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Highlighting HIE and RHIO Initiatives

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HIE NEWS

New HIMSS Board Members, Officers Begin Their Terms

Heading up the HIMSS Board of Directors, four officers and four board members began their newly appointed posts earlier this month. Willa Fields, DNSc, RN, FHIMSS, assumed the one-year term as Chair of the Board, replacing Charlene S. Underwood, MBA, FHIMSS, Senior Director of Government and Industry Affairs for Siemens Medical Solutions. R. Scott Holbrook, MS, FHIMSS, started his term as Vice Chair of the Board, replacing Holly Miller, MD, MBA, FHIMSS, Chief Medical Officer of MedAllies. Read More

Notes on the White House Health IT Town Hall

by Gregory Reicks, DO, FAAFP

I was invited to the White House. That's a big deal, at least to me. But more important is that at the June 19 White House Health IT Town Hall, I had the opportunity, as a representative of the Colorado Beacon Consortium, to talk with other health care professionals from around the country. I didn't return to Colorado with tidy solutions, but I did leave with much to ponder. Read More

New York RHIOs and HIEs to Create 'Model for Rest of the Nation'

The New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) and the New York State Department of Health announced in June that three regional health information organizations (RHIO) and three health information exchange (HIE) vendors will participate in the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY), which officials say will function much like a public utility. The RHIOs—Brooklyn Health Information Exchange, e-Health Network of Long Island and THINC—and HIE vendors (HealthUnity, IBM and InterSystems) have signed on with NYeC to facilitate information exchange across New York's downstate region, which comprises New York City's five boroughs, Long Island and the Hudson Valley, with a combined population of 13 million. The collaboration represents a significant step, officials say, formalizing the creation of a single, unified statewide network for healthcare records. The SHIN-NY is coordinated by NYeC and will unify existing state HIE initiatives – such as within hospital systems and local RHIOs—making electronic health records secure and accessible to healthcare providers statewide. Read More

HIE Advances in Kentucky through New Partnership

The Kentucky Health Information Exchange (KHIE), St. Elizabeth Healthcare and HealthBridge announced today the successful secure exchange of patient medical records between the three organizations. The announcement is a significant step forward in ongoing efforts to advance health information exchange in Kentucky that will ease the transfer of patient health records among health care facilities, providers, labs and pharmacies. KHIE now has the ability to receive and distribute patient health records from St. Elizabeth Healthcare to

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HIE Formation

Part XVII — Who's the Beneficiary?
By Laura Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS, and Bob Brown

Laura Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS

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.

Read the current installment

Bob Brown

Advocacy and Public Policy

Movement from "Fee for Service" to "Fee for Value"
By Alan Gilbert, MPA, FHIMSS, Managing Partner, Health Catalyst Consulting, LLC
Today's movement towards a "Fee for Value" environment demands a proven model to systematically improve care outcomes and reduce costs across the Continuum of Collaborative Care. Fee for Value Initiatives include Accountable Care Organizations, Patient Centered Medical Homes, Health Homes, Bundled Payment, Clinical Integration, etc. Each of these require a robust I.T. infrastructure across the continuum of "cradle to grave" care including HIEs, EHRs, Hospital Information Systems, Labs, e-Prescribing, Medical Device, and Diagnostic Imaging systems. The paradigm change from "Fee for Service" to "Fee for Value" necessitates the establishment of multi-disciplinary, multi organizational team based care models to actively manage emerging care plans, care delivery, and compliance with evidence-based care practices across a wide-variety of providers and care settings. Read More

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Dec. 3-5
2012 mHealth Summit

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2013
2013 Connectathon

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