HITOC Governance Presentation Abstract

As the HITOC convenes and develops a HIT and HIE Strategic plan for the state of Oregon, one of its most critical decisions is the determination of the most appropriate oversight and operating governance model for statewide exchange that represents the needs and interests of all stakeholders. The state will need to answer many questions with respect to the electronic exchange of clinical information among stakeholders. Four salient questions include:

- How will the state and its health agencies be involved in the oversight and operation of HIE?
- What entity(ies) oversee the day-to-day exchange activities and what services will they provide?
- What rules govern the day-to-day operations of the HIE(s) and what entity(ies) enforce those rules?
- Who is responsible for sustainable operation of HIE including allocation of costs and collection of revenue?

Oregon will have to review a number of considerations and decide the type of role they will take in facilitating HIE and their relationship with Health Information Organizations. A study completed for the National Governors Association and funded by the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT led by presenter Shaun Alfreds, examined three possible governance models for HIE and their implications for public financing and accountability related to HIE. At next week's HITOC meeting, Mr. Alfreds will discuss HIE in the context of governance. He will present on the issues the HITOC will need to understand to have an informed discussion on the role of public and private stakeholders in the oversight and operation of statewide HIE especially in light of the ARRA programs that will provide substantial resources to achieving the goal of statewide HIE. Mr. Alfreds will also present the results of NGA study and three governance models from states with advanced HIE. This presentation will be followed by a discussion by the HITOC on your vision for HIE in Oregon, the goals HIE is attempting to achieve, and preliminary deliberation on an appropriate governance model for HIE in Oregon that will be further refined during your December meeting.

Suggested Reading on Governance

Public Governance Models for a Sustainable Health Information Exchange Industry
With e-health initiatives across the country in various stages of development, state governments now have an opportunity to determine the best regulatory and governance framework to support and advance health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE), according to a new report prepared for the State Alliance for e-Health by the University of Massachusetts Medical School. The report details three conceptual models of public governance that could lead to the practice of sustainable HIE and delves into specific rationale and description, legal structure and financing and accountability considerations for each model.
Full Report:
http://www.nga.org/Files/pdf/0902EHEALTHHIEREPORT.PDF

Appendices:
http://www.nga.org//Files/pdf/0902EHEALTHHIEREPORTAPP.PDF

Preparing to Implement HITECH: A State Guide for Electronic Health Information Exchange
The HITECH Act, enacted as part of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, expands the role of states in fostering health information exchange and adoption of electronic health records over the next five years. This report recommends actions states should begin undertaking now to successfully implement the HITECH Act.
http://www.nga.org/Files/pdf/0902EHEALTHHIEREPORT.PDF

Realizing State-level HIE Value and Sustainability: Advancing Effective State-level Approaches to Interoperability in the New Federal Context (May 2009)
This report provides a synthesis of information about prevailing state-level HIE approaches, milestones for stages of development and planning and implementation issues.
http://www.slhie.org/documents/SLHIE_Brief_AdvancingEffectiveSLHIEApproachesFinalReleased5_27_09.pdf