



HIT Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Notes

September 14, 2011

Meeting Agenda

Opening Remarks

- **Farzad Mostashari** called in to give his opening remarks
- Mention of the Presidential Proclamation of National Health IT week
- HIPAA proposed to apply to laboratory results in addition to provider healthcare records
 - Pt has right to see laboratory
 - [CLIA proposed rule](#)
- HHS launched the [Million Hearts Campaign](#)
 - Cardiovascular diseases are the largest portion of avoidable deaths
 - Goal of the campaign is to prevent 1 million strokes and heart attacks over the next 5 years
 - Want to harmonize quality measures
- Judy Sparrow retiring end of September 2011
 - Judy demonstrated that the private and government sectors can work together
 - MaryJo to fill in until new position filled
 - HIMSS recognized Judy during the National Health IT Awards Ceremony later in the day.

State HIE Program Update

- **Claudia Williams** from the ONC called in to give a summary on the Care Share Exchange where hospital discharge summaries are communicated between entities
- Goal is to allow hospitals to electronically share this information
- Approximately 22% of hospitals exchange patient information with unaffiliated providers
- Strategies directed towards how physicians can share information about patients
 - Approaches used are not standardized
 - Need to build a pathway, ask local leaders for advice
 - Also need to define quality criteria
 - Baseline policy requirement?
 - How share information within and across?

Hunt Blair from the Department of Vermont Health Access also called in to the meeting

- Vermont took the blue button pledge
 - Trying to put the individual in HIT
- [Vermont Blueprint for Health](#)
 - All state residents should have blueprint PCP
 - Supported by Community Health Teams
 - Specialty care fully integrated with blueprint PCP and Community Health Teams
- Want a state supported network
 - Connect hospitals, providers, long-term care, home healthcare, human service, providers, everything
- Evaluation & Analytic Infrastructure
 - Receiving assistance from the Integrated Research Evaluation System at UVT
- **Paul Egerman** asked how is VT financed?
 - ONC
 - 2008 legislation in VT passed the “HIT Assessment”
 - 2/3 of 1% fee on all major medical claims collected, which amounts to approximately \$3 million/year (for 625k residents)
 - Hoping for Medicaid funding in future
- Long range plan for providers to contribute to funding as well
- ~40% of VT residents currently served by Vermont Blueprint for Health
- **David Lansky** asked what does VT teach the rest of the country?
 - At the policy level, it shows how VT intersects with the healthcare information exchange
 - The information that VT learned can be generalized to the American population
- **Gayle Harrell** asked about the privacy and security of VT’s programs
 - VITAL program created to address privacy and security policies
 - All providers must adopt these requirements

ONC Initiatives

- **Jodi Daniel**, Director at the Office of Policy and Planning at the ONC, gave an [overview](#) of the recent activities at ONC
- Federal Health IT Strategic Plan: 2011-2015
 - Achieve adoption and information exchange via meaningful use of Health IT
 - Improve the care and population health, while reducing costs, through Health IT
 - Create confidence in Health IT
 - Consumer empowerment to improve their health and the healthcare system
 - Advancements in technology and quick learning
- Strategic plan finalized September 12, 2011
 - Same 5 goals as draft from March
 - Comments/Modifications from draft

- Privacy/consent issues
 - HHS exploring privacy issues
 - Suggestions to extend stage 1 meaningful use
 - Working with NIST to improve usability and data portability
 - “[Putting the I in Health IT](#)” campaign to educate and reach out to public
 - Want a more interactive plan with user comments incorporated
- Consumer e-Health
 - September 12 consumer health IT summit
 - First federal Consumer eHealth Program launched
 - Proposed rule allowing people to access test results from laboratories directly from the laboratory
 - Leon Rodriguez appointed as Director of the Office for Civil Rights
 - Voluntary PHR Model Privacy Notice
 - National HIT week proclamation
- Pledge program
 - Data holders
 - Easier access to health information for patients
 - Blue Button
 - Direct
 - Non-data holders
 - Spreading the word
 - 40 pledges so far
 - www.healthit.gov/pledge
- Ways to support consumer commitment through HIT:
 - Access
 - To electronic health info
 - Action
 - New tools and apps
 - Attitude
 - Created an animation to explain HIT to public
- Data integrity & fraud detection/prevention
 - Research conducted by ONC since 2005
 - 2007 recommendations for certification criteria:
 - Audit/access logs
 - Auditor access to records
 - Identity verification
 - Document integrity, record keeping
 - Administrative/billing