



TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

## THSA Data Standards Task Force

*Meeting Minutes*

*Date: 07/26/2011*

*Time: 10:00 a.m. –11:02 a.m. CST*

### In Attendance:

#### Task Force Members

Julie Adams Seton – Ascension Health	Y	Carl Ahmed CA (Carl Ahmed) Associates	N	James Albin St. Luke’s Episcopal Health System	N
Nimisha Bakhta DSHS	Y	Ali Bagheri DSHS	Y	Joel Bandy UT Health	N
Rebecca Bonds CTG Health Solutions	N	Lee Boyd 4medica	Y	Cary Brown Wellmed Medical Management	Y
Robert Bremer Accenture	N	Grady Cason Cerner Corp.	N	Bob Collier HASA	Y
Dolph Courchaine Wellmed Medical Management	N	Steve Eichner DSHS	N	Annette Gabel Medco Health Solutions	N
Susan Fenton Texas State University	Y	Nancy Fisher Texas Strategy	N	Robert Flasch Accenture	N
Albert Gest Corpus Christi EM Residency/Christus-Spohn Healthcare, EmCare’	N	Deborah Giles SHI	N	Shana Gooch Delisi Communications	N
Alexandra Gorman Montgomery Co. Hospital District	N	Chris Guerrero DSHS	Y	Eric Heflin Medicity	Y
Mike Horowitz IBG Management	Y	Ken Hughes Chart Relay	N	Kyle Janak Accenture	Y
Jenifer Jarriel Baylor College of Medicine	Y	John Joe St. Luke’s Episcopal Health System	N	Alan Keller Harden Healthcare	N
Dustin Lanier Civic Initiatives	Y	Kem McClelland Integrated Care Collaboration	N	Theresa Mendoza Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council (DFWHC)	N
Shannon Moore Texas Medical Association	N	Michael Parks DSHS	Y	Ken Pool OZ Systems	Y
Janice Powers Civic Initiatives	N	Julie Purcell SavaSeniorCare Administrative Services LLC	N	Yvonne Sanchez HHSC	Y
Camille Schaefer ICA	N	Dean Schultz APCA	N	Telly Shackelford Sandlot, LLC	N
Earnest Valle HHSC	N	Heather Vasek Delisi Communications	N	Jack Wankowski Dell	N
Richard Warren Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center	N	Lydia Washington AHIMA	N	Annette Whiting DSHS	N

Belinda Wiegand Anthelio Healthcare/Valley Baptist Health System	N	Jonathan Willcourt Accenture	N	John Yoder University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	N
<i>Others in Attendance</i>					
Jitin Asnaani ONC	Y	Jocelyn Dabeau THSA	Y	Tony Gilman THSA	Y
Amy Goring Accenture	Y	Helen Haman Accenture	Y	John Kronick Accenture	Y
Cecil Lynch Accenture	Y	Shannon Moore Texas Medical Association	Y	Steve Roddy THSA	Y
Lillian Prince THSA	Y	John Quinn Accenture	Y	Carole Tamayo Integrated Care Collaboration	Y
Eldon Volk TxQIO	Y	Merila Walker HHSC	Y		

### Agenda Items

#	Item Name	Item Owner	Time Allotment
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements</b>	<b>Lillian Prince</b>	<b>10:00–10:03 a.m.</b>
<p><b>Presenter:</b> Lillian Prince, Associate Director, Operations &amp; Technology, Texas Health Services Authority (THSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Prince welcomed the Task Force members and advised that the meetings of the THSA task forces are open to the public and that the agenda, presentation materials, and minutes of this meeting have or will be posted to the THSA’s public website.</li> <li>Ms. Prince made additional procedural announcements relating to the meeting’s operation, 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? Nimisha Bakhta and Dustin Lanier indicated that they were not able to log in, and their attendance was noted.</li> </ul>			
2	<b>Direct Protocol Presentation</b> <i>Background, Technical Specifications, and Standards Gaps</i>	<b>Lillian Prince</b>	<b>10:03–10:30 a.m.</b>
<p><b>Presenter: Lillian Prince;</b> Jitin Asnaani, Office of the National Coordinator (ONC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Prince introduced Mr. Jitin Asnaani, of the ONC’s Office of Interoperability and Standards, to provide a presentation regarding the Direct protocol.</li> <li>Member discussion took place regarding the ability of senders and receivers to exchange information without a HISP intermediary and the security of messages as they are transferred from the sender to the HISP. Mr. Asnaani indicated that exchange without a HISP intermediary can be built into the EHR, and that a secure channel like TLS or encryption at the sender and at the EHR is required to ensure security.</li> </ul>			

