



TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

# THSA Joint Data Standards and Technical Architecture Task Force Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/04/2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. CST

## In Attendance:

### Task Force Members

Julie Adams Seton – Ascension Health	N	Carl Ahmed CA (Carl Ahmed) Associates	Y	James Albin St. Luke’s Episcopal Health System	N
Ginger Alford Trinity Valley School	N	Nimisha Bakhta DSHS	Y	Ali Bagheri DSHS	Y
Joel Bandy UT Health	N	Ivy Bela HHSC	N	Norman (Skip) Best Covisint	N
Rebecca Bonds CTG Health Solutions	N	Nick Bonvino Northside B Consulting	N	Lee Boyd 4medica	Y
Robert Bremer Accenture	N	Cary Brown Wellmed Medical Management	N	Grady Cason Cerner Corp.	N
Andrea Cobb Texas Medical Association	N	Bob Collier HASA	N	Rex Conaster HCA	N
Dolph Courchaine Wellmed Medical Management	N	Charlene Dailey TACHC	Y	John Delaney Texas Tech University Health Science Center	N
Robert Delk Delk Holding, Inc.	N	Steve Eichner DSHS	N	Bradley Eilers Accenture	Y
Joshua Escalante DSHS	N	Susan Fenton Texas State University	N	Nancy Fisher Texas Strategy	N
Robert Flasch Accenture	N	Larry Flournoy Texas A&M University	Y	Annette Gabel Medco Health Solutions	N
John Galloway Sierra Systems, Inc.	Y	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
Brian Hall IBM	N	Eric Heflin Medicity	Y	Michael Hieber Cisco	N
Mark Holliday Methodist Healthcare Ministries	Y	Mike Horowitz IBG Management	N	Ken Hughes Chart Relay	N
Jonathan Ishee Northwest Diagnostic Clinic & Access Health Providers	N	Velma Jackman SSR, Inc.	N	Kyle Janak Accenture	N
Jenifer Jarriel Baylor College of Medicine	N	John Joe St. Luke’s Episcopal Health System	Y	Alan Keller Harden Healthcare	N

Steven Kotyk QuandraMed	N	Dustin Lanier Civic Initiatives	N	Patrick Maloney FirstNet Exchange	N
Kem McClelland Integrated Care Collaboration	N	Theresa Mendoza Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council (DFWHC)	N	Bert Mikosh Hill Country Memorial Hospital	N
Robert Naismith (self) Partner in Corpus Christi Urology Group, PLLC	N	Jeff Nordyke TMF Health Quality Institute	N	Michael Parks DSHS	Y
Jason Phipps Self	Y	Ken Pool OZ Systems	Y	Janice Powers Civic Initiatives	N
Julie Purcell SavaSeniorCare Administrative Services LLC	N	Maurice Samuels Integrated Care Collaboration	Y	Yvonne Sanchez HHSC	N
Camille Schaefer ICA	N	Telly Shackelford Sandlot, LLC	N	Dean Schultz APCA	N
Clark Snodgrass Accenture	N	Jim StClair HIMSS	N	Carole Tamayo Integrated Care Collaboration	Y
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	Y	John Winters Health One	N
Kale Woods Tenet Healthcare	Y	John Yoder University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	N		
<i>Others in Attendance</i>					
Kindra Allen Deloitte and Touche	Y	Jocelyn Dabeau THSA	Y	Sandra Cadena RioOne Health Network	Y
Masoud Faraji UniteHIT	Y	Tony Gilman THSA	Y	Trey Isaacks ACS	Y
Annie Nabers THSA	Y	Lillian Prince THSA	Y	Steve Roddy THSA	Y

### Agenda Items

#	Item Name	Item Owner	Time Allotment
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements</b>	<b>Tony Gilman</b>	<b>10:00–10:06 a.m.</b>
<p><b>Presenter:</b> Tony Gilman, CEO THSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gilman 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> </ul>			

- Mr. Gilman 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? Maurice Samuels, Mark Holliday, Jonathan Willcourt, Ali Bagheri, and Nimisha Bakhta indicated that they were not able to log in, and their attendance was noted.
- Mr. Gilman thanked members for their input on Interoperability Guidance, and noted that the main purpose of this meeting was to update members on the THSA White Space Strategy and to discuss Certificate Management and Registration Authority policy options.

