



TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

THSA Collaboration Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/06/2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 CST

In Attendance:

Collaboration Council Members

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| Mike Alverson North Texas REC | Y | Larry Day Coalition of Health Services | Y | Thomas “Tate” Elinger Texas Department of State Health Services | N |
| Susan Fenton Consumer/Privacy and Security | Y | Tony Gilman Texas Health Services Authority | Y | Alex Gorman Montgomery County HIE | Y |
| Jonathan Ishee Gulf Coast REC | Y | Cameron Krier Texas Hospital Association | Y | Patrick Maloney FirstNet Exchange HIE | Y |
| Matthew Murray Texas Medical Association | Y | Stephen Palmer Texas HIT Coordinator | Y | Pete Perialas Integrated Care Collaborative | Y |
| Tom Quirk Texas Association of Health Plans | Y | Peter Yu CentrEast REC | Y | TBD Business Representative | N |
| TBD West Texas HIT REC | N | | | | |

Ex-Officio Members

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| Kris Barton Galveston HIE | Y | Shannon Calhoun Southeast Texas Health Systems | Y | Kay Carr Greater Houston HIE | N |
| Hank Fanberg Health Information Network of South Texas | Y | Remi Garza Rio Grande Valley HIE | Y | Peter Jacobs HIE Southeast Texas | N |
| Jon Law Paso del Norte HIE | Y | Alyssa McClure Northeast Texas HIE | Y | Fausto Meza Rio One Health Network | N |
| Sue Newhouse North Texas-Red River HIE | Y | Gijs van Oort Healthcare Access San Antonio | Y | Amber Pearce PhRMA | Y |
| Kim Roberson Texas Pharmacy Association | Y | Todd Radloff Texas Association of Community Health Centers | Y | Telly Shackelford Sandlot | Y |
| Paul Sisler Texas Council of Community Centers | Y | Michael Sterns Texas e-Health Alliance | Y | Manfred Sternberg iHealth Trust | N |
| Bryan White North Texas Accountable Healthcare Partnership | Y | | | | Y |

Other Attendees

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| Alesha Adamson Southeast Texas Health Systems | Y | Chad Aiken Surescripts | Y | Cynthia Alder University of North Texas Health Science Center | Y |
| Lori Ashford Texas Department of State Health Services | Y | Gary Barnes Medical Center Health System | Y | Nora Belcher Texas e-Health Alliance | Y |

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| Nick Bonvino | Y | Lee Boyd 4medica | Y | Jim Campbell iHealth Trust | Y |
| Taylor Cook Texas Health and Human Services Commission | Y | Kathleen Costello Texas Health and Human Services Commission | Y | Duane Donaway Hendrick Health | Y |
| Jocelyn Dabeau Texas Health Services Authority | Y | Todd Edwards Brazosport Regional Health System | Y | Steve Eichler Texas Department of State Health Services | Y |
| Larry Flourney Texas A&M University | Y | Shana Gooch Delisi Communications | Y | Amy Goring Accenture | Y |
| Eddie Hagens Axolotl/Ingenix | Y | John Haines Ingenix | Y | Brian Hall IBM | Y |
| Helen Haman Accenture | Y | Chris Hourihan HITRUST | Y | Jason Huebel Tomball Regional Medical Center | Y |
| Radhika Iyer CTG | Y | Kyle Janak Accenture | Y | Jenifer Jarriel Baylor College of Medicine | Y |
| Lee Johnson Texas Council of Community Centers | Y | Gary Kerl CTG | Y | Ann Kitchen Texas HIE Coalition | Y |
| Andrew Krecek University of Texas Medicine/University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio | Y | Kymerly Messersmith 3 Click Solutions | Y | Joe Miccio CTG | Y |
| Dana Parker Holon Solutions | Y | Ann-Marie Price Amerigroup | Y | Lillian Prince Texas Health Services Authority | Y |
| Steve Roddy Texas Health Services Authority | Y | Kandice Sanaie Texas Association of Business | Y | Yvonne Sanchez Texas Health and Human Services Commission | Y |
| Ethan Waldo Texas Association of Local Health Officials | Y | Merila Walker Texas Health and Human Services Commission | Y | Levi Walls Evolvent | Y |
| Debra Warner Rio Grande Valley HIE | Y | Lydia Washington American Health Information Management Association | Y | Kale Woods Tenet Healthcare | Y |

