

**CT Health Information Technology and Exchange Advisory Committee
Minutes
Monday, March 15, 2010**

The sixth meeting of the CT Health Information Technology and Exchange Advisory Committee was held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at the Connecticut Department of Information Technology, 101 East River Drive, 1st Floor Conference Room, East Hartford, CT.

Call to Order

Dr. Robert Galvin, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M.

Voting Members Present: Lt. Governor Michael Fedele, Thomas Agresta, M.D., Lisa Boyle, Daniel Carmody (phone), Kevin Carr, Peter Courtway, Kenneth Dardick, Nancy Kim, Mark Masselli

Non-voting State Agency Representatives: Robert Galvin, M.D. (DPH), Rick Bailey (DOIT), Marcia Mains (DSS), Barbara Parks Wolf (OPM), Alexis Fedorjaczenko for Cristine Vogel (DPH/OHCA), Jamie Mooney (Norwalk Hospital/Office of Healthcare Advocate).

Other Attendees: Warren Wollschlager (DPH), Marianne Horn (DPH), Michael Purcaro (DPH), Lynn Townshend (DPH), Denise Leiper (DPH), Alistair McKinnon (Gartner), Andrea Schroeter (DSS), Rivka Weiser (DSS), Jeff Marvin (Lt. Governor's Office), Helen George (Nexus Resources, Inc.), Jeremy George (Nexus Resources, Inc.), Jeff Asher (CHEFA), Peter Cazzetta (HP).

Review of Minutes

Dr. Galvin asked the Advisory Committee members to consider the minutes from the February 22, 2010 meeting.

MOTION: Upon a motion made and seconded, the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adopting the minutes of the February 22, 2010 meeting as presented. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ARRA Stimulus Program

Commissioner Galvin announced at the meeting that the federal government approved the grant proposal for \$7.29 million. There is still some concern with the Legislature regarding the different models of governance and oversight, but DPH will be meeting with them to try to educate them.

Subcommittee Reports

Lisa Boyle reported that the Legal and Policy Subcommittee continues to meet twice a month. She met with Gartner, Inc. and discussed the direction the subcommittee should be taking, including not only focusing on legal issues, but also policy issues. The subcommittee will be reviewing laws including HIPAA and Connecticut law, discussed different structural issues including Opt-in versus Opt-out, and different types of data storage. They are working on developing a chart of these strengths and weakness of different policy models and hope to provide a chart of the differences at the next meeting.

Tom Agresta reported that the Business and Technical Operations Subcommittee had not met since their initial meeting.

Dan Carmody reported that the Finance Subcommittee met on March 8th. There were discussion on the fundamental questions as to what is the role of the subcommittee - what are we going to do, why and how does it fit into healthcare reform. The subcommittee also wants to invite additional members including CHA, CHEFA, and the Comptroller's Office, to add additional perspectives. Again, the subcommittee would like to keep the focus small, at least in the beginning so that measures around success could be demonstrated when we're asking for financing. The subcommittee will meet again on April 5.

Gartner Presentation

Frank Petrus, Senior Managing Partner for Gartner, heading up their Health and Human Services Practice and Alistair McKinnon, project manager for Gartner, walked the Committee through a PowerPoint presentation, which included a planning framework, logistics, and next steps. The PowerPoint presentation is available for members who were not at the meeting.

New Business

It was reported that eHealth Connecticut, Inc., has offered to disband its Board of Directors and offer the entity and its assets to the State. After much discussion, it was asked if this was an appropriate item for consideration by the Legal and Policy Subcommittee to pursue. Commissioner Galvin raised issues with the offer and indicated the DPH did not want to pursue the matter further.

Public Comment

No public comment at this meeting.

Next Meeting: **April 19, 2010, 12:00-2:00 P.M. at DOIT.**
 May 17, 2010, 12:00-2:00 P.M. at DOIT.
 Meetings will be kept to the 3rd Monday of the month.

Adjournment

With the unanimous consent of the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.