

**Delaware Health Information Network  
Town Hall  
Wednesday, November 10, 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:**

DHIN continues working with Public Health on COVID related issues.

DHIN is also in the process of on boarding the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) as a data sender. We are excited as they will be our first provider of data that is covered under Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 2 which specifically deals with addressing concerns about the potential use of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) information. We are currently receiving ADTs and ORUs from DSAMH and expect be live receiving Care Summaries by the end of November 2021. In partnership, we have a Patient Consent Tool that allows the patient to select who their data can be shared with.

In addition, DHIN has a large volume of work with the Claims Data Base:

- On-going project with CDC on environmental studies
- CostAware Project with the Health Care Commission will provide cost comparisons across six different hospitals which will not be identified by name. The cost data and the quality data will be coming from public resources. The first release will not be identifying hospitals by name; however, over time the Health Care Commission and the Department of Health and Social Services do intend to collaborate with providers, hospitals, and ambulatory services to ensure that the quality of the data and what is being reported is accurate.

As part of our role in the CostAware project, DHIN's Business Relationship Managers and leadership will be highlighting the use of this data with practices and data senders. Our team will be out talking about this project and future projects; an ongoing effort we hope to continue to build on.

Inbre is part of a national organization that involves hospitals and organizations that assists principal investigators on NIH Grant funding for projects. Delaware's Inbre involves hospitals and universities in our state. DHIN became an affiliated member and established a process that persons of this Inbre group can request an application for use of the Claims Data and approved by as a project by Inbre. We are currently sending out requests for project proposals in July of each year. We have three projects this year (1) Nemours: Adolescents Care throughout Covid; (2) Christiana: Lung Cancer throughout COVID; and (3) Delaware Medical Association is looking at a study on providers and workforce. Please feel free to email [TerriLynn.Palmer@dhin.org](mailto:TerriLynn.Palmer@dhin.org) or [Rich.Schroder@dhin.org](mailto:Rich.Schroder@dhin.org) with any questions or a request for an application.

DHIN has gone live with two new data senders: Delaware Diagnostic Labs and Priva Path Labs and two new payers: Humana and Aetna.

We are also in the process of on-boarding Bear MRI and expect to go live by the end of December 2021.

DHIN has also just executed a contract with Amazon to receive Covid test results on their employee testing. DHIN will be reporting on their behalf to Public Health. Amazon is our first employer that is contracting to participate in DHIN as a data sender.

DHIN is also promulgating new regulations as a result of significant changes in statute and regulations at the federal level. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act spawned the Data Blocking Rule which has requirements for sharing of data. We have updated the DHIN regulations in compliance with changes at the federal level and in Delaware that harmonize the new federal landscape. We had two months of public comment all of which were favorable; assuming all goes well, the new regulations will be published in the December 1, 2021, registry with an effective date of December 11, 2021.

In January 2022, we will begin renegotiating contracts with all of our data senders. DHIN has over thirty data sending organizations - it will take time to work with each one.

We have an agreement with PointClickCare, the EHR vendor for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) in Delaware for an agreement to integrate into DHIN so their customers who agree to do so can use the integration with DHIN to provide a summary of care for their residents.

This will be significant to the ACOs as they need to know where their patient and when they move from one care setting to another. We anticipate going live with PointClickCare by December 2021.

Another connection we continue working on is with P3N, the authority of Pennsylvania's five HIE's. By working with P3N, we will be able to exchange data on the basis of where the patient lives. We will start with ADT's which will allow us to provide notification through ENS.

DHIN continues working with Nemours and the Colonial School District to expand ENS to include performance. Parent consent will be required for those participating. Once a student is absent for three consecutive days or a cumulative of ten days in a school year, the student's primary provider will be notified.

DHIN continues deliberating the future of the DMOST Registry pertaining to the end-of-life care. Several years ago, a statute was passed that all Delaware providers in all care setting must honor a DMOST order. Grant funding was used for a technology solution. Our contract with Vynca is up for renewal in March and we need to give notice of intent; unless we are able to receive funding, we will not be able to support the DMOST project. Mark Jacobs is leading a committee to work on a solution.

DHIN will soon be upgrading our FHIR data repository. Release 4 is a pre-requisite for a number of projects. One project is single sign on to the CHR for Epic users.

DHIN continues working with our HITRUST assessor on the interim assessment and hope to have the document submitted for verification prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Next Town Hall Meeting: December 8, 2021**