Agenda Items

| # | Item Name | Item Owner | Time Allotment |
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| 1 | Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements | Tony Gilman | 10:00–10:05 a.m. |

Presenter: Tony Gilman, CEO, Texas Health Services Authority (THSA)
Chair, THSA Collaboration Council

Mr. Gilman advised Collaboration Council members that the meetings of the Council are open to the public and that the agenda, presentation materials, and minutes of the meeting have or will be posted to the THSA's public website. He asked non-members of the Council to withhold all comments until the end of the meeting.

Mr. Gilman discussed the Collaboration Council's Wiki site, and asked if there were any members on the call that were not able to record their attendance through the Council's Attendance Tracker Form? Dr. Michael Stearns

noted that he did not have access to a computer and was participating by phone. Susan Fenton noted that she was participating by phone and would record her attendance through the form when she returned to her office. Mr. Gilman noted that Dr. Stearns attendance was noted and that staff would record his participation in the form.

Mr. Gilman further explained that the Attendance Tracker Form is being used in place of a meeting roll call but emphasized that recording meeting participation is important. He noted that the information would be used to record member participation in the official minutes of the meeting and calculate an in-kind donation. The in-kind donation will be used to help the state fulfill its match requirements associated with federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange (HIE) Cooperative Agreement Program.

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| 2 | Update on Implementation of Texas HIE Plan | Tony Gilman | 10:05–10:15 a.m. |
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Presenter: Tony Gilman

- **Local HIE Grant Program:** Mr. Gilman provided a status update on the Local HIE Grant Program. He reviewed the purpose of the program and noted that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) had made tentative awards to seventeen HIEs in March. During the month of April, HHSC executed ten contracts and distributed funding to one HIE with an executed contract. He further noted that it is taking HHSC about ten days to release funding under the program once the contract is executed. He also advised members review the profiles on each HIE. The profiles are available on THSA’s website at: www.thsa.org/media/2079/local%20hie%20awardee%20profile%20sheet%204-27-2011.pdf.
- **White Space Strategy:** Mr. Gilman briefed members on the status of the White Space Request for Qualifications (RFQ). He reviewed the purpose of the RFQ and noted that it was officially released by the THSA on May 2. He also noted that responses to the RFQ were due by June 1. Additional information on the RFQ is available at: www.thsa.org/announcements/white-space-rfq.aspx.

Mr. Larry Day asked about the timeline for responding to the White Space RFQ. Mr. Gilman noted that submissions are due on June 1 but that he anticipated that there would be opportunities for other organizations to qualify in the future.

Mr. Pete Perialas asked if the \$2 million for the White Space strategy would be allocated over a three-year period. Mr. Gilman advised members that funds would be available from 2011 through 2013. He also explained that all prospective Health Information Service Providers (HISPs) approved through this RFQ as a HISP are eligible to receive a subsidized payment from Texas hospitals and eligible practitioners located in the identified White Space counties. Hospitals and eligible practitioners are defined as the hospitals and practitioner types eligible to receive Health Information Technology Incentive Payments through Medicare or Medicaid. Each eligible hospital and eligible practitioner will be provided a voucher to subsidize the purchase of services from a HISP selected pursuant to the RFQ .

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| 3 | Discussion of Collaboration Council Charter | Tony Gilman | 10:15–10:20 a.m. |
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Presenter: Tony Gilman

Mr. Gilman noted that the charter outlines the role of the Collaboration Council and its membership. He advised that the Council’s primary focus in the coming months is to monitor the implementation of HIEs within the state

and to make recommendations on common policies and procedures, standards, technical approaches, and services to support necessary statewide HIE infrastructure in Texas.

He asked members if they had any comments or questions about the charter? There were no questions or comments.

