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TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
THOMPSON AUDITORIUM

401 WEST 15TH STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 25, 2011

Meeting Agenda

10:00 – 10:05 Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions,
Announcements

10:05 – 11:30 Board Business – *Action Item*

- Approval of Minutes of the Nov. 18, 2010 Meeting
- Consideration and Election of Secretary
- Consideration of Board Committee Nominations
- Consideration of Budget
- Consideration of December Financial Report and September 30, 2010 Year End Audited Financial Report

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10:05 – 11:30 Board Business (cont.) – *Action Item*

- Consideration of Administrative Matters
 - Accounting Policy and Procedures
 - Employee Handbook
- Consideration of Resolution to Join the State of Texas CO-OP Program
- Consideration of Submission of the 2010 Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature
- Consideration of THSA Recommendation to the Executive Commissioner of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission on Local HIE Grant Program Applications

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- 11:30 – 12:00 Lunch Break
- 12:00 – 12:30 CEO Update – *Briefing Item*
- Work Plan and Staff Activities Update
- 12:30 – 12:45 State HIT Coordinator Update – *Briefing Item*
- Medicaid HIT/HIE Initiatives
 - Federal Update
 - Legislative Update
- 12:45 – 1:00 Texas HIT Regional Extension Center
Update – *Briefing Item*
- 1:00 – 1:05 Information Items (Future Schedule)

Meeting Agenda

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| 1:05 – 1:20 | Public Comment |
| 1:20 – 1:35 | Executive Session (Personnel Matters) |
| 1:35 – 1:40 | Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Session Matters |
| 1:40 – 1:45 | Wrap Up and Adjourn |

Board Business

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Tony Gilman

Chief Executive Officer

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CEO REPORT

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Work Plan and Staff Activities

- White Space RFP
- Technology Standards
- Privacy and Security
- Operations and Administration
 - HHSC Contract
 - Financial Audit and Tax
 - Office Space
 - THSA Staff
 - ONC Grant Meeting

Work Plan and Staff Activities

White Space RFP Objective and Timeline

- Contract for HIE Services for Areas without Local HIE Activity
- Contractor(s) expected to fill same role in their communities as a HIO/RHIO
 - Support core HIE services
 - Develop strategies to increase lab and pharmacy automation and connectivity
 - Sponsor a community dialogue on HIE planning
 - Must adhere to statewide HIE policies and participate in the THSA's monitoring and evaluations
 - Support point-to-point connectivity through NHIN Direct

Work Plan and Staff Activities

White Space RFP Objective and Timeline

White Space RFP

<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Tentative Dates</u>
Develop White Space RFP	In Process
Tentative Release White Space RFP	April 2011
Evaluate White Space Proposals	May 2011
Award White Space Contract(s)	June/July 2011

Work Plan and Staff Activities

Technology Standards Objective

- Establish and maintain interoperability and other technical standards.
 - Commission technical consulting services to support identification of technical standards
 - Identify data exchange standards (including implementation specifications)
 - Identify technical security standards

Work Plan and Staff Activities

Technology Standards Timeline

Tasks	Tentative Dates
Tentative Release Statement of Work	March 2011
Deadline for Proposals	March 2011
Evaluate Proposals	March 2011
Interview Firms	March 2011
Select Firm	March 2011
Execute Technical Services Contract	April 2011

Work Plan and Staff Activities

Privacy and Security Policy Development Objectives

- Establish and maintain privacy and security policies and standards
 - Commission data collection to support development of consent policy
 - Educate policymakers on consent options
 - Adopt consent policy (based on legislative direction)
 - Commission legal services to support development of trust agreements and consent form, and to provide ongoing analysis of legal framework
 - Develop Texas HIE trust agreements
 - Develop universal consent form
 - Identify security policy standards

Work Plan and Staff Activities

Privacy and Security Policy Development Update

- Commission legal services through HHSC. HHSC intends to enter into an interagency contract with University of Texas Health Law and Policy Institute
 - Develop a series of policy white papers on:
 - ✦ Trust agreements
 - ✦ Universal consent form
 - ✦ Privacy and security policies to be utilized by local and regional health information organizations to support interoperable HIE, including authorization, authentication, consent, access, audit, breach, and patient engagement
 - Coordinate with the THSA to solicit stakeholder input and consensus

