



NeHC University
Spring 2012 (February – June)

Health IT Orientation, Updates, and Trends Programs

Health IT Orientation

- *Description:* HIT Orientation is a comprehensive introduction to health information technology (HIT). The HIT Orientation program will provide students with an introduction to HITECH, ONC initiatives and a high-level view of the current HIT landscape in the U.S. This class is designed for stakeholders who are new to the HIT field, new to NeHC University, or just need a refresher on some of the HIT basics.
- *Faculty:*
 - Gwenn Darlinger, Project Manager, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association
- **Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2012 - 1:00PM-2:30PM ET**
- **URL: <http://www.nationalehealth.org/hit-orientation>**

Introduction to the HIE Landscape

- *Description:* This program will describe the findings of CapSite's 2011 U.S. Health Information Exchange (HIE) Study, which looked at the primary drivers for joining an HIE, key HIE functionality such as ePrescribing and Disease Registries, and key market drivers in HIE in the coming years. This program will set the stage for the Spotlight Learning Series on HIE Leadership and Sustainability.
- *Faculty:*
 - Gino Johnson, Senior Vice President and General Manager, CapSite
- **Date: Thursday, February 2, 2012 - 2:30PM-3:30PM ET**
- **URL: <http://www.nationalehealth.org/HIELandscape>**

Direct Trust Update with Dr. David Kibbe

- *Description:* This program will provide an overview of DirectTrust.org and the conceptual framework that guides this effort to help assure privacy, security, and trust related to Direct exchange, part of the Nationwide Health Information Network. This program will provide a background of the Direct exchange technology and its primary use cases, and elaborate on governance and the workgroups associated with DirectTrust.org. This program will examine technical issues related to the management of digital certificates and encryption for Direct exchange and attachments.
- *Faculty:*
 - David C. Kibbe, MD, MBA, Principal at The Kibbe Group and Senior Advisor for American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
- **Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 - 1:00PM-2:00PM ET**
- **URL: <http://www.nationalehealth.org/DirectTrust>**

Trends in Payer Engagement and HIE

- *Description:* This course will describe the key challenges and opportunities payers are facing in the rapidly changing health IT environment and how they are responding. This program will set the stage for a series of case studies on payer engagement with HIE.
- *Faculty:*
 - Gary Austin, Principal and Co-Founder, TranzformHealth
- **Date: Thursday, March 1, 2012 - 1:00PM-2:00PM ET**
- *URL:* <http://www.nationalehealth.org/PayerHITTrends>

Careers in Health IT

- *Description:* NeHC will convene a program featuring speakers with specific insights into the types of skills and experiences needed to be successful in the HIT workforce, including examples of various career opportunities in HIT.
- *Faculty:*
 - Gwen Darling, CEO of Healthcare IT Central, an expert in healthcare workforce development (*Invited*)
- *Date:* TBD

Spotlight Learning Series: HIE Leadership and Sustainability

HIE case studies will feature executives from selected HIEs to discuss their organization's background, business model, critical success factors, key challenges, connectivity strategies, value proposition and impact in their communities, and future outlook.

Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO) and Cal eConnect

- Faculty:
 - Phyllis Albritton, Executive Director, CORHIO
 - Laura Landry, Executive Director, Cal eConnect
- **Date: Tuesday, March 6 – 1:00PM-2:30PM ET**
- **URL: <http://www.nationalehealth.org/CORHIOCalConnect>**

Texas Statewide Approach to HIE

- *Description:* Stephen Palmer of the Office of e-Health Coordination at Texas Health and Human Services Commission will join NeHC to give an overview of the state's health information exchange strategy. Stephen will be joined by HIE leaders in his state and will give attendees the full view of Texas' health information exchange approach.
- *Faculty:*
 - Stephen Palmer, Director, Office of e-Health Coordination at Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- **Date: Wednesday, March 14 1:00PM-2:30PM ET**
- **URL: <http://www.nationalehealth.org/Texas>**

Indiana HIE and Rhode Island Quality Institute

- *Faculty:*
 - Laura Adams, President & CEO, Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI)
 - Harold Apple, CEO, Indiana HIE
- **Date: Thursday, March 22 1:00PM-2:30PM ET**
- **URL: <http://www.nationalehealth.org/IHIERIQI>**

Coastal Carolinas Health Alliance and Dignity Health

- *Faculty:*
 - Yvonne Hughes, Executive Director, Coastal Carolinas Health Alliance
 - Scott Whyte, Dignity Health
- **Date: March**

Care Connectivity Consortium

- *Faculty:*
 - Dr. John Mattison, Assistant Medical Director and Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO), Kaiser Permanente
- **Date: April**

[Spotlight Learning Series: Update on the Beacon Communities](#)

The ONC Beacon Community grant program is providing funding for 17 communities that are leading the way in developing secure, private, and effective EHR and HIE systems. This series will provide in-depth case studies of the Beacon Community grantees' projects as they work to further build and strengthen their health IT infrastructure and exchange capabilities, leading to measurable improvements in quality and care coordination, and slowing the growth of healthcare costs.

