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Health Information Technology and Transparency Advisory Board Kick-off Meeting

Twin Towers – Floyd Room
November 17, 2006
9:00AM – 4:00PM

Members Present

Mike Adloo	Dr. James Buehler	Robert Bush
Jeffrey G. Broka	Dr. Jack Chapman	Monye Connolly
Greg Fields	Honorable Judson Hill	Patricia Massey
Sonya Smith	Russell Williams	

Guests

Antoine A. Agassi, *Director and Chair*, Tennessee Governor's eHealth Advisory Council
Holt Anderson, *Executive Director*, North Carolina Healthcare Information & Communications Alliance, Inc.

Kelly Cronin, *Director, Office and Programs Coordination*, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Nancy Desmond, *Chief Executive Officer*, Centers for Health Transformation

Michael Heekin, *Chair*, Florida's Governor's Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board

John D. Henry, *President and Chief Executive Officer*, Georgia Grady Health System

Laura Linn, *Project Director*, Centers for Health Transformation

Dr. Robert McCormack, *Medical Director*, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia

Glenn E. Pearson, *President / Executive Vice President*, Georgia Health Information Exchange / Georgia Hospital Association

The kick-off meeting of the Georgia Health Information Technology and Transparency (HITT) Advisory Board was called to order by Chief Information Officer, Mr. Harold "Sonny" Munter, of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH). Mr. Munter briefly described the purpose of the meeting and outlined the meeting format for the day. He then introduced Commissioner Dr. Rhonda Medows of DCH.

Dr. Medows briefly described the benefits that Georgia would receive from the widespread adoption of HITT. She invited the Board members to introduce themselves and to describe their role in the healthcare industry. Dr. Medows outlined the following goals for the Advisory Board:

- To develop a statewide strategy to introduce and implement Health Information Exchange across all settings and payers.

- To develop pilot programs that would support the usage of a Health Information Exchange. This will be presented to the Georgia General Assembly during the upcoming 2007 session.
- Promote transparency in healthcare by making information on price and quality available.

The Board heard from HITT industry guest speakers from Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee, as well as representatives from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the Center for Health Transformation. In addition, three guest speakers from Georgia provided information on current Georgia eHealth Initiatives. *(Additional information about the guest speakers and their presentations is available on the DCH website at www.dch.georgia.gov.)*

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next Health Information Technology and Transparency Advisory Board meeting will be held on December 13, 2006.