



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

**Date:** August 16, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
**Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Craig Dalton, Tab Harris, Dennis Hollingsworth, Peter Kress, Melissa Vergeson, Kimberly Tendrich, Kayvan Amini, Ankush Bansal, Jarrod Fowler, Kim Streit, Marie Ruddy

**Presenters:** Craig Dalton, Jaime Bustos, Michelle Salzman, Jennifer Grove, ABM Uddin

**Agency Staff Present:** AMB Uddin, Crystal Ritter, Jaime Bustos, Kim Davis-Allen, Corinne Slatterback, Ericka Pearce, Dana Watson, Sketch Piers, Dylan Dunlap

**Interested Parties Present:** Ashley Tait-Dinger, Brian Smart, George Cedemo, Michael Craig, Bruse Culpepper, Eric Rutledge, Jesse Herbert, Jennifer Grove, Karen van Caulil, Michael Karris, Samuel Lewis, Linda McDonald, Michelle Salzman, Angelina Rivers

**Meeting Materials:** HIECC Meeting Packet. Copies of meeting materials are posted on: [Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com/HealthInformationExchangeCoordinatingCommittee)

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Craig Dalton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm on August 16, 2023, and reminded everyone the meeting is being recorded. Mr. Dalton welcomed the new HIECC members Dr. Kayvan Amini, and Dr. Ankush Bansal and asked Jaime Bustos to call the roll.

**Roll Call:** Jaime Busto took roll, and noted a quorum was present.

**Review and Approval of Minutes and Previous Action Items:** Mr. Dalton asked members if they had an opportunity to review the minutes and if there was a motion to approve. Tab Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. Kimberly Tendrich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Agency Updates:** Mr. Dalton asked Mr. Bustos to give the Agency updates. Mr. Bustos shared that the Agency's FloridaHealthFinder website had a soft launch. This is the Agency's largest transparency website. It has been updated to have a similar look and feel to the other transparency websites and cover page. We have some instructional videos being created that will show how to use the site and how to pull reports. If you have any feedback or comments, please send them to the Agency.



**Mental Health Collaborative Overview and Discussion:** Mr. Dalton gave an overview of what to expect during the discussion and asked Representative Michelle Salzman to provide background on the Escambia County Collaborative. Representative Salzman gave a background on the collaboration, and the funding behind the Mental Health Collaborative and introduced Jennifer Grove, who led the efforts in their community. During the overview Ms. Grove went over vital information, the strategic plan and roadmap. She gave in-depth timelines of the past and future. After the presentation the members and interested parties discussed the value of community collaborations for behavioral health models. Mr. Dalton requested the members consider how this model could be implemented in other communities in Florida.

**HIE Updates:** Mr. Dalton requested ABM Uddin present Florida HIE updates. Mr. Uddin shared the discussions around Florida HIE participants' transition to the PointClickCare (PCC) national platform. He shared that PCC proposals around data sharing are being presented to the State Consumer Health Information and Policy (SCHIP) Advisory Council, the HIE Coordinating Committee (HIECC), the HIE Legal Work Group, and other stakeholders for input. The Legal Work Group's first meeting is set for Oct 10, 2023. He also shared information from the Health Tech Solutions' findings on HIE gaps in rural communities and the status of connectivity to the national networks, stating that the Agency will continue to work with other State agencies, the HIE vendor, and all stakeholders to facilitate and adopt data sharing nationally by rural hospitals. He also shared latest updates on ePrescribing rates in Florida, as well as E-PLUS adoption by partners to provide continuity of care and find missing persons during times of disasters. Uddin shared that the E-PLUS team continues to invest in education and outreach to onboard more pharmacies onto the platform to facilitate richer and better data for the users. Lastly, noted an increased interest of law-enforcement in using ENS to enable their ability to find missing persons during normal times, and the Agency will work with stakeholders for input.

**Next steps:**

Mr. Dalton reminded the members that the next meeting of the HIECC will be November 15, 2023.

<b>New Action Items</b>	<b>Owner</b>
Share Mental Health Collaboration presentation with Members.	Crystal Ritter
Provide feedback to the Agency on potential Mental Health Collaboration opportunities in their communities.	HIECC Members

With no further business to discuss, Peter Kress made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kim Streit and carried unanimously.