

# Informing Clinicians Committee Meeting Summary

November 14, 2006

**Audio Conference**  
**Host Site: Assistant Director's Office**  
**Illinois Department of Public Health**  
**5th Floor**  
**535 W. Jefferson St.**  
**Springfield**

## Committee Members

*Ellen Brull, M.D., Chair*  
Craig Backs, M.D.  
Beth Hackman  
Daniel Litoff, M.D.  
Anne Mahalik  
Edward Mensah, Ph.D.

## Other Participants:

Patrick Gallagher

## Staff Members

Jeff W. Johnson  
Ariel Katz

Ellen Brull, MD, Chair convened the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

She began discussing the draft report by suggesting that the first objective include, “exchange of the personal health record including medication...” to re-emphasize the goal of a Personal Health Record for everyone.

Craig Backs, MD clarified Objective #1 Recommendation #3 to read, “support clinicians who comply with these standards.”

Dr Brull suggested Objective #2 Recommendation include, “funding is needed to help clinicians and programs that assist clinicians” to emphasize that clinicians will need monies as well.

Dr Backs clarified Objective #2 to read, “overhead expense” in case there were any misunderstandings.

Dr Brull suggested the wording of Objective #2 include, “The investment in EHR is a shared one that will benefit patients, insurance companies, hospitals, state and federal agencies. Funding sources should be sought from all who benefit. Creative funding sources may include monies from low interest bonds, insurance companies, hospital organizations, other organizations that directly benefit from EHR adoption, private foundation, state and federal grants. “-to re-emphasize that the burden of adoption should include everyone that benefit. The words, “malpractice claims adjustments and licensing fees were removed” as they were not thought of as feasible solutions at this time.

Dr Brull suggested to revise Objective #2 Further issue #1: “small group practices” as oppose to “solo practitioners” as they are also in need of assistance.

Dr. Backs moved that the final committee report, as amended, be adopted. Daniel Litoff, M.D. seconded the motion. The report was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.