- Additional discussion took place regarding data security risks relating to receipt by a HISP of unencrypted PHI data, and Mr. Asnaani indicated the need for contractual provisions to address such risks.
- Mr. Asnaani asked if there are any questions about the S & I framework initiatives? Questions were asked regarding other states' approaches to the operation of HISPs, and what contractual provisions are needed to govern relations between HISPs. Mr. Asnaani responded that there are no good examples of other states pursuing this on a statewide basis, but that Rhode Island, though much smaller, provides some examples. He indicated that the Rules of the Road Workgroup of Direct Project ([Wiki.directproject.org](http://Wiki.directproject.org)) is probably the best resource, and that the workgroup is working to determine how the HISPs should communicate with each other and with others.
- Mr. Asnaani advised all Task Force members to feel free to contact him with any other questions or comments.

*Participants: Lillian Prince, Jitin Asnaani, Ken Pool, John Kronick, Amy Goring*

*Note: Mr. Asnaani's presentation, "Background, Technical Specifications, and Standards Gaps", has been posted on the THSA website and the Data Standards Task Force shared Wiki site for review.*

<b>3</b>	<b>Discussion of Implementation Specification Document</b>	<b>Lillian Prince</b>	<b>10:31–11:00 a.m.</b>
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**Presenter:** Lillian Prince, Amy Goring and John Kronick, Accenture

- Ms. Prince introduced Ms. Amy Goring to present the Implementation Specification Document prepared by Accenture under its contract with THSA for Texas HIE data standards development assistance.
- Mr. Kronick explained the status and upcoming schedule for development of standards at the federal level, and described the current status of discussion at the ONC relating to delaying MU stage 2. As MU stage 2 is already required by law via HITECH, he explained, ONC was considering moving forward with the development of MU state 2 regulations and delaying the implementation requirements by a year.
- Discussion took place regarding alignment of public health with MU stage 2. Mr. Asmaani noted that both the Lab Results Interface (LRI) and Transition of Care (TOC) initiatives are making a testing harness and will initiate pilots over the next two months to ensure that guides work. The LRI initiative will include additional guidance for those implementing the guide that comes out of the HL7 process.
- Members also discussed current EHR technological limitations relating to advanced lab ordering and the fact that some, but not all, EHRs support enough information to enable lab ordering. Mr. Kronick agreed that this is an issue, and Ms. Goring suggested the need to identify system capabilities and stakeholder specification requirements.
- Ms. Goring continued her presentation, focusing on transition of care, and indicated a desire to work with Mr. Asnaani on transitions of care standards and workflow options contained in the Implementation Specifications document to ensure accuracy. Mr. Asnaani indicated that they appear to be correct, but agreed to work together.
- Ms. Goring asked Mr. Kronick to outline Transition of Care (TOC) Use Cases in the Implementation Specification document. He explained that the TOC standards development process at the federal level

appears to be proceeding without significant problems, and indicated that it will be interesting to see the resulting scope that emerges at final publication, given numerous different scenarios proposed to this point.

*Participants: Lillian Prince, Amy Goring, John Kronick, Cecil Lynch, Jitin Asmaani, Lee Boyd*

*Note: The Implementation Specification Document prepared by Accenture for THSA has been posted for review on the THSA website and on the Data Standards shared Wiki site.*

4	<b>Extend Meeting to Future Date</b>	<b>Tony Gilman</b>	<b>11:00-11:03 a.m.</b>
<p><b>Presenter:</b> Tony Gilman, CEO THSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr. Gilman suggested a follow-up meeting as early as the following Tuesday, with the date to be confirmed via email, to enable finalizing the documents being discussed so that they can be presented to the THSA Board at its meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He also indicated that a summary of the results from the data standards questionnaire will be provided and requested that task force members review it and the rest of the use case slides prior to the next meeting..</li></ul>			
5	<b>Future Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items</b>	<b>Lillian Prince</b>	<b>11:03-11:04 a.m.</b>
<p><b>Presenter:</b> Lillian Prince</p> <p>Ms. Prince reviewed the future meeting schedule for the Data Standards Task Force:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday, August 30</li><li>Tuesday, October 4</li><li>Tuesday, November 1</li><li>Tuesday, November 29</li></ul> <p>Ms. Prince also noted that additional meetings were likely to be scheduled for this task force in the future.</p>			
6	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Lillian Prince</b>	<b>11:05 a.m.</b>
<p>Ms. Prince announced that the meeting was adjourned.</p>			