

**Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut  
Special Populations Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 27, 2011

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brenda Kelley (Co-Chair), Mark Masselli (Co-Chair), Matthew Barrett, Matthew J. Cook, Alexis Fedorjaczenko (phone), Catherine LaForza (phone), Ellen Makar (phone), Sheila Moloney (phone), Mary Ann O'Brien

**HITE-CT MEMBERS:** Lori Reed-Fourquet (phone), Denese Sterling

**PUBLIC:** Michael Bloom

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Masselli called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. He thanked everyone for attending and invited people to introduce themselves.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Brenda pointed out that there was a typo of HITE-CT in very last paragraph of the Consumer Principles that were sent out with the October 06, 2011 minutes which needs to be corrected.

**MOTION:** M. Masselli made a motion to adopt the October 06, 2011 minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by M.A. O'Brien and L. Fourquet and approved.

**MOTION PASSED.**

**STATUS UPDATE ON HITE-CT**

Lori Reed-Fourquet, the HITE-CT Interim Executive Director, provided a status update as follows:

- A contract was signed with the infrastructure vendor on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- The HITE-CT interoperability demonstrations at the Summit, held at Capital Community College on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were very successful.
- A test environment, tailored to the HITE-CT environment is expected to be setup by November and a production environment is expected by December, 2011.

**CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF CONSUMER PRINCIPLES**

B. Kelley mentioned that the Healthcare Consumer Principles have been approved by the committee members and the next step is to bring them before the board for approval.

*The Healthcare Consumer Principles were sent out along with the October 06, 2011 minutes.*

**CONSUMER EDUCATION**

- M. Masselli and B. Kelley led the group in a brainstorming effort on how to develop the consumer education materials.
- There was a suggestion to get a consumer friendly brochure that answers the following:

- Why the Health Information Exchange (HIE) will be beneficial to them?
- How will the Health Information Exchange (HIE) improve their privacy and security?
- What rights will they have as consumers?
- Public Service Announcements were also suggested
  - M. Barrett volunteered to contact the Department of Social Services about public service announcements.
- M. Masselli will contact the director of Info Line to see if the organization can help promote HITE-CT consumer materials.
- It was suggested that we need a focus group to determine what consumers want to know about Health Info Exchange. Some suggested this could be expensive and beyond our budget. M. Cook indicated that he had been involved with a focus group of safety net programs on consumer attitudes on health information exchange. He will check to see if could share results with the group.
- M. Barrett suggested that members present information to groups they are a part of such as the CT LTC Advisory and Policy Councils.
- B. Kelley mentioned that AARP has communication tools which she can utilize to reach the 50+ population.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- M. Cook will send out his document that he presented on consumer education issues at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Summit at Capitol Community College.
- B. Kelley will send out the list of states with a Health Information Exchange that K. Null put together.
- M.A. O'Brien will take a look at the ONC website consumer materials.
- E. Makar will also take a look at the consumer materials on the ONC and the new HealthIt.gov websites.

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – November 3, 2011, was changed to a working group meeting through gotomeeting
- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – December 15, 2011, *BEST* Conference Room 1002

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.