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Connecticut Office of Health Reform & Innovation

Health Technology Work Group Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Co-leads: Roderick Bremby; Victor Villagra

Members: Alexis Fedorjaczenko; Peter Zelez, Bobbi Schmidt; Tim Deschenes-Desmond; Mark Raymond; John Vittner; Louis Polzella; Lori Reed-Forquet; Cheryl Wamuo; Mark Heuschkel; Thomas Agresta; Tim Desmond, Terrence Macy; Mary N. DiPietro; Vanessa Kapral;

Missing: Hari Chanda; Tia Cintron; Mark Thomas

Welcome & Introductions

New Business

- Inventory:
 - Department of Development Services Present: "Application Overview As Is and To Be" by Tim Deschenes-Desmond
 - Presentations are available online at:
<http://www.healthreform.ct.gov/ohri/cwp/view.asp?a=2742&q=333606>

Q & A

Peter Zelez asks about inter-agency access to the DDS Birth-to-Three program:

- Mr. Deschenes-Desmond responds that DDS is working with the Department of Education on join access to the Birth to Three program. The Birth to Three spider system, has role based log-in access that allows users to verify information appropriate to the user.
- Managing DMHS people within system

Victor Villagra asks, "How will this system adhere to protocols, and how difficult is it to harmonize interagency communication using the Gateways/paths that DDS explained?"

- Ms. DiPietro answers, that the DDS gateway is a good example of that model because it is not just a single sign on to internal applications. It could be scaled up for other agency use. For instance, this is being done with DMHS for access to the Autism waiver. Servers are next to each other but agencies need to overcome information sharing issues. Ms. DiPietro continues explaining that the

.net world and gateway design, allows developers to get off old technologies onto new.

- Mr. Desmond says in looking at datasharing, we must look at data quality and location. In particular, DDS suggests that agencies need to take measures to improve the integrity of the source of data.

Lori Reed provides a comment in regards to single sign-on, how to integrate on same users and/or same patient, provider information. Her department has aligned common patient and provider information in directories.

- Mary Smith, UCONN School of Pharmacy asks about DDS Care Notes, “Are medication records available for HIE or are they paper records?”
- Mr. Desmond says Rx files are available electronically (Dbase3) with case managers, but DDS wants to expand access to nurse and provider staff.

Cheryl Wamuo (DCF) asks for a timeframe for integrating silos of information

- Mr. Desmond says that according to the planning document with current staff, it could take years, but the advanced funding match with CMS could change the timeline to 2014/15.
- Terry Macy agrees that with time and resources anything can be accomplished.

Presentation: Strategic next steps

- Victor Villagra asks the group to consider the workgroups next steps in the context of Health reform in respect to our goals to communicate to each other and the workgroups, particularly those in health exchange. He says “We need to begin to establish linkages and bridges between health information and insurance exchange.”
- Victor Villagra offers a visual template to organize future work. He discusses hierarchy of functions, conceptual issues, architectural dimensions, as well as interest in value of the work accomplished through the workgroup. He encourages the harmonization of department goals, ways and means, to achieve inter-agency integration.
- Schematic is available online at:
<http://www.healthreform.ct.gov/ohri/cwp/view.asp?a=2742&q=333606>

Discussion: Next Steps

- Roderick Bremby presents the group with next steps. The purpose of this workgroup is to provide assistance to health reform cabinet. Policy questions derived by the workgroup are needed to accomplish integration of activity of agencies around the table.
- This workgroup must begin to provide policy recommendations to accomplish the following topics discussed:

- Master Patient index
- Common nomenclature
- Privacy
- Security
- Maintaining identity through the system

Homework:

- Consider how our work will provide value in the marketplace. For example, in the health insurance exchange, “What are the products and policies that will enable health plan selection?” The HIE is a practical opportunity for this workgroup to submit our data and experience to inform policy.

Next Meeting

Next meeting, Thursday, December 22, 2011 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Legislative Office Building, Room 1B

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Public Comment

- No public comment

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