

Meeting Agenda / Minutes

MEETING TITLE: EHR Partnership Workgroup		DATE SCHEDULED: 8/20/2008
MEETING PURPOSE: To identify unique opportunities for healthcare stakeholders to recruit CMS EHR demonstration participants		LOCATION: 2 Peachtree NW 5 th floor conference room
FACILITATOR: Dr. Morrow		NEXT MEETING(S): TBD
RECORDER: Renea Steele		
SCHEDULED TIME		
Start 1:00PM	Stop 2:00PM	Total Hours 1.0

ATTENDEES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Kornegay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Borum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edna Boone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jack Chapman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judson Bruno
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pat Miles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Allen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Turner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia McCord-Estes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marty Froescer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawrence Sanders
CONFERENCE CALL ATTENDEES		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph Stubbs, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Watson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gene Rinehart
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Engelmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Carns	

	OBJECTIVES / AGENDA	Person	Estimated Duration	RESULTS:
1	Introductions	All	5	All participants introduced themselves (name and organization representing)
2	Overview of DCH and HITT	Renea	10	Overview of all OHITT Accomplishments brief description current initiatives/projects going on in the OHITT
3	Overview of CMS Project	Dr. Morrow	10	<p>1st year \$5,000/ year per practice 2nd year \$8,000 per physician up to forty per practice Last three year \$15,000</p> <p>26 quality measures (year 2) Carol Allen is working on ways to currently track quality measures.</p> <p>Four communities to act as "pilot" for Phase I. CMS is still working on fine tuning for phase 2.</p> <p>It was stated CMS is going to handle recruitment of physician practices. DCH will not have control over what physician practices are selected to participate.</p> <p>DCH's role is to develop relationships with partners to create financial incentives, promote physician recruitment, marketing, EHR implementation assistance and professional incentives.</p>
4	Review Survey Results	Renea	10	The results of the survey were explained. Overview of the purpose of the survey was to develop groups who can offer similar incentives/assistance with the EHR partnership.

5	Review Proposed meeting Schedule	Renea Steele	10	Explained the monthly meetings; The workgroup was asked to give feedback regarding meeting objectives and agenda; Overall feedback was positive. Dr. Chapman suggested to keep the meetings on the same schedule as the HITT Advisory Board meetings
6	Next Meeting Schedule, location and logistics	Renea Steele	5	The next meeting notification will be emailed along with an updated calendar.

	ISSUES AND ACTION ITEMS (DELEGATED TASKS)	CURRENT STATUS / COMMENTS	OWNER	EST. RESOLUTION DATE	REVISED RESOLUTION DATE
1.	Email Survey Results for further viewing		OHITT	8/25/08	
2.	Send contact information for Dr. Morrow to all EHR Partners		OHITT	8/25/08	
3.	Try to get HIMMS to participate as a partner		Dr. Morrow		
4.	Prepare packets for the Georgia State Chapter of HIMMS tradeshow scheduled for 9/25/08	Packets will be given to Dr. Jim Morrow to distribute at the conference	OHITT	9/19/08	
5.	Prepare packets for House of Delegates 10/4/08 -10/5/08	Packets will be given to Tom Kornegay MAG Communications Director	OHITT	09/19/08	
6.	Send contacts list email		OHITT	8/25/08	
7.	Prepare Packets for GSMA for Dr. Lawrence Sanders		OHITT	09/19/08	

ADDITIONAL MEETING COMMENTS

Edna Boone, gave an overview of the Maryland CCCHIT. She stated Maryland has looked at all the CCHIT vendors. Did reference checks for all vendors. Physician practices will be able to view all CCHIT vendors. Ms. Boone stated this would be a good starting point for GA to select CCHIT certified vendors.

Dr. Chapman explained the difference between the 100 control group and 100 demonstration

The question was asked "What incentives will the control group receive by participating?" If there aren't any incentives being offered for the control group participants it would be hard to get the physician groups to participate in the control group. The main goal is to provide/find incentives through the partners for the control group. Dr. Joe Stubbs stated incentives for the control group should be defined more.

Dr. Stubbs stated there should be links on the website of physician organizations (MAG, American College of Physicians) which will provide information regarding the EHR demonstration project. He stated physicians would feel more comfortable with this information coming directly from the organization versus coming straight from DCH.

David Cook suggested building synergies; He also stated the need to provide incentives. Mr. Cook stated he has ideas to raise money for control group participants.

Dr. Chapman suggested using MAG along with other county medical societies to engage more participants. He suggested maybe host meetings/presentations through these societies which would help with physician recruitment

In September the Georgia HIMISS chapter will be having a healthcare trade show. This would be an excellent way to communicate the EHR demonstration efforts by either having a booth or just getting information out there by way of informational packets. OHITT has agreed to provide packets for this tradeshow to Dr. Jim Morrow, which is scheduled for September 5, 2008.

A discussion incurred about the importance of making a clear distinction between EHR and practice management systems. There's a need for both the EHR and PMS to be able to be interoperable. A suggestion was made to get with HIMMS to help see what it will take to link the information in the systems (hospitals, doctors' offices) to promote interoperability and interconnectivity.

Dr. Lawrence Sanders also felt strongly that the EHR system and the practice management system should work together. Vendors should either have a practice management system or work with a practice management system.

Judson Bruno stated most vendors don't like to share information with other vendors..

It was determined presentations could be presented at the following functions to create awareness of the EHR Demonstration Project which would assist with physician recruitment and possibly produce incentives:

- House of Delegates October 4-5, 2008
 - 200-253 Delegates are usually in attendance
 - Prepare packets to include:
 1. Incentives
 2. 26 quality measures
 3. PQRI 2%
 4. E-Prescribing 2%

Georgia chapter of HIMSS