

**Delaware Health Information Network
Town Hall
Wednesday, June 9, 2021
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Zoom Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

Purpose

To keep our public informed.

Agenda

What we are doing

What we will be doing

What should we be doing (public feedback)

I. Current Activities and Updates:

Sunset Committee:

In 2019, the Sunset Committee approved the continuation of our work. Out of the work that was submitted there were five proposed legislative updates

SB 87: An Act to Amend Title 16 Of the Delaware Code Relating to Anatomical Gifts and The Delaware Health Information Database.

SB 88: An Act to Amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code Relating to the Delaware Health Information Network and the Protection and Use of Information.

Additional Senate Bills: Not Yet Passed:

SB 118: An Act to Amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code Relating to Long-Term Care Facilities and Services and the Delaware Health Information Network.

SB 119: An Act to Amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code Relating to the Delaware Health Information Network and Health Insurers.

SB 121: An Act to Amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code Relating to the Delaware Health Information Network and the Department of Correction.

SB128: This Act is the result of the 2019 report of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee's (JLSOC) task force under Senate Resolution No. 9 of the 150th General Assembly, which recommended amending the Delaware Health Information Network's ("DHIN") chapter to conform existing law with the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

More information can be found for Senate Bills at <https://legis.delaware.gov/>

Public Health:

DHIN continues working with Public Health on several on-going project revolving around COVID-19. As we ease back into a somewhat normal world, the work with Public Health will on-going, and we will continue working closely on those efforts.

DHIN is also working closely with the Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health (DSAMH) and in the process of on-boarding DSAMH as a data sender. We are very excited as this will open the doors to receiving additional data from Behavioral Health organizations; an important first step in enriching the value of the data services that DHIN offers.

Data Senders:

DHIN is in the process of on-boarding P4Lab as a new data sender. In addition, we are very close to finalizing an exchange agreement with Pennsylvania that will allow us to exchange ADTs only.

DHIN has implemented the ENS modifications that were needed for the hospitals to meet the new conditions of participation for Medicare.

Consent Management Tool:

DHIN continues working with our vendor to implement the Consent Management Tool which will be in production by the end of June 2021. The strict requirements will enable us to honor privacy and consent around the more sensitive data, ensuring Behavioral Health organizations that they can safely and confidentially send their data to DHIN knowing we will proceed in accordance with all Federal regulations. The project will be completed in two phases. Identifying the information will be based on the sending organization(s). Though for the immediate future, the only Part 2 data we anticipate receiving will be from the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH).

Patients will be able to establish their consent preferences through the PHR. Patients will not only log into the PHR to see their data but can also view the consent tool and at any time change their settings. Along with enrichment of data, DHIN will be

HCCD:

The Healthcare Claims Data Base is an important service adding to the many services that we currently offer, a lot of work continues behind the scenes. We are working with the Healthcare Commission on a Cost Aware Project that will begin to provide the public with access to information about the variability in the cost of care in various procedures.

DHIN is in the process of working on several projects for DMMA, State Employee Benefits Program, and Public Health. All projects are being approached through various perspectives. The HCCD is a very rich resource; data is received from eleven different streams. The data comes in structured and as we do the work, we are adding enhancements, all of which takes time. We are also finding that the users of the Claims Data are not just payers or researchers. A customer portal is available as

we can identify and de- identify a data set and place the data in the customer portal. Data can then be broken down into specific requests.

We also have several public facing reports derived from our claims that can be accessed through our website: www.dhin.org. Reports on DHIN's website will be updated/posted on a quarterly basis.

II. ON-GOING Activities Update:

DHIN's fiscal year ends June 30, 2021. We are working on the development of our FY22 budget and FY22 work plan. FY22 will again be a very challenging year, and we want to be sure we can catch up with the real value work that needs to be done that we have not been able to complete.

III. Public Comment:

None

Next Town Hall: July 14, 2021

Next Meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2021