eHealth Commission

April 19, 2016 | 1:00 to 4:00pm | HCPF Conf Rm 11A

Type of Meeting	Monthly Commission Meeting
Facilitator	Kate Kiefert, Carol Robinson, Matt Benson
Note Taker	Jacqueline Giordano
Timekeeper	Jacqueline Giordano

Minutes

Call to Order

- Chris Underwood called the meeting to order as Interim Chair of the eHealth Commission and Interim Director of the Office of eHealth Innovation

Approval of Minutes and SOPs
- Minutes were approved by unanimous vote
- SOPs approved by unanimous vote

Vote for Chairs
- Michelle Mills nominated and approved by unanimous vote for Chair
- Marc Lassaux and Jason Greer nominated and approved by unanimous vote for Co-Vice Chairs

Background Leading to Current State – *Kate Kiefert*

- Kate was the former State Health IT Coordinator and lead and participated in the formation of the Office of eHealth Innovation and the eHealth Commission
- State of Colorado HIT Roadmap from 2009
    - o Question posed to the Commission: Should this still be the roadmap? What progress is there to be made? What may need to be corrected? What are the barriers? How can the Commission help?
- To meet HITECH Act requirements, Colorado stood up CORHIO as the SDE for Health IT
    - o CORHIO successfully met all goals, established HIE platform, and made policy progress
    - o However, a need was recognized for additional governance structure and the SDE Action Committee was formed
- The SDE Action Committee was tasked with providing recommendations to the Governors Health Care Workgroup

- - o Looked at other states (e.g., Michigan, Pennsylvania) to understand how they had set up State Health IT groups; performed a pro/con exercise to determine what was best for Colorado
  - o Created new Governance goals (directly copied in the Executive Order)
- Recommendations: New governance (commission) needed specific functions
  - o Advisory resource
  - o Administrative and operations functions
  - o Technical infrastructure

Current State and Health IT Landscape – *Carol Robinson*

- Brief introduction to new State Health IT Coordinator, Carrie Paykoc
- Carol provided a comparison of how the state and national highway systems were standardized
  - o Investments in infrastructure
  - o Standards and policies are essential – lane widths, overpass heights, sign shapes/colors/text, necessary for safety
  - o Infrastructure, together with standards and policies, support both operation AND innovation
- Delivery system reform
  - o 3 focus areas: pay providers, deliver care, distribute information
  - o Building blocks – the more we build the small pieces upon each other, we'll begin to make real progress
  - o The Commission should see itself in these building blocks and think about where we can help
- Incremental change
  - o The receivers of value will change along the way (cell phone example – 1982 was providing value to a very specific clientele versus the iPhone in 2007)
- Introduction of topics for discussion
  - o Value-based payment models for the Medicaid program require additional Health IT services (beyond current capabilities) to improve care coordination, measure health outcomes, and reward quality of care
  - o Patient engagement is needed to improve health and reduce spending in the Medicaid population

ACTIVITY: Aligning Commission Goals and Actions

- The Commission performed an activity in which a series of questions were posed to groups of 3 to 4 commission members to prompt discussion around barriers and solutions to common Health IT problems currently facing Colorado: (1) Value Based Payments; (2) Patient Engagement

- Questions
  - o Does your organization face similar problems to those facing the Medicaid program? If so, what are they? Are those being driven from internal or external initiatives, or both?
  - o Is your organization currently facing Health IT barriers in either supporting or participating in Value-based payment models? What are those barriers?

- o How can OeHI best plan for technology components to solve these problems for the Medicaid population, so the state and users of stare systems realize the greatest value from this work?
  - o What can the commission do to reduce barriers and increase success in meeting the needs of value-based payment models?

- After the activity, the small groups presented the outcome of their discussions. There will be a recap of the output from this activity during the May Commission meeting.

Public Comment

General agreement that one of the challenges will be to figure out what is already in progress and how we can leverage that to support where we are going.

Next Steps and Action Items

#	Action Item	Owner	Timeframe	Status
1	Robinson and Associates will be reaching out to each of the Commission members to gain an understanding of how their organizations fit into the interests of the Office as well as their current state and strategic priorities. The primary focus of these conversations will be on Personal Health Records, Master Patient Index, and Master Provider Directory (mainly because this is where there is existing CMS funding).	Robinson and Associates; Commission Members	Prior to March Commission meeting	In Progress
2	Review Organizational Charter; send feedback or comments to Matthew.Benson@northhighland.com or Veronica.Menard@state.co.us	Commission Members	Prior to March Commission meeting	Completed
3	Provide background information and additional reading materials on the Health IT topics, including Person Identification	Robinson and Associates	Prior to March Commission Meeting	
4	Vote to approve Organizational Charter	Commission Members	At March Commission meeting	Completed
5	Consider nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission; send nominations to Chris.Underwood@state.co.us	Commission Members	Prior to April Commission meeting	Completed
6	Review SOPs; send feedback or comments to Matthew.Benson@northhighland.com or Veronica.Menard@state.co.us	Commission Members	Prior to April Commission Meeting	Completed
7	Describe some of the thinking that brought the Office to the identification of the 3 priorities presented.	Office of eHealth Innovation	April Commission Meeting	In Progress