- *Dates:* End of March-May
- *Beacon Communities to be Profiled:*
 - Bangor Beacon Community, Brewer, ME
 - Beacon Community of the Inland Northwest, Spokane, WA
 - Central Indiana Beacon Community, Indianapolis, IN
 - Colorado Beacon Community, Grand Junction, CO
 - Crescent City Beacon Community, New Orleans, LA
 - Delta BLUES Beacon Community, Stoneville, MS
 - Greater Cincinnati Beacon Community, Cincinnati, OH
 - Greater Tulsa Health Access Network Beacon Community, Tulsa, OK
 - Hawaii County Beacon Community, Hilo, HI
 - Keystone Beacon Community, Danville, PA
 - Rhode Island Beacon Community, Providence, RI
 - San Diego Beacon Community, San Diego, CA
 - Southeast Michigan Beacon Community, Detroit, MI
 - Southeastern Minnesota Beacon Community, Rochester, MN
 - Southern Piedmont Beacon Community, Concord, NC
 - Utah Beacon Community, Salt Lake City, UT
 - Western New York Beacon Community, Buffalo, NY

Spotlight Learning Series: Consumer Engagement and Health IT

This series will feature representatives from selected organizations to discuss their approaches to engage consumers. Panelists in this series will discuss their views on the benefits of engaging consumers, key challenges, success stories, and the future of consumer engagement.

The Power of Connected Personal Healthcare

- *Description:* This program will explore how consumers can take control of their health and health information by leveraging the capabilities and connectivity of a personal health record platform with health device manufacturers. The speakers will share some of the latest advances in personal health technology that can be leveraged to empower consumers and more effectively connect them and their information with their providers.
- *Faculty:*
 - Chuck Parker, Executive Director, Continua Health Alliance
 - Jim Hansen, Executive Director, Dossia Consortium
- *Date:* **Monday, March 19 1:00PM-2:30PM ET**
- *URL:* <http://www.nationalehealth.org/DossiaContinua>

The Patient's Role in Improving the Quality of Information in EHRs

- *Description:* With the growing adoption and use of EHRs, the patients' role in improving the quality of information in their electronic record is increasingly important. In this program, NORC at the University of Chicago will discuss its environmental scan on the role of patient engagement to improve data quality of EHRs. The presentation will include an overview of the issues of data quality of medical records (paper and electronic) and the significant need to evaluate the role patients can potentially play for data quality improvement. Other topics that will be covered include the state of approaches, such as patient and examples of customer feedback tools from other industries. The presentation will conclude with next steps providers can take to understand and evaluate patient engagement mechanisms.
- *Faculty:*
 - Erin Poetter, Consumer e-Health Policy Analyst, ONC
 - Praschilla Dbullah, Project Lead, NORC at the University of Chicago (*Invited*)
 - Norman K. Sondheimer, Co-Director of the Electronic Enterprise Institute (EEI), University of Massachusetts Amherst (*Invited*)
 - Ethan Katsch, Professor of Legal Studies and Director, Center for Information Technology and Dispute Resolution (CITDR) (*Invited*)
- *Date:* Week of March 26 or April 2

Update on the Open Notes Project

- *Description:* A groundbreaking research project studied the effects of opening up doctors' notes to their patients to determine how it could improve the patient-physician relationship and encourage consumer engagement in managing health. The results of the study were released in the December 2011 Annals of Internal Medicine with some interesting revelations. This program will discuss the findings of the project, including its implications for the practice of medicine, physician-patient communications, and patient empowerment.
- *Faculty:*
 - Tom Delbanco, Open Notes Project
 - Dave DeBronkart, Patient Advocate
 - Danny Sands, Society for Participatory Medicine (*Invited*)
- *Date:* TBD

Best Practices for Patient-Centered Care

- *Description:* In this Spotlight Learning Series program, two leaders in patient-centered care - Fallon Health and Bellin Health - will describe their philosophies and their use of IT, and how they have translated those philosophies and tools into success in meaningfully engaging patients.
- *Faculty:*
 - Lawrence Garber, Fallon Health
 - Jaclyn Hunt, Bellin Health (*Invited*)
- *Date:* April

Spotlight Learning Series: Trends in HIT Innovation

Description: As the industry evolves to meet the needs of patients and providers, companies and organizations are developing innovative programs and tools to increase patient care through better and more effective uses and exchange of health data. This program will provide stakeholders with examples of cutting-edge technologies and in health IT (HIT) arena. This series will feature HIT innovators in health IT to discuss their contributions to advancement of HIT adoption, consumer engagement with HIT, and the potential to improve health and healthcare.

Using Data to Design Solutions to Community Health and Health Care Needs

- *Description:* Representatives from Health Indicators Warehouse and Network of Care for Healthy Communities will join NeHC to discuss their innovative online data tools that allow stakeholders to access comprehensive population health data quickly and easily. Each speaker will give an online tutorial of their platform and illustrate the numerous benefits these programs have both locally and nationally.
- *Faculty:*
 - Bruce Bronzan President, Trilogy Integrated Resources Inc.
 - James Craver, Public Health Analyst, National Center for Health Statistics
- **Date: Monday, February 13, 2012 1:00PM-2:30PM ET**
- **URL: <http://www.nationalehealth.org/Trends-DataAndCommunityHealth>**

ONC Initiatives

Programs Highlighting Proposed Federal Regulations

- *Description:* NeHC will welcome federal representatives for several discussions on upcoming HHS regulations regarding Meaningful Use Stage 2, Standards and Certification, and Nationwide Health Information Network Governance.
- *Faculty:* TBD
- *Dates:* TBD

FACA Updates

- *Description:* ONC leaders will provide updates on the activities of the HIT Policy Committee, HIT Standards Committee, and their workgroups.
- *Faculty:*
 - Jodi Daniel, Director of Policy and Planning (*Invited*)
 - Doug Fridsma, Director, Office of Standards and Interoperability (*Invited*)
- *Date:* TBD

S&I Framework Update

- *Description:* NeHC will host a representative from ONC will provide updates on the progress of the multiple initiatives launched within the S&I Framework, which focuses on single challenges with sets of value-creating goals and the creation of reusable tools and services.
- *Faculty:*
 - Doug Fridsma, Director, Office of Standards and Interoperability (*Invited*)
- *Date:* TBD