

**Minutes**  
**HISPC-Illinois Steering Committee**  
**Audio Conference Meeting**  
**August 27, 2007**

Members Attending: David Carvalho, Steven Glass, William Kempiners, Patricia Merryweather, Randy Mound, Patrick Gallagher, Carolyn Guthman, Louis Lazovsky, Nancy Semerdjian.

Members Absent: Joyce Sensmeier

Staff/Project Team Attending: Jeff Johnson, Marilyn Thomas, and Elissa Bassler.

RTI Representatives Attending: Stephanie Rizk, Amy Jacobson

**Overview of HISPC-IL**

David Carvalho and Jeff Johnson provided background and overview of the HISPC Illinois Project. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project. It is part of a 30 state collaboration exploring privacy and security issues related to Electronic Health Records. The collaborative is managed by RTI on behalf of the federal AHRQ.

The first round of HISPC in Illinois produced a general plan. This round is focused on the development of two discrete tasks/work products. A draft Uniform Consent form and draft privacy and security policy recommendations. These are to feed into a future Illinois Health Information Network.

David Carvalho described the Governor's recent Amendatory Veto of HB1254, which created an ILHIN. HB1254 created an independent non-profit for ILHIN. The Governor's AV keeps ILHIN's overall goals and objectives, but gives ILHIN responsibility to the Department of Health Care and Family Services (HFS), and provides that the Board of Directors described in the original bill become an Advisory Committee to HFS. The outcome of the Amendatory Veto won't be known until after the fall Veto Session. However, whatever the final form of ILHIN, the HISPC work products will still be needed. IDPH will engage HFS so that they are aware and involved in the HISPC activities.

There is \$500,000 in the IDPH budget that recently passed for EHR activities. Pat Merryweather inquired as to whether IDPH can participate in HISPC if HB1254 dies. David Carvalho responded that participation in this sort of activities is within the general scope of IDPH authority.

The William Kempiners commented that they hoped that the Administration would have substantive discussions with Representative Hamos in order to avoid unnecessary conflict and confusion, and David Carvalho assured him that that would occur.

Jeff Johnson presented some of the information from the PowerPoint provided, focusing on the regional collaborative component of the overall HISPC program. Illinois is required to participate in at least one collaborative on specific Privacy and Security subjects. Currently, staff is deliberating between the Consent issues collaborative and the Inter-agency agreements collaborative.

The HISPC Illinois project is structured with a steering committee to provide oversight of the effort and obtain stakeholder input. There are two workgroups: Privacy and Security and Legal.

#### Privacy and Security Workgroup

Charge: create draft policies and recommendations for a state level Health Information Network.

Carolyn Guthman suggested that that workgroup build on work already done in other states/best practices.

#### Legal Workgroup

Adopt a model uniform patient EHR/HIE consent form and create a dissemination plan for the model form to encourage its use.

Meetings will be held by conference call, unless workgroup requests otherwise.

The Steering Committee approved the Steering Committee document (pending update of members to include Louis Lazovsky).

### **Discussion of Workgroups**

#### *Privacy and Security Workgroup:*

- Some discussions have already been undertaken in the EHR Task Force. The minutes of those meetings should be provided to the Workgroup

The Steering Committee approved the P&S Workgroup Purpose/Goals/Ground Rules.

The Steering Committee members were asked for recommendations of participants by August 30. IDPH will review suggestions and create a balanced and appropriately sized workgroup from the recommendations. Representatives of coalitions could be helpful, but IDPH is also looking for people with substantive knowledge.

#### *Legal Workgroup:*

Marilyn Thomas explained that the Legal Workgroup would think about the legal implications of the P&S workgroup products, and create model uniform consent form.

Marilyn requested that the suggestions for participants be licensed attorneys only, such as any legal counsel groups have been working with. IDPH believes that if this is an area of practice/interest for attorneys, they will participate pro bono.

Steven Glass expressed concern about only having attorneys, and felt that this issue needed input from consumers and providers as well. William Kempiners echoed the concern indicating that attorney's might not create something that is understandable to consumers.

Carolyn Guthman suggested that someone from the Attorney General's office be included.

The Steering Committee approved the Legal Workgroup document, with the notation of members' concern about broader consumer/provider representation.

### **Other Discussion**

Members requested additional background and Jeff Johnson indicated he would send out links to the previous reports and extract portions of the reports that are relevant to the phase II projects.

Stephanie Rizk of RTI informed the group about the overall project. Thirty-four states and territories are in HISPC, some non-HISPC states are also involved in the collaboratives. In response to a question, Stephanie indicated that there are no states that have a full state-wide exchange operating but there are RHIOs. Privacy and security is in its early stages even in those states that are pretty far along on data exchange.

In response to a question, Stephanie indicated that ONC (the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) is working on a top-down and bottom up approach to assure that these activities work at both the national level and for the local provider.

### **Future Steering Committee Meetings**

Jeff Johnson indicated that IDPH anticipates two more steering committee meetings, one the week of 10/22 to review drafts from the workgroups, and one towards the end of December to review final products.

Next meetings:

October 22, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.

Jeff asked the steering committee to also think about people to put on the list serve to keep informed of the activities.

These meetings are not subject to the Open Meetings Act but meeting information will be shared anyway.