

Delaware Health Information Network
Town Hall
Wednesday, September 8, 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:

In 2019, the Sunset Committee approved the continuation of our work. Out of the work that was submitted, there were legislative updates. The following bills have gone through legislation and have been signed by the Governor:

SB87: An act to amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code relating to Anatomical Gifts and the Delaware Health Information Database.

SB88: An act to amend Title 16 of the Delaware Code Relating to DHIN and the protection and use of information.

SB128: An act to amend DHIN's 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 projects. They have reached for a connection with their DEERS System so that labs that report directly to Public Health are included in the CHR; Public Health is particularly interested in Tuberculosis related screenings.

DHIN is also working closely with the Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health (DSAMH). DSAMH is currently sending ADTs and a full range of labs and care summaries. Though they do have access to ENS services and results delivery, the project is not moving as quickly as we thought. DSAMH is the first Part 2 provider sending us data DSAMH has not yet sent us any Part 2 data. However, it is hard for us to develop technical capabilities without data to test. We are extremely 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.

We have launched our consent management tool; however, it is not viewable until there is data available to see. We are currently working with DSAMH on capabilities and ensuring that once we receive the data - we do have the requirements to demonstrate Part 2 regulations of 42 CFR which will better position us to go out and negotiate with other Behavioral Health providers.

Data Senders:

We have executed an agreement with Point Click Care, who currently have a vast majority of skilled nursing facilities in Delaware. We are hoping to begin on this project which will give us an insight on what happens in the post-acute setting and will receive ENS notifications when a patient is coming or going to a facility.

HSX: Pennsylvania ties with DHIN will enable us to receive data on any patient with a Delaware address. In addition, DHIN will receive copies of the ADT on that specific individual to keep for 14 days and then the data will be deleted.

DMOST:

Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment: We are collecting forms by scanning or uploading electronically; however, we need a confirmed financial commitment. Our current vendors contract will be soon expiring, and we need to evaluate our options to either renew with our current vendor, drop the service, search for an alternate solution for less cost, or let the hospitals handle documents in a way they may prefer. We are asking the stakeholder community to inform DHN of which way they would like to go. If you are interested and not already engaged, please feel free to reach out to Jan.lee@dhin.org or Mark.Jacobs@dhin.org.

DHIN continues working with Nemours and the Colonial School District on an exciting pilot which would send absenteeism data on students whose parents haven't given consent.

DHIN has implemented the administrative changes in the Event Notification System (ENS) that were necessary to support the hospital requirements to meet the new Conditions of Participation for Medicare.

Consent Management Tool:

The consent Management tool will go out in two phases. The first went into production late 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. Additional enhancements will continue in our FY22 work plan. Patients will be able to establish their consent preferences when logging in through the PHR to see their data and change their settings at any time.

HITRUST:

DHIN is entering the interim period for HITRUST. We are assembling the evidence for any subsets found. Documentation will be submitted by mid-November for final review.

HCCD:

We have just completed a large project with the Healthcare Commission on a Cost Aware Project which will make metrics available to the public. A website has been developed and is currently in user testing acceptance. Quality measures and comparing cost among the hospitals are just a few of the data sharing reports that will be available for a number of organizations. Projects will begin to provide the public with access to information about the variability in the cost of care in various procedures. The team is currently collaborating with interns and data scientist from the Delaware Innovation Lab to help speed up the process. The HCCD is a rich resource; we are finding that the users of the Claims Data are not just payers or researchers.

There are several public facing reports derived from our claims that can be accessed through our website: www.dhin.org.

II. ON-GOING Activities Update:

real FY22 will again be a particularly challenging year and we want to ensure that all the

value work is completed. Just a few major projects:

- Internal projects to include improving our operating efficiency
 - Begin work on our new Five-Year Strategic Roadmap
 - Begin incorporating elements from the Claims Data Base to the CHR, allowing the CHR
 - more comprehensive data across the entire continuum of care. 60% of Delawareans have data in the Claims Data Base
 - Parse out CCDs coming from practices/urgent care facilities so that providers do not have to look through the entire document to find information they need
- TEFCA: ONC is facilitating nationwide interoperability and exchange of data. ONC has published the technical framework and minimum terms for Conditions of Participation. The latest update is that they will have the common agreement available and ready to take applications in January 2022.

III. Public Comment:

None

Next Town Hall: October 13, 2021