAC on the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH) section of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the timeline for the distribution of associated federal funding. See "Summary of HIT/HIE Elements and ARRA/HITECH" and "The Envisioned Timeline to Interoperability" handouts for details.

Ms. Bonder, Ms. Smith and Mr. Howard updated the HIIAC on Oregon's current HIT efforts. The Governor's Office, the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHP), and DHS are partnering to develop an inventory of HIT

efforts in DHS and across the state. OHPR also has an EHR survey in the field which is being updated to include more detail about health information exchange.

HB 2009 created the Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOCH) to take the place of the HIIAC in coordinating HIT policy for the state and will support consulting and a staffer to coordinate ongoing efforts. The group discussed the need for HIIAC and eventually HITOCH to begin to develop the best structure and ideal plan for a statewide exchange for Oregon and how to ensure all efforts are coordinated.

Mr. Richard Onizuka, Healthcare Policy Director, Washington Health Care Authority, discussed Washington's efforts to develop health information technology policy for the state, focusing primarily on Washington's health record bank pilot.

#### **Revisit HIIAC Recommendations**

The staff clarified that the HITOCH will be smaller than the HIIAC but will utilize extensive workgroup efforts. While the HIIAC was created by Executive Order, the HITOCH was established by the Legislature and the members will be Governor appointed and Senate approved.

The members discussed opportunities for stakeholder engagement and public input. Mr. Howard told the group that DHS will be launching a website that will include a workspace for health information exchange discussion and blog that will be open to the public.

The group reached consensus that rather than revising the HIIAC recommendations in detail, the group should look at HB 2009 to see how well it aligns with ARRA and determine what is missing from the responsibilities assigned to the HITOCH. The group will consider drafting a transmittal letter to the HITOCH but does not believe the state can wait for the HITOCH to be appointed before it starts to develop its plan for statewide exchange. HIIAC needs to get the proposal together for the state. As of July 1, there will be money for consultants to start developing a plan/proposal. Key issue will be financial sustainability, especially since money will be coming from recovery dollars.

#### **Next Steps – Input on Stakeholder Engagement**

Discussed July 23 stakeholder meeting in Salem. HIIAC will be part of that meeting and will keep the meeting for August on the schedule. Discussion of partnering with other efforts in the communities to fund planning process. There will be a planning grant workgroup. Ms. O'Brien, Mr. Davidson, Ms. Clarke, Ms. Sears, agreed to work with the state team as a planning grant workgroup.

Meeting was adjourned.