<b>2</b>	<b>Update on THSA White Space Strategy</b>	<b>Tony Gilman</b>	<b>10:06–10:27 a.m.</b>
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**Presenter:** Tony Gilman, CEO THSA

- Mr. Gilman provided an update on the White Space Strategy, noting that it was created to ensure that providers in counties that have no local HIE have means of HIE connectivity. He indicated that qualified health information service providers (HISPs) will provide, at a minimum, lite HIE connectivity services that ensure providers have the ability to meet federal meaningful use (MU) requirements, initially lab results delivery and clinical summary exchange. Mr. Gilman stated that the THSA plans on incentivizing HISP participation through development of a voucher program that enables a qualified HISP whose services have been selected by a provider to receive \$400 per physician and \$5,000 per hospital to help defray the initial costs of providing HIE connectivity services.
- Mr. Gilman noted that the six tentatively qualified HISPs have been required to pass a technical test to ensure their ability to provide secure messaging that enables a provider to meet MU requirements.
- Member discussion was raised regarding the voucher program. Mr. Gilman noted that the voucher payment is intended to serve as an incentive to cover the initial cost of providing connectivity service to providers in rural Texas, and that all six HISPs have their own long-term sustainability plans in place.
- Discussion was raised regarding what happens if a local HIE does not move into the implementation phase. Mr. Gilman stated that if a local community based HIE does not move into the implementation phase, area providers could potentially be covered through the White Space strategy.
- A question arose regarding whether providers have to connect through the White Space qualified HISPs or whether they can connect through EHR systems’ protocols. Mr. Gilman noted that the THSA recognizes the difficulty of connectivity in rural Texas and would not suggest that providers not use any means of connectivity that they choose, but that the initial goal is to ensure ability for providers statewide to achieve meaningful use requirements and ultimately to move toward a more robust system of exchange, and that those are purposes of the focus on support of local HIEs through the Local HIE Grant Program and the White Space Program in areas not covered by an HIE.

*Participants: Tony Gilman, Ken Pool, John Galloway*

3	<b>Discussion of Certificate Authority Management Policy Options</b>	<b>Tony Gilman</b>	<b>10:27–10:43 a.m.</b>
<p><b>Presenter:</b> Tony Gilman, CEO THSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gilman provided an overview of Certificate Authority management options under consideration by the THSA in relation to its agreement with qualified HISP for provision of services in the rural White Space regions. He then opened the floor for general questions and comments.</li> <li>Member discussion was raised regarding certificate abuse. It was noted that there is currently no way to guarantee people will not self-sign certificates. One recommendation was that a proxy for the state be provided, such as option three in the presentation: The THSA manages certificate authority services by contracting with an outside organization to issue certificates and maintain certificate revocation lists.</li> <li>Discussion also arose around a single Certificate Authority being created, which would allow for common policies to be enforced. It was noted that providers are seeing that there has to be a trust anchor in place. Mr. Gilman thanked members for their informative input.</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants: Tony Gilman, Larry Flournoy, Chris Guerrero, Ken Pool, Jason Phipps</i></p>			
4	<b>Discussion of Registration Authority Management Policy Options</b>	<b>Tony Gilman</b>	<b>10:43-10:55 a.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Gilman provided an overview of Registration Authority management options under consideration by the THSA in relation to its agreement with qualified HISP for provision of services in the rural White Space regions. He then opened the floor for general questions and comments.</li> <li>In response to a question, Mr. Gilman noted that the THSA is working through development of a standard agreement with the qualified HISP. Member discussion was also raised regarding border issues and local state agencies. Ms. Dabeau noted that a model Business Associate Agreement that will provide a model in terms of payment, indemnification, etc.</li> <li>Member discussion was raised regarding identity proofing. Mr. Gilman noted that identity proofing will eventually be applied to all HISP and HIE participants, but that the current focus is primarily on the White Space program. A member noted that a centralized certificate authority and registration authority would create no gaps. Ms. Dabeau noted that the HIEs are not as far along in preparation for operation as the HISP are in general, but that a statewide policy will be created.</li> </ul> <p><i>Participants: Tony Gilman, Jocelyn Dabeau, Larry Flournoy, Eric Heflin</i></p>			
5	<b>Next Steps/Other Items</b>	<b>Tony Gilman</b>	<b>10:55-11:00 a.m.</b>

- Mr. Gilman asked members if there were any additional items to discuss.
- A recommendation was made that the THSA approach local county judges and that the THSA should have some dialogue on a state provider directory.

*Participants: Tony Gilman, Larry Flournoy, Eric Heflin*

<b>5</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Tony Gilman</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Gilman noted the future meeting schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tuesday, November 1</li> <li>○ Tuesday, November 29</li> </ul> </li> <li>• He asked if there was any further business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.</li> </ul>			