



TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

THSA Provider Engagement Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/11/2011

Time: 2:00 p.m. –2:40 p.m. CST

In Attendance:

Task Force Members

Julie Adams Seton – Ascension Health	Y	Carl Ahmed CA (Carl Ahmed) Associates	Y	Lori Ashford TDSHS	N
Pamela Aurora Children’s Medical Center Dallas	N	Susan Blue Neurological Services of Texas	Y	Nick Bonvino Northside B Consulting	N
Ernest Buck Driscoll Children’s Health Plan	Y	Dolph Courchaine Wellmed Medical Management	Y	Maryann Choi Harden Healthcare	Y
Joshua Escalante TDSHS	Y	Ken Hughes Chart Relay	Y	Jonathon Ishee Northwest Diagnostic Clinic & Access Health Providers	N
Radhika Iver Computer Task Group	N	Jenifer Jarriel Baylor College of Medicine	Y	Ann Kitchen Health & Community Strategies	N
Brad Lawrence Accenture	Y	Karen Love Harris County Healthcare Alliance	N	Patrick Maloney FirstNet Exchange	N
Dwayne McKee United Regional Health Care System	Y	Fausto Meza Doctor’s Hospital at Renaissance	N	Emily Padula Integrated Care Corporation	N
Mark Peppard General Dentist	N	Billy Philips Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	N	Janis Powers Civic Initiatives	Y
Carson Scott West Texas Regional Extension Center	Y	Marlene Smitherman Critical Connection	Y	Joey Sudomir Texas Health Partners	Y
Earnest Valle THHSC	N	Ferdinand Velasco Texas Health Resources	Y	Richard Warren Hillcrest Baptist Medical Ctr.	N
Audra Wells Dell	Y	Bryan White North Texas Accountable Health Care Partnership	Y	Bonnita Wilson The Informatics Applications Group	Y
Richard Wood Accenture	Y				
<i>Others In Attendance</i>					
Andrea Cobb TMA	Y	Mirsa Douglass TDSHS	Y	Jocelyn Dabeau THSA	Y
Tony Gilman THSA	Y	Steve Roddy THSA	Y	Merila Walker THHSC	Y

Agenda Items

#	Item Name	Item Owner	Time Allotment
1	Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements	Steve Roddy	2:00–2:10 p.m.

Presenter: Steve Roddy, Associate Director, Policy & Planning, Texas Health Services Authority (THSA)

Mr. Roddy advised Task Force members that the meetings of the Task Force 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.

Mr. Roddy discussed the Task Force’s Wiki collaborative website and asked if there were any members on the call who were not able to record their attendance through the site’s Attendance Tracker Form? Respondents reported no problem accessing the Attendance Tracker.

Mr. Roddy explained that the meeting’s purpose was primarily organizational and informational. Mr. Roddy 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. He emphasized that the task force process is intended to be an open and collaborative process, and provided a reminder that meetings would be open to the public and that task force meeting agendas, presentations and minutes will be posted to the Wiki site for access by task force members.

2	Update on Implementation of Texas HIE Plan	Steve Roddy	2:10–2:20 p.m.
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Presenter: Steve Roddy

- **Local HIE Grant Program:** Mr. Roddy provided a status update on the Texas Local HIE Grant Program. He reviewed the purpose of the program and noted that HHSC had made tentative awards to seventeen HIEs in March, that during the month of April HHSC had executed ten contracts and distributed funding to one HIE with an executed contract, and that it is taking HHSC about ten days to release funding under the program once a contract is executed. He also advised members about the opportunity to review the profiles on each HIE posted on THSA’s website at: www.thsa.org/media/2079/local%20hie%20awardee%20profile%20sheet%204-27-2011.pdf.
- **White Space Strategy:** Mr. Roddy briefed members on the status of the “white space” strategy, including a description of the white space region’s geographical area and characteristics and an explanation of the vouchers to be made available to providers through the strategy. He reviewed the purpose of the White Space Request for Qualifications (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. Roddy asked whether members had any comments or questions about the Local HIE Grant Program or the white space strategy? There were no comments or questions.

3	Discussion of Governance and Statewide Policy Development Process	Steve Roddy	2:20–2:25 p.m.
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Presenter: Steve Roddy

Mr. Roddy 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 to 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. Roddy also reviewed a diagram depicting the collaborative policy development process. He noted that the task forces created by the THSA would consider issues including standards, architecture, trust agreements and provider and consumer engagement plans, and that their work will funnel up through the Collaboration Council to the THSA Board of Directors. He described the composition of the Council and its role in relation to the task forces and the THSA Board of Directors. He then explained that statewide policy guidance will be developed as needed and that 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.

Mr. Roddy asked whether members had any comments or questions about the Statewide Collaborative Policy Development Process? There were no comments or questions.

4	Privacy and Security Task Force Charter	Steve Roddy	2:25 p.m.
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Presenter: Steve Roddy

Mr. Roddy reviewed the charter of the Provider Engagement Task Force.

5	Key Initial Areas of Task Force Focus	Steve Roddy	2:25–2:35 p.m.
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Mr. Roddy explained that the task force’s initial focus in the coming months will be to develop a provider HIE communications and engagement plan, including tools strategies, timelines and media strategies for the plan and for plan review and evaluation. He also indicated that the plan will need to include provisions to ensure effective means of ongoing outreach, education and communication to ensure that providers continue to have the tools necessary to keep up with evolving state and federal-level policy development, meaningful use requirements, and health information exchange tools. He posed initial questions for members to consider and be prepared to discuss at the next task force meeting, and indicated that they would be posted for member access and review on the task force collaborative website.

Mr. Roddy asked whether members had any questions regarding the task force charter or initial areas of focus? Mr. Ferdinand Velasco of Texas Health Resources asked if THSA will work with public health reporting and immunization registries? He noted that at this time the focus appears to be on local health information exchange. Mr. Tony Gilman of the THSA responded that at this time the focus of development of Texas HIE remains on ensuring that providers are able to meet federal Meaningful Use Stage 1 criteria, but that focus on those additional areas may occur in relation to Meaningful Use Stages 2 or 3 requirements as they become defined. He noted that this was particularly likely in that it appears that the Office of National Coordinator (ONC) is moving toward incorporating those items into those later stages of Meaningful Use.

8	Future Meeting Schedule	Steve Roddy	2:35-2:38 p.m.
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Mr. Roddy noted that all task force meetings were scheduled in reference to monthly meetings of the Collaboration Council on the second Friday of each month and meetings of the THSA Board of Directors, which meets on the 3rd Friday of the month on a quarterly basis.

He reviewed the following future meeting schedule for the Provider Engagement Task Force:

- Wednesday, June 1
- Wednesday, June 29
- Wednesday, July 27
- Wednesday, August 31
- Wednesday, October 5
- Wednesday, November 2
- Wednesday, November 30

9	Other Items	Steve Roddy	2:38-2:40 p.m.
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Mr. Roddy asked if there were any other item anyone would like to discuss?

Ms. Janice Powers of asked where the local HIE grantee profile sheets can be located? Mr. Roddy responded that they are located on the THSA website at <http://www.thsa.org/resources.aspx>.

Marleen Smitherman of Critical Connection asked for confirmation that her attendance was noted; Mr. Roddy confirmed that her attendance was recorded.

10	Adjournment	Steve Roddy	2:40 p.m.
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Mr. Roddy announced that the meeting was adjourned.