



TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

THSA Joint Provider and Consumer Engagement Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/02/2011

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 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	Y	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	Lee Boyd 4medica	N
Vivian Brandt TDSHS	Y	Ernest Buck Driscoll Children’s Health Plan	N	Cindy Bushong Accenture	N
Peter Cass Beaumont Family Eye Care	Y	Roman Castaneda HCA	N	Maryann Choi Harden Healthcare	Y
Dolph Courchaine Wellmed Medical Management	N	Norman Dillon, Jr. Lifecare Hospital	N	Tom Dorsett CTG	N
Steve Eichner TDSHS	N	Joshua Escalante TDSHS	N	Masoud Faraji UniteHIT	N
Susan Fenton Texas State University	Y	James Gaston HIPAA Solutions, Inc.	N	Michelle Goddard TDSHS	Y
Alexandra Gorman NTAHP	N	Lori-Don Gregory Harden Healthcare	N	Jane Guerrero TDSHS	Y
Donald Hackett Patient Conversion Media	N	Ken Hughes Chart Relay	N	Jonathon Ishee Northwest Diagnostic Clinic & Access Health Providers	N
Ivelin Ivanov Ringful Health	N	Radhika Iyer Computer Task Group	N	Jenifer Jarriel Baylor College of Medicine	N
Ann Kitchen Health & Community Strategies	N	Bryan Law Texas House of Representatives	N	Brad Lawrence Accenture	N
Chris Legnon TDSHS	Y	Julie Lindenberg UTHealth	N	Karen Love Harris County Healthcare Alliance	Y
Patrick Maloney FirstNet Exchange	N	Dwayne McKee United Regional Health Care System	N	Fausto Meza Doctor’s Hospital at Renaissance	N
Sue Newhouse North Texas Medical Center	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	Y	Mehdi Rais Texas State	N	Yvonne Sanchez HHSC	N
Carson Scott West Texas Regional Extension Center	N	Marlene Smitherman Critical Connection	N	Manfred Sternberg iHealth Trust	N
Clark Swainston SHI	N	Joey Sudomir Texas Health Partners	N	Earnest Valle THHSC	N
Ferdinand Velasco Texas Health Resources	N	Debra Warner Anthelio	N	Richard Warren Hillcrest Baptist Medical Ctr	N
Audra Wells Dell	N	Bryan White NTAHP	N	Bonita Wilson The Informatics Applications Group	N
Richard Wood Accenture	Y				
Others Attending:					
Catherine Colman HHSC	Y	Jocelyn Dabeau THSA	Y	Tony Gilman THSA	Y
Eric Heflin THSA	Y	Andrew Lombardo RGV HIE	Y	Annie Nabers THSA	Y
Steve Roddy THSA	Y	Merila Walker HHSC	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 expressed difficulty. Mr. Roddy noted that the items of discussion for today’s task force meeting included an update on the State Local HIE Grant Program and the rural White Space strategy, the THSA website redesign, the expanded Local HIE Profile Sheet, and an HIT Public Opinion Focus Group Report. Mr. Roddy also welcomed Mr. Eric Heflin to the THSA as Chief Technology Officer. 			
2	State HIE Update and White Space Strategy Update	Steve Roddy	2:05–2:17 p.m.

Presenter: Steve Roddy

Discussion:

- Mr. Roddy went over progress in the Local HIE Grant Program. HASA's and ICC's Business and Operations (B & O) Plans were accepted in September 2011. He noted that four HIEs had submitted their B & O Plans in October and that four more are scheduled for submission in November and three in December. Mr. Roddy said the THSA hoped to have all HIEs moving toward operations in early 2012.
- Mr. Roddy noted that the THSA is in the final stages of development of the HISP Agreement for the White Space strategy, and that THSA and the HISP's are addressing implementation policy questions. Mr. Roddy advised members on next steps for the White Space Strategy, including development of the voucher program and a soft communications campaign to ensure that providers in rural areas of the state are made aware of the program.

3	THSA Website Redesign Update	Steve Roddy	2:17–2:20 p.m.
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Presenter: Steve Roddy

Discussion:

- Mr. Roddy advised members that the THSA is in the process of selecting a design firm to initiate the THSA website's redesign. He thanked members for all of their input on elements of the redesign.

4	Local HIE Profile Sheet Review and Discussion	Steve Roddy	2:20-2:25 p.m.
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Presenter: Steve Roddy

Discussion:

- Mr. Roddy explained to members the purpose and contents of the expanded Local HIE Profile Sheet. He indicated that the second page of the profile sheet will describe the HIE's governance structure, technical model, HIE services, approach to privacy and security, and approach to sustainability.
- He noted that a sample of the profile sheet has been posted on the Provider and Consumer Engagement task forces' shared Wiki site, and that a similar page will be developed for each HIE and posted on the THSA's website as an expansion of the current profile page as each HIE's B & O Plans are approved.

5	Health Information Technology Public Opinion Focus Group Report	Steve Roddy	2:25-2:43 p.m.
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Presenter: Merila Walker, Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

Discussion:

- Mr. Roddy introduced Merila Walker of the Health and Human Services Commission to advise members on the Health Information Technology Public Opinion Focus Group Report prepared by the Texas A&M University Public Policy Research Institute under contract with HHSC.

- Ms. Walker presented an overview of the report’s major features, including a description of the participants chosen and survey methodology used, primary topics of discussion and questions posed, and next steps for use of the report’s findings.
- Mr. Gilman noted that the HHSC did not use this report to form opinions or conclusions, and Ms. Walker advised members that the outcomes of this focus group were intended to generate questions for a broader survey of Texans.
- Mr. Roddy noted that the report has been posted on the Provider and Consumer Engagement task forces’ shared Wiki sites, and soon will be posted on the THSA website.

Participants: Steve Roddy, Merila Walker, Tony Gilman

5	Future Meeting Schedule, Other Items and Adjournment	2:43-2:45 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 30, 2011.

Future Meetings:

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