



**Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut
Technical Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 9, 2012**

1:00 – 3:00 PM

BEST

**101 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT
Conference Room 1002**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Peter Courtway (Committee Chair),

HITE-CT: David Gilbertson (CEO), John DeStefano (CTO), Christine Kraus (CAO), Nancy Coccagna (Intern), Peter Armstrong, (Intern) Louise Getman (Intern),

ATTENDING: Dan Herens (Wheeler Clinic), William Henderson (Hytec Solutions), Ed VanBaak (Asylum Hill), Angela DeWeese (Axway)

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order with introductions at 1:00 PM.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE 7/12/2012 MEETING MINUTES:

The 7/12/2012 meeting minutes were approved.

DRAFT ONBOARDING PROCESS REVIEW:

No updates

BUSINESS PROCESS:

No updates

OTHER BUSINESS:

Secure email is the current preference for private key messages that are encrypted at the Health Information Systems Program (HISP) level. The ONC emphasis is that the reciprocate can only open it with the private key and it is a secure push type message using email due to ease and the fact that most providers already use email. The Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS) is a secure push type message based on key cryptography which encrypts the email message from the sender to the receiver.

The typical process is to send the information to the specialist using encrypted secure messaging email rather than fax, mail, paper, or regular email. Direct is a push technology. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations, the Health Information Record (HIR) must be secure and must have consent.

Detail is on the direct website: <http://wiki.directproject.org>

Our target is 100 mail boxes by the end of September 2012. In a recent meeting with ONC about grants and funding to implement direct, it was recognized that it is difficult to put in place a HISP due to varying security levels of Personnel Computers (PCs). Many policies are in place for our HITE-CT organization to be a HISP, so we need to negotiate with companies that provide those services. A key player in collaborating to build the security and trust framework for direct exchange is DirectTrust.org. The trust framework is creating the trust for providers to talk to each other and exchange health records in compliance with the required security measures for HIPAA. The ONC is putting considerable effort into Health Internet Service Providers (HISP).

Marketing and communicating the necessity will be adopted as meaningful use Stage 2 is implemented. Email would work best with a capable Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system in place. We know some EHRs have direct. The state of Rhode Island, as well as Danbury Hospital, in Connecticut is using HISP.

NEXT STEPS:

- Create a trust factor – a common operational policy as a bridge that has been validated at the necessary level
- Develop a direct exchange – those who use email is where we will start
- Evaluate other ways to do secure exchange with file drops
- Look at workflow issues and marketing
- Identify providers who would like to participate

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment

MEETING SCHEDULE:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2012.

ADJOURND:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.