Work Plan and Staff Activities

Public Opinion Research Update

- Commission public opinion research on privacy and security through HHSC. HHSC intends to enter into an interagency contract with the Public Policy Research Institute at Texas A&M
 - Develop a project plan to conduct four focus groups around the State of Texas on public opinion regarding the exchange of personal health information
 - ✦ Occur in geographically diverse locations around the state
 - ✦ Include a representative sample of Texas' population by age, gender, and ethnicity
 - ✦ Ask members of the public to consider tradeoffs that may exist when providers access personal health information through health information exchanges. Participants should consider quality, cost, and control of medical information
 - ✦ Weigh tradeoffs to determine what level of patient control and consent is most desirable for achieving health information exchange

Work Plan and Staff Activities

Legal Services and Public Opinion Research Timeline

Legal Services – Privacy and Security

<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Tentative Dates</u>
Prepared Interagency Contract	December 2010
Executed Interagency Contract	February 2011

Public Opinion Research

<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Tentative Dates</u>
Execute Interagency Contract	February 2011
Conduct Focus Groups	March 2011
Provide Final Results, Analysis, and Recommendations	March 2011

Work Plan and Staff Activities

Operations and other Administrative Items

- **HHSC Contract**
 - Signed on December 17, 2010
 - First payment received on January 11, 2011
- **Annual Financial Audit and Tax**
 - Selected Maxwell Locke & Ritter
 - \$18,000 for audit and tax services
 - Audit Start (Jan. 24)/Tentative Completion (Feb. 24)
- **Office Space Update**
 - ~\$2,665 per month (lease payment, utilities, and parking)
 - 1,541 square feet (reception, 4 offices, and conference room)
 - 9th and San Jacinto
 - 3 year lease with first rent free
 - Move-in date of February 1, 2011

Work Plan and Staff Activities

Operations and other Administrative Items

- Southeast Regional Health IT-HIE Collaboration (SERCH) Project
 - THSA awarded \$7,500 in funding to integrate Texas HIE plan with other participating states
 - ✦ Review of the Texas HIE Strategic and Operational Plan and Texas' HIT environments;
 - ✦ Review of the HIE Strategic and Operational Plans of other states in consortium;
 - ✦ Summary report on how Texas HIE can integrate with the HIE plans of other states in the consortium (disaster planning emphasis);
 - ✦ Serve as technical advisor for Texas at a workgroup meeting in June
 - ✦ Assist with producing final report on integrating Texas HIE
 - University of Houston Health Law and Policy Institute awarded \$7,500 in funding to work on integration with other participating states on privacy and security.

State HIT Coordinator Update

Presented by:

Stephen Palmer

Director, Office of e-Health Coordination,
Texas Health and Human Services Commission

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Medicaid HIT Initiatives Update

- Medicaid HIT Plan and EHR Incentive Program
- HIE Pilots
- Medicaid e-Prescribing Initiative

Legislative/Federal Update

- House and Senate Interim Reports/Legislative Outlook
- Legislative Budget Board, Government and Efficiency HIE Report
- Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

REC Update

Presented by:

Kathleen Mechler

Vice President, THSA

Co-Director/COO CentrEast REC

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REC Status Update

- Ongoing activities since the last THSA meeting include:
 - Continuing enrollment in all four (4) regions
 - All four (4) Regional Extension Centers (RECS) attended the All Grantee meeting in Washington DC, December 13-15, 2010
 - Participating in the Texas Healthcare Information Technology forum at the Capital, January 26, 2011
 - On January 28, 2011, the four (4) RECs conducted respective Advisory Board meetings in conjunction with the Winter Texas Medical Association (TMA) meeting.
 - Extension Centers were offered an opportunity to submit applications to the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for additional Critical Access and rural hospital funding. This funding is for an additional \$6K/hospital. Pay points for the RECs remain the same.

REC Status Update – Comments

- There has been some concern and questions raised regarding who will be responsible for paying for HIE services long-term. The concern is more prevalent in small practices and rural communities.
- Sensitivity in the review of HIE applications is requested for rural communities. Rural needs are different and often not understood.

Information Items

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Future Meeting Schedule

- May 20 (Friday)
- August 19 (Friday)
- November 18 (Friday)

Public Comment

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Executive Session

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