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Health Technology Work Group
Minutes
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Members Present: Roderick Bremby, Tim Deschenes-Desmond, David Gilbertson, Mark Raymond, Marie Smith, John Vittner, Cheryl Wamuo, Peter Zelez

Members Absent: Victor Villagra, Kevin Counihan, Vanessa Kapral, Terrence Macy, Lou Polzella, Bobbi Schmidt, Mark Thomas, Robert Trestman

Welcome and Introductions

Roderick Bremby called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes of the June 14 Meeting

The members voted to approve the minutes of the June 14 meeting.

Presentation by Mark Masselli, CEO of the Community Health Center

Commissioner Bremby introduced Mark Masselli, CEO of the Community Health Center (CHC), who made a presentation on technology used at CHC. CHC is a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). It is headquartered in Middletown and serves over 130,000 patients at locations throughout Connecticut. Mr. Masselli discussed the various ways that CHC uses health information technology, including electronic health records, coordination tools for providers, and online and mobile applications for use by patients.

Following the presentation, Mr. Masselli took questions from work group members. Peter Zelez asked how long it took CHC to implement technological changes. Mr. Masselli replied that implementation times depended on the specific change, but that CHC had success in decreasing the amount of time needed to introduce new technologies.

Mr. Masselli invited members of the work group to tour CHC's new facility in Middletown, which includes many of the technological features discussed in his presentation.

Discussion of Health Technology Work Group White Paper

Commissioner Bremby thanked members for their work on the work group's white paper. He said that the paper was nearly complete, and asked if members had any additional comments on it. Members indicated that they were pleased with the content of the paper.

Commissioner Bremby distributed a draft of an executive summary for the white paper, and asked members to review it. After members suggested some revisions, Commissioner Bremby agreed to revise the summary accordingly and distribute it to all members of the work group for final input.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.