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HIE NEWS

HIMSS12 Breaks Previous Attendance Records



The record-breaking trend continues for the 2012 Annual HIMSS Conference & Exhibition, held in Las Vegas at the Venetian Sands Expo Center from Feb. 20-24. As of Friday morning, Feb. 24, attendance at HIMSS12 reached 37,032 attendees, surpassing the HIMSS11 attendance figure of 31,500 attendees. Sessions on Stage 1 and Stage 2 of meaningful use, ICD-10, mobile health and mHIMSS, business and clinical analytics, and more kept attendees busy during the week. HIMSS12 also included [HIT X.0](#) and [Leading from](#)

[the Future](#), two conferences within a conference introduced last year. In addition, [Virtual HIMSS12](#) provided health IT professional unable to travel to the conference access to the keynote and other educational sessions. [Read More >>](#)

HIMSS Publishes Statement on Release of Meaningful Use Stage 2

On Feb. 24, the Office of the National Coordinator released the proposed rule for Health Information Technology: Standards, Implementation Specifications, and Certification Criteria for Electronic Health Record Technology, 2014 Edition; Revisions to the Permanent Certification Program for Health Information Technology. HIMSS released a statement from HIMSS12 in Las Vegas, after the notice of proposed rulemaking for meaningful use Stage 2 was made public. Click [here](#) to read the statement. And check back with *HIELights* to learn more about Meaningful Use Stage 2 may affect health information exchanges. [Read the statement >>](#)



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 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

Legal Corner



Gerry Hinkley

Use of Protected Health Information Outside the United States Can Raise Regulatory and Other Privacy Issues

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



Allen Briskin

Health information exchange participants are increasingly facing concerns regarding arrangements under which their business associates or health information exchange participants store, process or otherwise handle or use protected health information ("PHI") outside the United States and its territories (commonly referred to as "Offshore Activities"). For example, a health care provider may demand that the HIE or a technology or information services vendor enter into a business associate agreement that prohibits the storage of PHI "offshore," and prohibits members of an offshore contractor's workforce from having access to PHI. [Read More >>](#)

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HIMSS12 HIE Symposium Reflected on Recent Successes and Plots the Future of HIE Sustainability

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

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HIE Formation



Laura Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS

Part XIII: Why Are You Doing This?

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 13 of the series. You can access previous installments at the [HIELights e-newsletter archives](#).



Bob Brown

After all the time and effort you've expended so far in forming your HIE, two reasonable questions to ask are, "What's your objective?" and, "What's in it for you?" But don't answer yet. We'll come back to those questions-and give you our opinion-at the end of this month's column. [Read More >>](#)

Advocacy and Public Policy

The Garden State and ACOs

By Thomas S. Keefe, MA, FHIMSS

The signing of S2443, a bill creating a Medicaid Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project in the Department of Human Services, gives [New Jersey](#), a step forward in the development of ACOs, a key component of healthcare reform.

Healthcare providers in Camden, Trenton and Newark are expected to launch Medicaid accountable care organizations, or ACOs, early in this year, after the adoption of legislation that paves the way for these urban health care pilot programs to share in the Medicaid cost savings expected to result from innovative health care delivery models. [Read more >>](#)

Maine Receives Federal Contract to Connect Behavioral Healthcare Community to Statewide HIE

Maine and HealthInfoNet have received a \$600,000 contract to help support electronic sharing of health records among behavioral health providers and general medical providers in Maine. The contract was awarded by the [Center for Integrated Health Solutions](#) (CIHS), which is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). Maine was one of only five states to be selected, adding to its long history of national leadership in health information technology. Other states awarded include Kentucky, Illinois, Oklahoma and Rhode Island. [Read more >>](#)

Illinois HIE to Launch Secure Messaging Solution



Noam Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

Public Health and HIEs: Cloud-based Services

By Noam H. Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

NIST defines cloud computing as "...a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction." What does that really mean? Cloud computing allows for computing services and capacity to expand (or shrink) according to users' needs with little impact on the users' experience since services are configured on special, network-accessible platforms whose true, physical configuration is maintained behind-the-scenes. [Read More >>](#)

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Calendar

[This Friday 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

After a successful pilot, the Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) announced the full statewide launch of its ILHIE Direct Secure Messaging Solution. [Follow this link for the ILHIE Direct Newsletter](#), which contains additional details about the service.

more information on the HIE Committee, contact [Pamela Matthews](#).

Guam's Health Information Exchange Showcased at HIMSS12

The progress of Guam's Health Information Exchange system received national attention and was recently showcased at the Department of Health & Human Services Interoperability Showcase at HIMSS12 in Las Vegas. Because of the local government's efforts in implementation, Guam was chosen by DHHS to demonstrate its Secure Messaging capabilities using the Nationwide Health Information Network Direct Project. [Read more >>](#)

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