



## Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee (HIECC) Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 22, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
**Location:** GoToWebinar

**Members Present:** Kim Streit, Kayvan Amini, DO, FACC for Lee Ann Brown, D.O., Craig Dalton, Jennifer Johnson for Melanie Brown Woofter, Jeanie Smith for Tab Harris, Dennis Hollingsworth, Jarrod Fowler, Peter Kress, Marie Ruddy, Melissa Verguson, Kimberly Tendrich, Kelly Kaladeen for Wences Troncoso, Hymin Zucker, MD, Ankush Bansal, MD

**Agency Staff Present:** Crystal Ritter, ABM Uddin, Pamela King, Suzanne Kirayoglu, Chris Cogle, MD

**Others Present:** Evan Carter, Audacious Inquiries

**Interested Parties Present:** Bruce Culpepper, Linda McDonald, Michael Cragg, Michael Karris, Jennifer Kaufman, Cynthia Henderson, Henry Perretta, Kim Allen-Davis

**Meeting Materials:** HIECC Meeting Packet. Copies of meeting materials are posted on: <http://www.fhin.net/committeesAndCouncils/hiecc.shtml>

**Welcome:** Ms. Pamela King welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Ms. King called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. and conducted roll call - a quorum was present.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes and Previous Action Items**

Ms. King requested that the members vote to approve the HIECC meeting minutes from November 8, 2022. Members moved to approve the meeting minutes.

### **Agency updates**

Ms. King shared that as of January 26<sup>th</sup>, Jason Weida was officially announced as the Agency Secretary. Secretary Weida has been with our Agency since December 2021. He initially served as Assistant Deputy Secretary in Medicaid Policy and Quality. In September of last year, he moved into the Chief of Staff role and has now officially moved into the Secretary role.

Additionally, there has been a name change to our division. We are no longer called the Division for Health Quality Assurance; we are now the Division of Health Care Policy and Oversight.



## **Election of Officers**

Ms. King announced that the Agency received one nominee for Chair and that was Mr. Craig Dalton, and one nominee for Vice Chair and that was Mr. Tab Harris. Mr. Harris e-mailed that he would be honored to serve in the role, and he regretted that he could not be at the meeting in person. Ms. King asked if there were any nominees from the floor for the Chair and Vice Chair. Hearing none, she asked if there would be an objection in taking both of those nominations up for those respective offices in a block vote. With no objection, Mr. Dennis Hollingsworth moved to elect Mr. Dalton as Chair and Mr. Harris as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hymin Zucker and carried unanimously.

Pam continued facilitating the meeting at the newly elected Chair's request.

## **Data Quality:**

Dr. Chris Cogle, Chief Medical Officer, Agency for Health Care Administration shared how his team was using data to assist the Bureaus of Quality, Policy, Plan Management, and Finance. He noted the Encounter Notification Service (ENS), although very valuable, suffers from some missing data on patient complaints from almost half of the acute care hospitals. He shared that with improved data there was a greater potential for identifying patient, hospital, and community needs related to the Medicaid population; including support for substance use and other behavioral health disorders.

Following Dr. Cogle's presentation, members further discussed the importance of data quality to improve patient care. Ms. Marie Ruddy shared that in some instances the data may be coming across in unexpected fields and this is something we can look into for improvement. Other suggestions included working with vendors and hospitals directly to determine where interoperability break downs may be occurring. There was also discussion on if the Florida HIE vendor could look at this issue in more detail with other ENS participants.

## **Florida HIE Services Update**

Mr. Evan Cater briefed the Committee on the changes made to the ENS retention addendum from the conversation held at the last meeting. He noted that the addendum went through several iterations with the State Consumer Health Information and Privacy (SCHIP) Advisory Council before being recently finalized at the February SCHIP Advisory Council meeting. He shared that the voluntary addendum allows additional services to be provided including the Emergency Department Optimization (EDO) an emergency department care coordination tool. Mr. Carter also briefly discussed the Post Acute Care Network Management tool that can help enhance post-acute care (PAC), including communication between hospitals and PAC providers.



### **E-PLUS Updates**

Ms. Suzanne Kirayoglu gave a presentation on key features of the Emergency Patient Look Up System (E-PLUS), an emergency management tool offered by the Agency. She shared the system could help continue patient care during the times of disasters and find missing persons. She also shared lessons learned from the deployment of the system during Hurricane Ian. In particular, she noted the need for greater participation in the E-PLUS system by pharmacies.

### **Health IT Outreach Update**

Ms. King shared ongoing outreach and education efforts around HIE initiatives. She invited all participants to join Florida HIE Summit in Orlando on April 13 and encouraged them to share the event through their platforms.

### **Meeting Summary**

At the end of the meeting, Ms. King provided a meeting summary, noting she would get with the new Chair to discuss the next meeting agenda items.

### **Next steps**

The HIECC will meet again 05/17/2023.

### **New Action Items**

<b>New Action Items</b>	<b>Owner</b>
Meeting with Craig Dalton	Pamela King

With no further business to discuss there was motion to adjourn, with no objections. The committee adjourned at 2:58 p.m.