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HIE NEWS

HIMSS12 HIE Symposium Reflects on Recent Success and Plots the Future of HIE Sustainability

HIE: The Year of Implementation, Collaboration & Beyond, will be held at HIMSS12 in Las Vegas on Monday, Feb. 20, as part of the pre-conference symposia lineup. The symposia will focus on implementation, collaboration and ways of leveraging innovation to advance HIE organizations at the local, state and regional levels.

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HIE Education at HIMSS12

Health Information Exchange is a major topic at HIMSS12, Feb. 20-24, in Las Vegas. In addition to the pre-conference [HIE Symposium](#) on Monday, Feb. 20, dozens of general education sessions are dedicated HIEs. Click the link to learn more about the courses and opportunities available to HIMSS12 attendees. [Read More >>](#)

Join the HIMSS HIE Community—Call for Committee Applications Now Open

HIMSS has opened its annual call for volunteers to serve on a committee for the 2013-14 fiscal years. Service on a HIMSS Committee—focused on specific settings and constituencies within health IT and key industry topics, is an excellent opportunity for professional development, networking and active engagement. An electronic application, available at the link above, will be open through March 2, 2012. Committee participation is open to all Individual and Corporate HIMSS Members who are not serving in other leadership positions within the Society and have maintained membership for at least the past 12 consecutive months.

Members with questions regarding serving on a committee may contact [Joan Flagg](#). For more information on the HIE Committee, contact [Pamela Matthews](#).



The Health Information Exchange Formation Guide Wins 2012 Book of the Year

The *Health Information Exchange Formation Guide: The Authoritative Guide for Planning and Forming an HIE in your State, Region or Community* is the winner of the 2012 Book of the Year Award. Written by HIELights contributors Laura

Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS, and Bob Brown, the [book](#) provides a practical, step-by-step approach to forming an HIE in your state, region or community. Based on extensive research and the authors' own direct experiences as HIE consultants, this book describes a structured approach to forming an HIE, one that incorporates leading practices that have helped other organizations as they journeyed through the planning and formation stages and then moved on to successful operations. The book includes a high-level overview of HIE, followed by a brief discussion of why it is so important. It then describes the

Legal Corner



Gerry Hinkley

The DURSA Gets a Facelift

By Allen Briskin and Gerry Hinkley, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP



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The DURSA is the Data Use and Reciprocal Support Agreement, originally issued in November 2009 and updated by Restatement I of the DURSA (dated May 3, 2011), which was publicly issued on November 30, 2011, after a significant vetting process. The original DURSA was an outgrowth of the self-created National Health Information Network (NHIN), a collaboration of government and private parties interested in

facilitating electronic access to health information. The restated version was created by the NHIN Coordinating Committee, itself created by the DURSA and renamed in the Restatement simply as the Coordinating Committee. The term NHIN has been phased out of the DURSA in favor of Network. [Read More >>](#)

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essential steps involved in planning and forming an HIE. The book also includes examples, checklists and resources. A companion [website](#) provides more information on the book, and some helpful downloadable figures and checklists for your own use. 2011. The Book of the Year Award is given every year at the Annual Awards Dinner at the Annual HIMSS Conference and Exhibition.

Invitation-Only Event Included in Crossing the Infrastructure & HITECH Meaningful Divide Symposium

The Mid Atlantic Collaborative of State Health Information Exchange breakout program and is an invitation-only event that is being held at the Crossing the Infrastructure & HITECH Meaningful Divide Symposium, Oct. 21-22, in King of Prussia, PA. Several states will meet to engage in discussions about their respective efforts and experiences to implement and advance HIE. The goal of this meeting will be to identify and address issues and/or concerns that are being experienced in implementing health information technology and advancing HIE within the respective states and across state borders. Consideration will be given to potential multi-state projects that can be initiated based upon the discussion. Representatives from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, New York, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC and Puerto Rico will be attending the collaborative and also taking advantage of presentations and networking activities at the Symposium. For more information, click the link above.

HIE Formation



Laura Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS

Part XII: Public vs. Private HIE?

By Laura Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS, and Bob Brown

In this series of monthly articles, the authors, based in part on their recently published book, discuss current HIE-related events and leading practices within the context of forming an HIE initiative in your state, region or community. This is Part 12 of the series. You can access previous installments at the [HIELights e-newsletter archives](#).



Bob Brown

We're starting to see more and more mention in the press about private HIEs versus public HIEs. Here's what you need to know about those differences; and how the activities in their respective formation stages may differ. [Read More >>](#)

Advocacy and Public Policy



Todd Rogow, MPA, PMP

Maine HIE Commits to Best-of-Breed Application Environment

By Todd Rogow, MPA, PMP, Director of IT, HealthInfoNet

HealthInfoNet operates Maine's nonprofit, independent statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE). It has arguably the most comprehensive HIE in the country and contains records on 75% of Maine's population. The organization recently reaffirmed its commitment to a best-of-breed environment. While the technology used to build the HIE is not unique, the application of that technology is. Usually the technologies employed would be set up within a single enterprise, but HealthInfoNet decided to use them to merge data from multiple sources. And unlike some of its counterparts around the country, HealthInfoNet chose to use a "best of breed" strategy in its technology vendor



Noam Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

Public Health and HIEs: Trends for 2012

By Noam H. Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

HIE is both a noun and a verb: as a noun, HIE refers to a health information exchange network or health information organization that operates a network that enables interoperability between healthcare systems (either within a complex organization or between organizations). As a verb, HIE refers to the act of exchanging health data regardless of the physical network or organization that might support it. Just like there are multiple uses for the term "HIE" there are multiple types of HIEs as the diagram below indicates: [Read More >>](#)

HIE Spotlight



William Sorrells, Executive Director Alaska eHealth Network

William Sorrells is Executive Director of the Alaska eHealth Network and a member of the HIMSS HIE Symposium Planning Committee. In this interview Sorrells previews the HIE Symposium at HIMSS12 on Feb. 20; discusses the unique challenges of patient care and health information change in Alaska; and the keys to financial sustainability for HIEs across the country. [Click the link to read the interview.](#)

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Las Vegas

selection and infrastructure development. It would have been easy to fall in line with a single vendor solution for all HIE needs, but HealthInfoNet made a conscious decision to bring together a number of vendors to develop a unique HIE model, which the organization felt best fit its member's needs. This model has provided more flexibility and given HealthInfoNet a robust platform to expand upon. [Read More >>](#)

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Hawaii Launches HIE

(HIBC) has announced "that it has awarded a \$680,000 contract to North Hawai'i Community Hospital (NHCH) to implement a Health Information Exchange (HIE) system throughout the North Hawai'i region, impacting more than 32,000 patients and marking the first step toward an island-wide HIE. Implementation has begun and will continue through 2012." [Hawaii Island Beacon Community](#)

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