

NC HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIVE

WORKGROUPS

NCHICA Board
NCHICA HIE Council
NCHICA CIO Roundtable
NCHICA Staff

• GOVERNANCE

Purpose: Convening health care stakeholders to create trust and consensus on an approach for statewide HIT and to provide oversight and accountability of HIT to protect the public interest. One of the primary purposes of a governance entity is to develop and maintain a multi-stakeholder process to ensure HIT among providers is in compliance with applicable policies and laws.

- Holt Anderson (*facilitator*) – NCHICA
 - Melanie Allison (*facilitator*) – HWTF
 - Steve Cline – NC DPH
 - Hadley Callaway – NC Medical Society
 - Sam Cykert, MD – NC AHEC
 - Gail Hinte – HIMFormatics/NCHICA
 - Avery Cloud – New Hanover Regional Medical Center
- **Deliverable:** Provide support in development of a multi-stakeholder process to ensure HIE among providers is in compliance with applicable policies and laws.

NCHICA's relevant activities:

- ONC Health Information Security & Privacy Collaboration development of Consent Policy Options and Interorganizational Agreements
- ONC NHIN DURSA Agreement development
- ONC NHIN Coordinating Committee Development of Policy and Procedures and Co-chair
- NCHICA Legal Work Group and Task Forces (HIPAA and ARRA privacy and security implementation strategies and model agreements including Business Associate Agreement) – Also, relevant to Legal Agreements and Policy
- NC HIE Council and Policy Committee
- NC Privacy and Security Officials Workgroup – implementation strategies and models for maintaining privacy and security of Protected Health Information as it is handled within enterprises and exchanged with other healthcare providers and patients.

- **TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

Purpose: This domain includes the architecture, hardware, software, applications, network configurations and other technological aspects that physically enable the technical services for HIT in a secure and appropriate manner.

- *Melanie Allison (facilitator) – HWTF*
 - *Arlo Jennings (facilitator) – WNCHN*
 - *Ron Mitchell – Wake Radiology*
 - *JP Kichak – UNC Healthcare*
 - *Janis Curtis – Duke Health Systems*
 - *Jim Hazelrigs – NC DHHS*
- **Deliverable:** Support development of statewide technical infrastructure that supports statewide HIE.

NCHICA's relevant activities:

- **ONC Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN); Phases: Architecture Prototype and Trial Implementations Phases**
 - Participated in national NHIN Forums/Fora to demonstrate live exchange of data among practices, hospitals, and patients that used architectural standards developed for the NHIN. Participants included Eden Internal Medicine, Duke, Moses Cone, Morehead Memorial, FirstHealth of the Carolinas, LabCorp, Spectrum Labs, Pulmonary, Allergy, & Asthma Clinic of Danville, Pinehurst Women's Health Center, Pinehurst Surgical Clinic, etc.
 - Participated in national NHIN Forum to demonstrate live exchange of information for Trial Implementations including participation by Carolina Neurosurgery and Spice Associates, Moses Cone, FirstHealth, Morehead Memorial, the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, Military Health System, etc.
- **ONC NHIN Technical Specifications and Standards Development**
- **NC HIE Council – Technical and Operations Committee - (developed the statewide HIE architecture for the NC HIT Strategic Plan)**
- **NCHICA CIO Roundtable – Share ideas among providers and other healthcare organizations for improving health information technology and exchange; charge Security Work Group and Privacy and Security Officials Workgroups to develop policies, procedures and educational activities.**
- **Security Workgroup – develop methods for protecting healthcare information at rest or in motion for use among NCHICA members and the general public.**



- **LEGAL AGREEMENTS & POLICY**

Purpose: The mechanisms and structures that address legal and policy barriers and enablers related to HIE which include: policy frameworks, privacy and security requirements and use, data sharing agreements, laws, regulations, and multi-state policy harmonization activities.

- *Linda Attarian (facilitator)* – HWTF
- *Jill Moore (facilitator)* – UNC
- **Don Horton – LabCorp**
- Garland Scott – United Healthcare Group
- Dan Gitterman – NC Office of the Governor
- Melanie Phelps – NC Medical Society

- **Deliverable:** Support development of common set of rules to enable inter-organizational and eventually interstate health information exchange while protecting consumer interests.

NCHICA's relevant activities:

- ONC Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN); Data Use and Reciprocal Agreement (DURSA) Workgroup and Co-chair of initial phase of development
- NC's representative to the ONC-AHRQ funded Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative (HISPC) project lasting from 2004-2009 in conjunction with 44 states and territories to evaluate barriers to electronic health information exchange and develop model policies and agreements for Interorganizational Agreements, Consent Policy Options and educational materials for provider and consumer education.
- NCHICA Legal Workgroup – developed model agreements and procedures adopted widely including HIPAA compliance tools and model Business Associate Agreement used widely across US
- NC HIE Council – Policy Committee develop policies for health information exchange
- NCHICA Privacy and Security Officials Workgroup – develop policies and methods to be used across the NC community and as national models.
- NGA State Alliance for eHealth – NC's representative to the Privacy and Security and Privacy workgroups

- **COMMUNITY HIE DEVELOPMENT**

Purpose: A model for organizing and convening a domain specific or geography-based community for the purpose of health information exchange which includes building stakeholder collaboration, creating governance structures and a policy framework.

- Andrew Weniger (*facilitator*) – NCHICA
- Laura Gerald, MD (*facilitator*) – CCNC
- Sam Spicer, MD – New Hanover Regional Medical Center
- Allen Dobson, MD – CCNC
- Rebecca Kitzmiller – Duke University
- Ben Alexander – WakeMed
- David Stratton – Capital Care Collaborative

- **Deliverable:** Support development of a community-based model for health information exchange initiatives

NCHICA's relevant activities:

- NC HIE Council – Technical and Operations Committee - (developed the statewide HIE architecture for the NC HIT Strategic Plan that specifically called for Community-based HIEs)
- ONC NHIN activities relative to sharing PHI among organizations in states, regions and with federal government agencies
- Participant in ONC s' NHIN Coordinating Committee that will develop and implement polices and procedures for implmenting the NHIN and connectivity with state-level health information exchanges and organizations; Vice Chair of the NHIN Coordinating Committee
- NC's representative to the NGA State Alliance for eHealth