

Health Information Exchange Grant

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Applicants Conference
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DCH Mission

ACCESS



Access
to affordable,
quality health
care in our
communities

RESPONSIBLE



Responsible
health planning
and use of
health care
resources

HEALTHY



Healthy
behaviors and
improved
health
outcomes

DCH Initiatives

FY 2007 and FY 2008

FY 2007

- Medicaid Transformation
- Integrity of our Programs & Safety Net
- Consumerism
- Health Improvement & Resolving Disparities
- Uninsured: Community Solutions

FY 2008

- Medicaid Transformation
- Financial Integrity
- Health Improvement
- Solutions for the Uninsured
- Medicaid Program Integrity
- Workforce Development
- PeachCare for Kids™ Program Stability
- SHBP Evolution
- Consumer Service and Communication
- Health Care Consumerism

History of Health Information Technology and Transparency (HITT)

- President George W. Bush launched an initiative in 2004 to reform health care through the improved adoption of health information technology and empowerment of consumers through information
- In 2006, Governor Sonny Perdue issued two Executive Orders relating to HITT
 - One Executive Order created the HITT Advisory Board
 - A second Executive Order was signed to encourage marketplace transparency by providing cost and quality data to consumers

Health Information Exchange Grant: HITT Advisory Board and National Initiatives



GA HITT Advisory Board

- November 2006, Dr. Rhonda Medows, Commissioner of DCH appointed:
 - 12 HITT Advisory Board members
 - Advise DCH on best practices for electronic health records adoption, health information exchange and transparency
 - 17 HITT Advisory Board-Ad hoc members
 - Support the activities of the HITT Advisory Board and DCH by providing input within their areas of expertise

GA HITT ADVISORY BOARD

- Includes representatives from various aspects of health care delivery such as hospital organizations, physician practices, public health, health and human services, Georgia Senate, medical and hospital associations, laboratories, pharmacies, dental organizations, consulting, legal services, foundations, and community services organizations
- Began work by exploring the scope of national health information technology initiatives such as the National Health Information Network (NHIN) and other states' initiatives

National Health Information Network

- Intended to provide a secure, nationwide, interoperable health information infrastructure that will connect providers, consumers, and others involved in supporting health and health care
- Enable health information to follow the consumer, be available for clinical decision making, and support appropriate use of health care information beyond direct patient care so as to improve health

Goals of NHIN

- Develop standards for data exchange (interoperability)
- Improve the coordination of care and information among health care delivery organizations
- Ensure appropriate information is available at the time and place of care
- Ensure security and protection of consumers' health information

Goals of NHIN

- Give consumers new capabilities for managing and controlling their personal health records
- Reduce risks from medical errors and support evidenced-based medicine
- Reduce health care costs from medical errors, inefficiency, inappropriate care and incomplete information
- Promote a more effective health care marketplace with greater competition, increased consumer choices (transparency)

GA HITT Advisory Board Mission

To provide leadership and encouragement in developing collaborative statewide initiatives that enhance the quality, safety and transparency of health care by promoting cost-effective and secure adoption of information technology, which ultimately improves the health of Georgia citizens.

GA HITT Advisory Board

- Divided into two standing committees:
 - Transparency and Health Information Exchange (HIE)
- Transparency
 - a broad-scale initiative enabling consumers to compare health service availability, quality and price so consumers can make more informed health care choices.
- Health Information Exchange (HIE)
 - Two or more organizations that exchange data within and across naturally occurring medical referral regions

HITT Advisory Meetings

- The full HITT Board has met monthly since November 2006 including one 2-day retreat
- The HIE Standing Committee and several sub-committees have met as frequently as weekly via teleconference

HITT Transparency

- Goal:
 - Develop a consumer focused Web site that provides consumers health care quality and cost information
- Deliverables:
 - Develop and implement the transparency Web site that is consumer focused and consumer friendly in 2008
 - Obtain consumer input (direct input, [focus groups](#), etc.)
 - Base the Web site info on current and accurate data that is kept updated on a timely basis
 - Procure the Web site creation, programming and maintenance

HITT Transparency

- Resources
 - HITT Advisory Board – Transparency Committee
 - DCH Designated Staff – Health Planning Unit with IT support
 - Dedicated Project Manager
 - Ad hoc members as requested

HITT Transparency

- Sub-Committees
 - Ancillary Services Sub-committee
 - Health Plan Sub-committee
 - Hospital-Ambulatory Surgery Sub-committee
 - Individual Practitioner Sub-committee
 - Long-Term Care Sub-committee
 - Pharmacy Sub-committee



HITT Health Information Exchange (HIE)

- Goal:
 - Facilitate the implementation of health information exchange statewide
- Deliverables:
 - Create a state matching fund pilot program to promote health information exchange: Plan for two - three pilot sites.
 - Matching grant funding to support partnerships between groups of providers and/or payors, local communities – both public and private sector entities
 - Develop the criteria to be used to evaluate competing proposals submitted
 - Serve as a source of state and federal regulatory information regarding health information exchange, privacy and security issues, etc.

HITT Health Information Exchange (HIE)

- Resources
 - HITT Advisory Council – HIE Committee
 - DCH Designated Staff (IT Division)
 - Dedicated Project Manager
 - Ad hoc members as requested

HITT Health Information Exchange (HIE)

- Sub-Committees:
 - Communications and Outreach
 - Privacy and Confidentiality
 - Technical Standards

Health Information Exchange Grant: HIE Committee Activities



HIE HITT Standing Committee

- Activities
 - Meetings started in November 2006
 - Presentations from national experts on the values and principles implicated for an HIE system
 - Created sub-committees to create grant criteria
 - Analyzed and debated issues such as privacy, limited use, and sustainability



Georgia Health Information Exchange Pilot Program

- Georgia Health Information Exchange Pilot Program is the first step
- Provides \$900,000 in Matching Grant Funds
- Aims to Foster Health Information Exchange



Georgia Health Information Exchange Pilot Program

- DCH will award the matching grants to two or three qualified health care organizations that are prepared to make significant financial investments to establish HIE pilot programs
- Projects that promote or are aimed at the development of health information exchange (HIE) systems, promote electronic prescribing, and/or promote the adoption of electronic medical records between multiple entities across Georgia

Health Information Exchange Grant



Overall Goal



Facilitate the adoption of
Health Information Exchange



Electronic Medical Record



Electronic Prescribing



HIE Grant Overview

Eligibility

- Planning
- Implementation
- Eligible Applicants

Application

- Organization
- Financial
- Ethics & Privacy
- Letter of Intent
- Submission

Milestones

Schedule of Events

Q&A

Question and Answer



Eligibility

1. **Planning** – Technical environment conducive to developing an HIE system
2. **Implementation** – Direct implementation of the HIE system
3. **Eligible Applicants**
 - Health care providers that are implementing or planning to implement electronic medical record technology
 - Health care providers or groups of healthcare providers from different corporate entities or agencies that operate within the state of Georgia and have agreed to collaborate on the exchange of health information within the state
 - Health care providers that are implementing or planning to implement e-prescribing technology

Application Requirements

- Applicant Organizational Structure
- Financial Sustainability
- Ethics and Privacy
- Letter of Intent
- Application Submission

Milestone Dates

- Release of RFGA; August 1, 2007
- First Questions Due; August 24, 2007
- Second Questions Due; September 7, 2007
- Letter of Intent Due; August 31, 2007
- Application Deadline; September 28, 2007
- Grant Award on or about November 1, 2007

Question and Answer