

THSA



TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

Privacy and Security Workgroup *Facilitated Session I*

April 19, 2010

9:00 AM CST

Radisson Hotel, Austin, Texas

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Engagement Objectives and Approach
- Workgroup Approach and SLAs
- Workgroup Charter
- Review of Survey Results
- Review of Deliverables
- Subgroups Approach
- Preparation for Next Meetings
- Open Discussion

THSA Overview

- The Texas Health Services Authority (THSA) was created through House Bill 1066 in 2007 to support the improvement of the Texas healthcare system by promoting and coordinating electronic health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (HIT) throughout the state to ensure that the right information is available to the right health care providers at the right times.

THSA Overview

Vision

- To enhance healthcare quality and effectiveness for all patients, the healthcare sector should be supported by an infrastructure made up of interoperable EHRs composed of standardized, structured data elements that are exchanged among authorized healthcare organizations and providers across secure regional and statewide networks.

Mission

- THSA will promote and coordinate the development of a seamless electronic health information infrastructure to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of the Texas healthcare sector while protecting individual privacy.

Engagement Objectives and Approach

Objectives

- Develop strategic and operational plan for HIE in the state of Texas

Approach

- Multi-stakeholder involvement (payers, providers, Medicaid, medical schools, local government)
- Facilitated sessions and environmental scan
- Flexible and collaborative process

Expectations

What will we do?

- Facilitate discussion and gather input from you, the constituents/stakeholders
- Engage you in this process
- Provide information and identify key players
- Maintain a level of neutrality

What will you do?

- Provide input and create a roadmap for Texas' health information infrastructure
- Make decisions about the future of Texas health information exchange

Workgroup Approach

- Single workgroup owner/leader
- At least four workgroup meetings per group (one per month April through July)
- Subsequent workgroup meetings hosted regionally
- Workgroup meetings scheduled approximately one week prior to THSA board meetings
- Subdivide workgroups as needed
- Workgroup leader will distribute meeting packet two business days prior to meeting
- Workgroup leader will turn around outcomes packet within three business days

Privacy & Security Workgroup Workgroup Approach

- Encourage participation and cooperation amongst key stakeholders
- Review workgroup members' roles and responsibilities
- Raise privacy and security awareness within HIE participants
- Benchmark current privacy and security practices
- Participate in institutional review boards (IRBs)

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Workgroup Charter

- Develop options for ensuring that sensitive health information exchanged is secure and remains private in alignment with state and federal laws and rules
- Identify federal and state laws and rules pertaining to privacy and security
- Offer options on the policies and procedures necessary to enable information exchange while ensuring the public's trust and confidence in the security of their health information
- Offer options on how the state should address noncompliance with federal and state laws and rules

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Review of Survey Results

- Protection of patient rights
- Clear, consistent policies that encourage/facilitate compliance
- Increased patient trust through transparency
- Communication of the purpose of data collection and its benefits with patients
- Recognition that some types of patient information are more sensitive than others
- Greater access to information to empower patients and increase involvement
- Supporting policies that are consistent with existing and future federal rules, regulations, and laws
- Enforcement of policies

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Review of Deliverables

- Gap analysis between state and federal laws and provide recommendations
- Identification of privacy and security issues related to health information exchange within the state and among states
- Plan for the modification/recommendation of state laws
- Plan to address the development of statewide policies and procedures
- Approach for managing trust agreements

Privacy & Security Workgroup Subgroups Approach

- Two subgroups:
 - Privacy
 - Security
- Provide resources and time to research, prepare, and present during subsequent workgroup meetings (TBA)
- Members and their affiliated organizations will choose subgroup to participate in based on their expertise, experience, interests, and commitment

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Subgroups Approach, *cont.*

Privacy

- Review and recommend privacy standards in compliance with federal and state laws
- Discuss patient consent, authorizations, notice of privacy practices, etc.
- Consider sensitive health information
- Review rights of patients with respect to health information
- Enforce privacy standards

Security

- Review security rule standards
- Identify security principles Texas needs to adopt within an HIE
- Provide flexibility to evolve as technology changes
- Enforce security standards

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Preparation for Next Meetings

- “Homework”
- Monthly workgroup meetings
 - Location
 - In person (Dallas, Houston, Lubbock, Austin)
 - Via webinar/conference call
 - Next meeting location: ?
 - Dates
 - May 18
 - June 21
 - July 19



Thank you!