



September 25th, 2007 – Carole A. Gassert, RN, PhD, FACMI, FAAN, ANI Co-Chair provided data and information about ANI and the TIGER initiative and nursing education's efforts and concerns relative to nurses' adoption of health information technology to AHIC's Electronic Health Record Workgroup. It was an exciting opportunity to provide data and information about the TIGER initiative and nursing education's efforts and concerns relative to nurses' adoption of health information technology.

During Gassert's presentation to the EHR Workgroup the following needs were identified to move to nurses' adoption of health information technology:

- 1) Need support for bringing each of the 9 TIGER collaborating teams together in a face-to-face meeting to finalize their work.
- 2) Need support in disseminating outcomes from the 9 TIGER collaborating teams.
- 3) Need for vendors to engage nurses and other care providers to understand their needs related to technology to improve their work environments.
- 4) Need funding support for additional Nursing Informatics programs for masters level preparation. Need for NI programs not to be folded into the emerging Doctorate of Nursing Practice programs.
- 5) Need additional informatics faculty to teach in specialty programs and to prepare other faculty to teach basic informatics skills to entry level nurses.
- 6) Need incentives for leveraging retirement age Nursing Informatics faculty and nurse informaticians to be involved in preparing the workforce to adopt HIT.
7. Need for continuing education programs in informatics for practicing nurses, such as AMIA 10X10 and the European Computer Drivers' License.
- 8) Need incentives for clinical partners and educational institutions to work together to prepare nurses to use technology.
- 9) Need for vendors and educational institutions to collaborate to place systems in academic settings for students to learn electronic data management from the beginning of their academic programs.
- 10) Need to expand the HRSA program to fund additional collaboratives among nursing schools that will teach nursing faculty how to use telehealth, simulation, and informatics so they in turn will be able to include these skills throughout nursing curricula.
- 11) Need to encourage educational programs to adopt informatics competencies as outcome requirements for students.