

HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE OF CONNECTICUT IS SEEKING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Position Title: Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Reports To: Board of Directors

Location: Central Connecticut (tentative)

About the Organization

The Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut (HITE-CT) is a new quasi-public state agency established by legislative mandate to develop, implement, and monitor state-level Health Information Exchange (HIE) in order to meet the state's strategic objectives of improved healthcare outcomes and efficiency through the secure exchange of clinical and administrative health data. For more information, please visit <http://www.ct.gov/dph> and click on Health Information Technology Exchange.

Overview of Position

Seeking a qualified senior executive with experience in health information technology, health information exchange (HIE), and statewide infrastructure development, including technical and policy development related to sustaining the HIE. The Candidate must be capable of building and articulating succinct strategic plans, effectively implement a focused business agenda, and actively seek collaboration and participation with providers of health information in accordance with the business plan. The Chief Executive Officer will be ultimately responsible for the administration and successful execution of the Connecticut Health Information Exchange as well as to work collaboratively with other state entities in the deployment of federal and state initiatives on health information exchange (HIE).

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Implement the Strategic and Operational plan for Health Information Exchange in accordance with the terms of the cooperative agreement between the State of Connecticut and the federal Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology.
2. Manage the operations of the HITE-CT in a manner that assures financial sustainability.
3. Engage and supervise qualified personnel (employees, volunteers and partners, and service providers) to carry out the mission and day-to-day work of the organization.
4. Develop and execute contractual agreements with vendors and customers.
5. Facilitate policy, statutory, and regulatory changes as necessary and appropriate to advance the implementation of Health Information Exchange in Connecticut.
6. Champion the effective use of Health Information Technology and Exchange (HITE) to state practitioners, private health sector leaders, consumers and legislators.
7. Collaborate, coordinate and communicate with all relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, state and federal entities, the ONC-designated Regional Extension Center (REC), consumers, policy makers, private health sector leaders, practitioners, consumers and the public.
8. Work collaboratively with the State's designated representatives from Departments of Public Health, Social Services, and the Office of Policy Management, as well as the Connecticut General Assembly, the State Health Information (HIT) Coordinator, the federal Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), the Regional Extension Center, and the private sector to implement interoperable health information technology that reduces medical errors, improves quality, and produces greater value for health care expenditures.

9. Act as a key advisor to the HITE-CT Board on issues related to health information technology and exchange.

Qualification Requirements - Education and Experience

Viable candidates must possess at least five (5) years relevant senior level HIT experience as described below:

- ❑ Hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, with an advanced degree in health informatics, medicine, health care, health care management, business, law, or other closely related field preferred.
- ❑ Demonstrated leadership in a healthcare or business environment.
- ❑ A strong track record in clinical systems implementation, coupled with in-depth experience and understanding of all aspects of HIT/HIE implementation.
- ❑ Extensive knowledge of clinical operations in a health care setting.
- ❑ Excellent operational knowledge of hospital and physician organizations.
- ❑ An understanding of both HIPAA and national HIE standards.
- ❑ Demonstrated skill in communicating effectively across the broad and diverse spectrum of HIE stakeholders.
- ❑ Demonstrated skill in establishing, managing and maintaining positive professional relationships with customers, vendors, clinicians, health care leaders, policy makers, consumers and other HIE stakeholders.
- ❑ The ability to work in a diverse stakeholder landscape, balancing competing and sometimes conflicting interests.

Required Background, Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- ❑ Understanding of the Connecticut HIT/HIE landscape
- ❑ Clinical health care background
- ❑ Senior IT leadership within a health care delivery organization or consulting firm with a clinical background
- ❑ Consulting experience at senior manager level or above
- ❑ Demonstrated success in fund development and / or financial management
- ❑ Experience supervising staff and other personnel
- ❑ Familiar with process for advancing public policy at state and federal levels
- ❑ Ability to develop, negotiate and execute contractual agreements

Travel

The incumbent must be able to travel to attend meetings and conferences throughout the state and nation, as well as attend regular meetings in Connecticut.

Compensation

Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

How to Apply

Please send a cover letter and resume, along with the names of three references to Penny.Davis@ct.gov. Review of applications will commence on June 13, 2011 and the position will remain open until filled.