

Delaware Valley Healthcare Information Management System Society

Winter Symposium

January 19, 2012

Microsoft Technology Center

Malvern, PA

Connected Healthcare in the TriState Area: Local Progress on HIEs and RECs

The Winter Symposium focuses on the rapidly changing health information exchange environment in the Delaware Valley and will offer practical insights on the technologies being advanced. In the morning session, leaders from the region will discuss the progress and challenges for HIE and EHR adoption and the benefits being realized today. Workshops in the afternoon will focus on implementing the "Direct" approach to information exchange and what it means for providers and health plans participating in exchange. The Symposium is being offered at the new and will include a reception and tour of the facility at the end of the day.

8-9 - Registration

Morning Session – The Evolving HIE and EHR Landscape

9-10 State Progress on Health Information Exchange Initiatives

Robert Torres, HIT Coordinator for Pennsylvania
Colleen Woods, HIT Coordinator for New Jersey

This session will offer an update on state accomplishments, current status of plans with ONC, and 2 year outlook for each state.

10:15-11 Regional Extension Centers and EHR adoption – Update on Strategies, Successes, and Challenges

Anita Somplasky, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Regional Extension Centers
Quality Insights of Pennsylvania

William J. O'Byrne, Executive Director, NJHITEC

Beth Schindele, Executive Director, Quality Insights of Delaware

The state REC coordinators will report on their progress and challenges for achieving EHR adoption through the HITECH program.

11-12 KEYNOTE: Using “Direct” Health Information Exchange In the Real World

Holly Miller, MD, MBA, FHIMSS
Chief Medical Officer, MedAllies

Dr Miller will describe her experiences with implementing Direct for hospital discharges and physician referrals in New York.

12-1 Lunch

Afternoon Session – Are You Ready for “Direct”?

1-1:30 Introduction to “Direct”

Greg Barnowski, Enterprise Architect, Independence Blue Cross

1:30 – 4:30 Direct Readiness Workshops

Workshop A: Health Information Service Providers (HISPs) – The Glue of the Direct Architecture

John Donnelly, North Highland
Greg Barnowski, Enterprise Architect, Independence Blue Cross

Workshop B: Connecting the Endpoints: Direct and Providers

Elliot Sloane, Drexel University
Speaker TBD

Workshop C: Driving Value Through HIEs

Kate Flynn, Health Care Improvement Foundation
Jim Younkin, Keystone Health Information Exchange (Invited)
Rick Zelznak, North Highland

Workshop D: The Role and Properties of the CCD with Direct

David Tao, Siemens
Amin Salahuddin, AmeriHealth Mercy

4:30 – 6:00 Reception

The reception will include a tour of the Microsoft facility and door prizes.