

**Delaware Health Information Network**  
**Town Hall**  
**Wednesday, October 13, 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:**

DHINs work with Public Health continues, much of which is sustaining and maintaining what has been done through the pandemic. We continue development on the contract tracing phase as we see additional reinfections and hospital admissions.

A third dose of the Pfizer vaccine has been authorized and we should be hearing more about the decision made with Moderna and Johnson and Johnson boosters by the end of this week.

DHIN also continues work with Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH); a complex project with challenges. DHIN has in production for DSAMH medical gateway which is ability to send CCD formatted documents currently being received in an SFTP file but preferred to go directly through their Cerner EHR. There is still work still to be done with multiple parties involved.

DHIN is currently receiving ADTs from DSAMH. However, regular users of the CHR will not be able to view them unless the patient has granted to explicit extent for their Part 2 data to be shared with other providers that are users in the CHR.

**HCCD:**

DHIN is working on several projects both with and for the State of Delaware. One of those projects is CostAware. The goal is to develop and implement cost and quality analyses leveraging the Health Care Claims Database (HCCD) data. CostAware will provide public face reporting showing variation in price and quality across health care providers in Delaware.

In January 2022, procedures will be announced for states to apply for the \$2.5M grant to establish or enhance the data base. Once the procedures have been confirmed, DHN will be working with our state partners to apply for the grant.

DHIN is in contract with the Health Care Commission (HCC) to support V2 which will add enhancements. Other projects: Diabetic Study, Traumatic Brain Injury and V2 CostAware.

Federal:

ONC has recently released for public comment the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) through October 21, 2021. The Common Agreement will establish the infrastructure model and the governing approach for users in different networks to securely share basic clinical information with each other.

The intent is to make nationwide exchange of interoperable health care data easy. Leverage the work that is already done, work with connections currently in place and continue with relationships/agreements that are already working.

Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN): A small number of exchange nodes who exchange with each other – with each having their own participants.

Sequoia published the technical requirements for the QHINS to exchange data with each other. The agreements with QHINs and their participants may or may not mirror the Common Agreement

In light of the terms of the Common Agreement which will be prevailing across the Country, we are going back and looking at agreements with all of our participants to determine what needs to be updated to bring everyone into conformance with the terms of the Common Agreement.

Regulation Revisions:

Out for public comment are the proposed revisions to DHINs Regulations which govern the participation in and use of clinical data held by DHIN. The public comment period ends on October 29, 2021.

Assuming that the final comments from the public do not entail drastic revisions, the final DHIN Regulations will be published in the December registry. Once published, we will begin going out to all DHIN participants to include, our data senders, payers, and practices ensuring everyone is conforming to the national expectations.

Please feel free to offer your comment(s) through the Delaware Website.

Data Senders:

DHIN continues on-boarding additional data senders, LK Labs and Delaware Diagnostic Labs (DDL) will go live this week our newest lab data senders.

Humana will be on-boarding as a payer participant.

PointClickCare, the EHR vendor for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) is the vendor that all SNFs use. We currently have an agreement with Point Click to do and integration into DHIN. Once it is live, PointClickCare will have the ability to turn on the feed for each of Delaware's Skilled Nursing Facilities that have agreed for the data to flow into DHIN.

Our contract with P3N, the authority of Pennsylvania's five HIEs, our goal is to exchange data between Pennsylvania and Delaware based on the residence of the patient.

We are working on a pilot with Nemours and Colonial School District is to expand ENS to include school data performance. Parent consent is required for those participating in the pilot. Once a student is absent for three consecutive days or ten days in a school year the student's primary provider will be notified. There are currently over 1,300 families participating in this pilot.

Patient Consent Tool: V2 will provide a more granular consent down to the practice and provider level. We are expecting to be in production by January 2022. V3 of the tool will make improvements over time; however, interim releases will be completed so that the tool can be used right away.

DMOST Registry: Delaware Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (DMOST) is a single document that functions as a medical order for end-of-life treatment and must be followed by all providers. DHIN has convened a leadership group from various organizations that have been empowered to make decisions for their organization. In March 2022, we will need to give Vynca notice of intent; unless we are able to receive funding, we will not be able to support the DMOST project.

**II. ON-GOING Activities Update:**

DHIN continues working on internal projects relating to security and HITRUST. We have been collaborating closely with our assessor on the HITRUST Interim assessment to ensure proper procedures are currently in place. Our goal is to have all documents prior to the holiday.

For several years, we have been working on a message traceability solution confirming that all messages have been received, what time received, date and location message has gone to. The solution is currently in place with CCHS, Quest and a handful of others. An ongoing and tedious project with over six hundred channels to be instrumented allowing us to do traceability. In addition, creating a dashboard which will enable Data Senders to view date, time, and location that message was sent & received.

We are also working on resources to alleviate our internal team of work which would be an end of year savings of over one hundred hours per month.

**III. Public Comment:**

None

**Next Town Hall: November 10, 2021**