

# SustiNet Health Partnership

## Health Information Technology Advisory Committee

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### **HIT Advisory Committee General Meeting**

Friday April 16, 2010  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM ET  
Via Conference Call

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Review approve meeting minutes – March 19, 2010 meeting
3. Review SustiNet Board/Co-chairs Retreat on April 14, 2010
4. Update on state-level HIT activity
  - a. DPH received ARRA funds (\$7.3 million) to develop, implement, sustain a statewide HIE.
    - i. **SB 403 – AN ACT CONCERNING HIT**

#### *SUMMARY:*

*The bill establishes the “Connecticut e-Health Authority” as a quasi-public agency for health information technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE) in the state. It designates the authority as the lead HIE organization for the state beginning January 1, 2011. Under current law, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is the designated lead HIE organization for the state. Under the bill, the authority takes over DPH’s responsibilities for the implementation and periodic review of the HIT plan. Currently, this includes the implementation of an integrated statewide electronic health information infrastructure for sharing electronic health information among health care facilities, health care professionals, public and private payers, and patients. DPH must develop standards and protocols for privacy in sharing electronic health*

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*information. The law also established a Health Information Technology and Exchange (HITE) Advisory Committee. The bill replaces the HITE advisory committee with an authority board of directors. Board members are appointed by the governor and legislative leaders. The board also includes the lieutenant governor and the DPH commissioner who is the chairperson. A number of other executive branch officials serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members.*

*EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage*

- b. E-Health awarded \$5.75 million for statewide HIT Regional Extension Center
- 5. Workgroup Updates
  - a. Organizational Tasks
  - b. ARRA/Fed Health Reform
  - c. Logistics
  - d. Market Research/Outreach/Enrollment
  - e. Financing
  - f. Recommendations/ Final Report
- 6. Next Steps for producing Work Product/Final Recommendations