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Highlighting HIE and RHIO Initiatives

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HIE NEWS

Review of New Additions to the HIE Toolkit

Over the past 12 months, the HIMSS HIE Toolkit has expanded to include the Ambulatory HIE Toolkit and the Enterprise HIE Toolkit, as well as more than 30 new white papers, FAQs, presentations and more. The majority of these resources were created by HIMSS volunteers, and all of them provide valuable insights and guidance for healthcare professionals who are interested in, planning, or actively involved in healthcare information exchange. A rundown of some of these new tools can be accessed here. Read More

Maine HIE to pilot nation's first statewide medical image archive

Maine's HealthInfoNet will launch the first medical image archive in the U.S. The new service "will reduce the cost of storage and transport of electronic medical images and make sharing these images possible through the health information exchange (HIE). In addition to leveraging the HIE, the service prepares Maine's providers for sharing images through the NwHIN Direct and Connect systems. It also supports the development of Accountable Care Organizations and other shared risk model care delivery structures."HealthInfoNet expects to end the pilot phase in the fall and expand the service statewide by 2013. Read More

Accountable and Collaborative Care: Lessons Learned From Care Programs Across the Globe

By Alan Gilbert, MPA, FHIMSS, Managing Partner, Health Catalyst Consulting, LLC
As the United States continues to move toward Accountable and Collaborative Care Solutions like HIEs, ACOs, patient-centered medical homes, health homes, bundled payment, value-based purchasing, etc., it is important to study similar projects and processes that have been implemented across the globe. Click the link above to learn the five lessons that may be gleaned from international accountable and collaborative care projects. Read More

Enhance and Advance Health Information Technology Education with HIMSS Academic HIT Directory

Recent government initiatives, policies and requirements are fueling a demand for healthcare information professionals who can support this reform, and work, in the American healthcare system. HIMSS State HIT Dashboard now offers the Academic Health IT Directory, a central resource for campus-based, online and blended health IT academic programs across the country for those seeking a career in the field. The Academic Health IT Directory lists 395 separate institutions that provide 499 programs. Users will find the URL for the school, accreditation (CAHIIM or AMIA 10x10), program name and type (associate, undergraduate, graduate, fellowship, certificate); delivery method (online-only; blended; brick and mortar); program contact name, department, address, e-mail; and URL for the program. Read More

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Public Health and HIE

Public Health and HIEs: A New Roadmap
By Noam H. Arzt, PhD, FHIMSS

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Much of public health IT is focused on interoperability these days, not only as a result of the requirements of the CMS EHR Incentive Program but also to support existing public health surveillance and systems requirements. The **Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC)**, a national non-profit membership-based organization of federal, state and local health agencies; professional associations; academia; public and private sector organizations; international members; and individuals, has released its 2012-14 Strategic Plan with a strong focus on the use of interoperable health information to support its vision. Click the link above to read the rest of the story. Read More

HIE Spotlight

2012 Government Health IT Conference & Exhibition: Building a Statewide HIE

The state of Maine's HealthInfoNet is an independent, nonprofit health information exchange that was first

Fostering a Network of Trust in Today's Health Information Sharing Environment

A nationwide, interoperable, private and secure health information sharing environment has become widely recognized as necessary for achieving high quality healthcare. Such an environment—in which information is available to enable each participant to make better health and health care decisions—holds promise for dramatic improvement in quality and cost-effectiveness. Those implementing health information sharing efforts quickly learn that achieving such a health information sharing environment will require trust. While public and private sector initiatives have been important to advancing widespread, trusted health information sharing, the need for a complete "framework" remains. The Markle Connecting for Health Common Framework for Private and Secure Information Exchange (Markle Common Framework) is one such framework, created to offer a comprehensive set of policy and technology attributes to establish a trusted health information sharing environment. Read More

HIE Formation

Laura Kolkman, RN, MS, FHIMSS

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Part XVI—The HIE Technology RFP

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.

This month we'll discuss when, and how, you'll prepare and release your Request for Proposal (RFP) for the technology services to support your HIE. If you've followed the advice in our book you've already built the solid organizational foundation needed to support the issuance of your RFP. Read More

Advocacy and Public Policy

HealthBridge and Greater Cincinnati Providers Rolling Out New Alert System

HealthBridge announced today the successful go-live of a new ED Admit Alert System developed through the Greater Cincinnati Beacon Collaboration (GCBC). 33 primary care practices are currently receiving alerts and a total of 85 are expected to go-live in the coming weeks. This new system is designed to give practices real-time information to keep patients healthier. Read More

incorporated in 2006 to use health information technology to improve and transform healthcare quality and safety across the state. Orion Health provides the technology backbone of the exchange. At the 2012 Government Health IT Conference & Exhibition, BG Jones, Vice President, Alliances and Federal Government, Orion Health, will discuss Orion's role in building and sustaining HealthInfoNet, and what lessons others can take from this example. Mr. Jones will discuss this topic—"Maine: Building a Statewide HIE"—on Tuesday, June 12. Mr. Jones spent a few minutes with HIMSS to answer questions about the track. Read the interview

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June 11-12
8th Annual Government Health IT Conference & Exhibition

June 29
2012 mHealth Summit Call for Presentations Deadline

Sept. 10-14
National Health IT Week

Dec. 3-5
2012 mHealth Summit

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, 2013
2013 Connectathon

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