

**Interconnecting Clinicians Committee Meeting Summary**  
**June 30, 2006**

**Audio Conference**  
***Host Site: Assistant Director's Office***  
**Illinois Department of Public Health**  
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**Committee Members**

*Jonathan Dopkeen, Ph.D., Chair*  
Shelly Raymer Duncan  
Thomas A. Granatir  
Todd Hart  
Anne Mahalik  
Patricia Merryweather  
Fred Rachman, M.D.  
Nancy Semerdjian

**Staff Members**

Jeff W. Johnson  
Fee Habtes  
Seema Kamath

Having reached a quorum, the meeting was convened at 10:16 a.m. by Jonathan Dopkeen, Ph.D., committee chair.

The first item on the agenda was the review and approval of the Summary of the June 22, 2006, committee meeting. It was moved and seconded that the summary be approved. The motion passed.

Dr. Dopkeen then opened discussion on the draft committee goal statement (which was revised because of concerns expressed during the previous meeting). He stated that he liked the direction the committee was going in broadening the goal statement. The original goal was a little too technical. A member suggested that the goal statement be further revised to replace the word “exchanging” with “sharing.” This was also suggested for several of the issues statements. Another suggestion was to replace “prescription” with “medication” to make the goal more understandable. Replacing “records” with “information” was the final change suggested. The committee adopted these changes.

Dr. Dopkeen asked if there were any remaining concerns regarding the draft issues. He pointed out the two issues added after last meeting. The first new issue related to whether any federal laws or rules impede health information exchange in Illinois. Members agreed that this was an appropriate addition.

The second issue was whether the health information exchange infrastructure should be federated or centralized. Todd answered that you want a system that doesn't need a large

aggregated database. Fred Rachman, MD said that the group should evaluate what goal and choose a structure that would support the goal. It doesn't need to be a pure model of one form or the other. You could query on certain items and the system could still provide accurate reports. Rather than question the structure, restate what the goal is and what alternatives would support that goal. It was suggested by Dr. Rachman that the issue be revised to read:

*“What sort of architecture would be necessary to support the intended use of the data?”*

The members approved the revised language.

There was discussion relating the objectives and issues that related to structure. Tom Granatir thinks there should be discussion of an oversight body to look over data exchange. He said the committee should find out who is charged with stewarding this and their roles. Legislation shows we might not need a governmental body. This might be different entities for different things. The issue will be debated further at the next few meetings of the committee. There was agreement that the wording of the objective and issues should refer to “entity” instead of “structure.”

Dr. Dopkeen mentioned that Taskforce member, Dr. Edward Mensah, has an interest in cost analysis and estimating the cost of a governance entity may be a good starting point.

Dr. Dopkeen concluded the meeting by noting the good work product developed by the committee and indicating that it would be presented to next week's Steering Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.