



TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

THSA Provider Engagement Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/05/2011

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST

In Attendance:

Task Force Members

Kerri Acuna North Texas Medical Center	N	Julie Adams Seton – Ascension Health	N	Carl Ahmed CA (Carl Ahmed) Associates	Y
Julia Alejandre HHSC	N	Lori Ashford TDSHS	N	Pamela Arora 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	N
Peter Cass Beaumont Family Eye Care	N	Maryann Choi Harden Healthcare	N	Dolph Courchaine Wellmed Medical Management	N
Tom Dorsett CTG	Y	Joshua Escalante TDSHS	N	Jane Guerrero TDSHS	Y
Ken Hughes Chart Relay	N	Jonathon Ishee Northwest Diagnostic Clinic & Access Health Providers	Y	Radhika Iyer Computer Task Group	N
Jenifer Jarriel Baylor College of Medicine	Y	Ann Kitchen Health & Community Strategies	N	Brad Lawrence Accenture	N
Chris Legnon TDSHS	Y	Karen Love Harris County Healthcare Alliance	N	Patrick Maloney FirstNet Exchange	N
Dwayne McKee United Regional Health Care System	N	Fausto Meza Doctor’s Hospital at Renaissance	N	Becky Nichols TDSHS	Y
Gijs van Oort HASA	N	Emily Padula Integrated Care Corporation	N	Mark Peppard General Dentist	Y
Billy Philips Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	N	Janis Powers Civic Initiatives	N	Mehdi Rais Texas State	Y
Yvonne Sanchez HHSC	N	Carson Scott West Texas Regional Extension Center	Y	Marlene Smitherman Critical Connection	N
Clark Swainston SHI	N	Joey Sudomir Texas Health Partners	Y	Earnest Valle THHSC	N
Ferdinand Velasco Texas Health Resources	N	Debra Warner Anthelio	Y	Richard Warren Hillcrest Baptist Medical Ctr.	N
Audra Wells Dell	N	Bryan White North Texas Accountable Health Care Partnership	Y	Bonnita Wilson The Informatics Applications Group	N

Richard Wood Accenture	N				
Others Attending:					
Sandra Cadena Rio One Health Network	Y	Jocelyn Dabeau THSA	Y	Tony Gilman THSA	Y
Annie Nabers THSA	Y	Steve Roddy THSA	Y		

Agenda Items

#	Item Name	Item Owner	Time Allotment
1	Call to Order, Announcements, Review of Charter and Initial Areas of Focus, and Agenda Overview	Steve Roddy	2:00–2:05 p.m.
<p>Presenter: Steve Roddy, Associate Director, Policy & Planning, Texas Health Services Authority (THSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Roddy called the meeting to order, reminded that the task force process is intended to be a collaborative process and invited participation, made announcements relating to meeting participation, and inquired whether any members were present but unable to access the shared Wiki site and use the Attendance Tracker? None were heard. Mr. Roddy noted that the items of discussion for today’s task force meeting were focused on an update on the THSA Website Redesign, the status of Texas HIE, and the rural White Space initiative, and on local HIE approaches to provider engagement. 			
2	THSA Website Redesign	Steve Roddy	2:05–2:10 p.m.
<p>Presenter: Steve Roddy</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Roddy advised members on the progress of the THSA website redesign. He noted that a Request for Proposals for Redesign Assistance, including a summary of website design elements, had been developed with task force input and issued to prospective web design firms, and that responses were requested by October 17, 2011. 			
3	Texas HIE and White Space Strategy Updates	Steve Roddy	2:10–2:38 p.m.

Presenter: Steve Roddy

Discussion:

- Mr. Roddy updated members on the status of the Texas Local HIE Grant Program, interoperability guidance, and privacy and security guidance.
- Mr. Roddy provided an update on progress relating to the White Space strategy. He noted that the White Space strategy was created to ensure that providers in counties that have no local HIE have means of connectivity that ensures their ability to meet federal meaningful use (MU) requirements, initially including clinical summary exchange and lab results delivery. 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 MU requirements.
- He explained that the THSA is developing plans to create an incentive voucher program that will enable a qualified HISP whose services are selected by an eligible provider to receive \$400 per physician and \$5,000 per hospital to help defray the initial costs of providing HIE connectivity services.
- Mr. Roddy also noted that the six tentatively qualified HISPs had been required to pass a technical test to ensure their ability to provide secure messaging services that meet MU requirements.

Participants: Steve Roddy, Tony Gilman, Susan Blue

4	HIE Approaches to Provider Engagement	Steve Roddy	2:38-2:55 p.m.
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Presenter: Steve Roddy, Bryan K. White, Executive Director, North Texas Accountable Healthcare Partnership

Discussion:

- Mr. Roddy introduced Mr. Bryan White, Executive Director of the North Texas Accountable Healthcare Partnership (NTAHP), to discuss provider engagement from an HIE perspective.
- Mr. White noted that the key is educating providers on the merits of HIE, and that the NTAPH has worked closely with the Texas Medical Society to get their message across. Mr. White noted that the focus has to remain on the consumer market, but it's null and void if there is no market to offer the consumer.

Participants: Steve Roddy, Bryan White

5	Future Meeting Schedule, Other Items and Adjournment	Steve Roddy	2:55-3:00 p.m.
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- Mr. Roddy reviewed the future schedule for the Provider Engagement Task Force and reminded that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the task force will be on November 2, 2011.

Future Meetings:

- **Wednesday, November 2**
- **Wednesday, November 30**
- He asked if members had any items requiring discussion regarding this or upcoming meetings? There being none, the meeting was adjourned.