



Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee (HIECC) Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: GoToWebinar

Members Present: Craig Dalton, Marie Ruddy, Kayvan Amini, Jarrod Fowler, Stacy Hall, Tab Harris, Dennis Hollingsworth, Kim Streit, Kimberly Tendrich, Joe Velderman, Melanie Brown-Woofter

Agency Staff Present: Pamela King, Milly Hardin, Crystal Ritter, Erika Pearce, Kim Davis-Allen, Dana Watson, Suzanne Kirayoglu, Sketch Piers

Interested Parties Present: Alecia Collins, Aleskia Fernandez, Anna Marie Sheffield, Brian Smart, Cinnocent Innocent, Christina Samper, Joyce Case, Mary Kay Owens, Michelle Beekman, Sherina Gonzalez, The Florida Channel, Ute Gazioch

Call to Order and Welcome: Craig Dalton called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and requested staff to call the roll.

Roll Call: Milly Hardin read the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) statement; on Monday, May 6, 2024, the Agency released AHCA ITN 012-23/24, Statewide Health Information Exchange Service, in the Vendor Information Portal. Therefore, we are now in the statutory blackout period for this ITN. Section 287.057(25), Florida Statutes, prohibits any person from contacting an employee of the executive or legislative branches until 72 hours after the posting of an award from the solicitation. Any communication by or on behalf of a potential respondent during this period is strictly limited to the Procurement Officer as provided in the ITN. The Procurement Officer for this ITN is Weston McKain.

After reading the ITN statement, staff took roll and noted that a quorum was present.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Mr. Dalton asked the Committee if they had a chance to review the minutes, the Committee agreed they had. After discussion, Tab Harris moved for approval of the minutes. Melaine Brown-Woofter seconded the motion, with no objections, the minutes were approved.

Previous Action Items: Ms. Hardin went over the previous action items and gave status updates. She noted that the actions items were complete with the exception of researching ways other states share health data for research purposes, this item is in progress.



HIE Unit Updates: Pamela King gave the health information exchange (HIE) unit updates, she covered the following topics: National Patient Record Exchange Connectivity, the Florida HIE's Encounter Notification Service (ENS), ePrescribing, and the Emergency Patient Look-Up System (E-PLUS).

There was some discussion regarding hospital connectivity to the national exchanges and to ENS. The Committee requested information about the types of hospitals that are not connected. Ms. King noted that there were a variety of hospitals not connected for a variety of reasons, including funding and/or lack of resources. The Committee requested exploration of avenues to provide support to these hospitals in connecting to the national exchanges and ENS.

The ePrescribing overview raised some questions relating to the overall drop in the number of pharmacies with ePrescribing capabilities. The consolidation of pharmacies is thought to be the main reason behind this decrease, but the Committee asked Stacy Hall, with the Florida Pharmacy Association, if she could obtain more information on the numbers. The Committee also expressed interest in determining the number of compounding pharmacies accepting ePrescriptions and general information on how compounding pharmacies participate in ePrescribing.

The Committee also spoke about further exploring ways to increase patient matching for E-PLUS. It was suggested that the after-action report could be used as a tool to conduct targeted outreach around use and the continued development of best practices for querying, including drilling down to see if facilities in certain areas had better match rates than other areas.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Ms. Hardin let the committee know that Craig Dalton was the only one who accepted the nomination for Chair, with no other nominations from the floor. A roll call vote was taken, and Mr. Dalton was unanimously re-elected as Chair for the HIECC. Ms. Hardin noted that there were four nominations that had been accepted for the Vice Chair position. Those nominees were Marie Ruddy, Dr. Ankush Bansal, Tab Harris, and Kim Streit. Ms. Hardin asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor, Kim Streit, Tab Harris, and Marie Ruddy removed themselves from the nominations. Dr. Kayvan Amini then nominated himself from the floor. A roll call vote was taken and Dr. Amini, was elected Vice Chair with Marie Ruddy and Stacy Hall abstaining. Dr. Amini thanked the Committee for their support.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Meeting Summary: Ms. Hardin, Mr. Dalton, and Ms. King provided a meeting summary and displayed the proposed dates for next year's meetings. There were no objections.



Next steps

The HIECC will meet again on February 12, 2025.

New Action Items	Owner
Send Members a breakout of Hospitals that are connected/not connected	Crystal Ritter
Look into how compound pharmacy data is included in ePrescribing reports and why it appears there is a decrease in the number of participating pharmacies.	Stacy Hall
Review the E-PLUS data to determine if the match rate for patients is better in some areas than others, based on provider participation in national exchanges and which exchanges they are participating with at a national level.	Pamela King /Suzanne Kirayoglu

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. with no objections.

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