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| 4 | Discussion of Governance and Statewide Policy Development Process | Tony Gilman | 10:20–10:25 a.m. |
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Presenter: Tony Gilman

Mr. Gilman noted that the next item on the agenda was a discussion of the draft Statewide Collaborative Policy Development Process document. He noted that the purpose of the document is to outline the policy development and approval process, and identify the areas where there is an anticipated need for Statewide Policy Guidance. The document also outlines the charter and areas of study for each of the THSA’s task forces.

Mr. Gilman also reviewed a diagram depicting the collaborative policy development process. He noted that the task forces created by the THSA would consider issues ranging from standards, to architecture, to trust agreements and provider and consumer engagement communication plans. All of this work will funnel up through the Collaboration Council to the THSA Board of Directors. Statewide policy guidance will be developed as needed and the HIEs funded through the Local HIE Grant Program or organizations qualified to provide HIE services under the White Space RFQ will be required by contract to comply with all guidance developed through this process.

He asked members if they had any questions or comments? Dr. Matthew Murray asked if the Medicaid HIE would be required to comply with statewide policy guidance developed through this process. Mr. Gilman and Mr. Stephen Palmer both responded to the question, noting that THSA and HHSC were coordinating and that the goal was for Medicaid to ultimately be a state-level data source rather than an independent HIE.

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| 5 | Key Initial Areas of Focus | Tony Gilman | 10:25–11:25 a.m. |
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Presenter: Tony Gilman, Helen Haman (Accenture), Amy Goring (Accenture), Chris Hourihan (HITRUST)

- **Interoperability:** Mr. Gilman advised the Council that one of the key areas of initial focus is interoperability. To address this issue, the THSA issued a Statement of Work (SOW) in March to five vendors under contract with the Texas Department of Information Resources to provide IT assessment and planning services. Following an evaluation of the proposals submitted in response to that SOW, the THSA selected Accenture to complete a standards landscape review and to develop a technical implementation specification document, enterprise architecture blueprint (EAB), and EAB lifecycle management document. He then introduced Ms. Haman with Accenture to introduce herself and the other members of her team. Ms. Haman and Ms. Goring provided a presentation on the Accenture’s approach and timeline for this project. A copy of the presentation is available on the THSA website at: www.thsa.org/media/2083/accenture%20thsa%20colouncil%20presentation%20-%20may%206,%202011%20-%20final.pdf.
- **Privacy and Security:** Mr. Gilman advised the Council another initial area of focus is privacy and security. He noted that HHSC contracted with the University of Houston Health Law and Policy Institute in February to help develop a series of policy papers and other deliverables in this area, including:

- Privacy and Security Primer
- Consent Options White Paper
- Trust Agreements White Paper
- Draft Trust Agreement
- Privacy and Security White Paper - 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

He further advised that the policy papers/deliverables would serve as inputs into the development of statewide policy guidance on privacy and security. He then explained that he had invited HITRUST, a non-profit that has developed the most widely adopted security framework for HIE in the U.S. healthcare industry, to discuss security. Chris Hourihan, HITRUST's Development and Programs Manager, presented on security and HITRUST's Common Security Framework (CSF) and CSF Assurance Program. A copy of Mr. Hourihan's presentation is available on the THSA's website at:

www.thsa.org/media/2086/hitrust%20presentation%20thsa%20collaboration%20may%206%5B1%5D.pdf

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| 6 | Future Meeting Schedule | Tony Gilman | 11:25-11:27 a.m. |
| <p>Mr. Gilman reviewed the following future meeting schedule for the Collaboration Council. He noted that all meetings were on the second Friday of each month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, June 10 • Friday, July 8 • Friday, August 5 • Friday, September 9 • Friday, October 14 • Friday, November 11 • Friday, December 9 | | | |
| 7 | Other Items | Tony Gilman | 11:27-11:28 a.m. |
| <p>Presenter: Tony Gilman</p> <p>Mr. Gilman asked if there were any other item members would like to discuss. No additional items were identified. He then asked if there was anyone on the phone that would like to make public comments. No public comments were made.</p> | | | |
| 8 | Future Agenda Items | Tony Gilman | 11:28-11:30 a.m. |
| <p>Presenter: Tony Gilman</p> <p>Mr. Gilman asked if there were any items members would like included on a future agenda. No items were identified.</p> | | | |