



Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:30 am, Friday, April 13th, 2007

Colorado Convention Center,

700 14th Street,

Denver, CO 80202

Korbel Ballroom Foyer, Section 1

Symposium Open & Welcome Address

10:00 am, Room 1A, Korbel Ballroom

The “Western States Symposium on Health Information Technology: Advancing Health IT and Interoperability” was conceived from the vision of Colorado Senator Bob Hagedorn and his desire to harness the collective power of the Western United States in addressing Health IT initiatives. Senator Hagedorn, along with AeA and Colorado’s RHIO, welcome all state participants and those who are involved in creating and supporting Health IT initiatives, including interoperability.

Achieving the Promise of HIT: The View from the Governor’s Office

10:15 a.m., Room 1A, Korbel Ballroom

Lt. Governor Barbara O’Brien will provide an overview of the new administration’s vision of health care for Colorado and how Health IT practices fit into this plan. Colorado State CIO, Michael Locatis, will provide attendees with an overview of Colorado’s Health IT status and its considerations in adopting HIE and Health IT principles.

Building Capacity for Health IT, Health Information Exchange & Interoperability

The concept of “building capacity” provides guidance around and information on the models, technologies, operations, standards and policies for health organizations – either state, federal or privately owned – to deliver healthcare and health information in a technology-based format. It enables these organizations to develop the “capacity” to operate within a technology-enabled structure and ideally provide more accessible, lower cost, and higher quality healthcare.

Health IT and Health Information Exchange: Models, Definitions and System Challenges

10:30 a.m., Room 1A, Korbel Ballroom

HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) President & CEO, H. Stephen Lieber, CAE, will provide an overview of the current state of Health IT, Health Information Exchange (HIE), and interoperability initiatives including:

- Up-to-date definitions of concepts;
- Outline the various models in achieving health information exchange – with a look at RHIOs and non-identifying epidemiology statistical practices; and
- Discuss general challenges the healthcare industry and policy makers are dealing with in bringing this all together.



Luncheon

A View of the Future. An Imperative for the Present: Federal Vision for U.S. Healthcare & Health IT

11:15 a.m., Room 1C, Korbelt Ballroom

Under direction of Secretary Michael O. Leavitt, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has launched the "Value-Driven Healthcare" initiative.

According to Secretary Leavitt, *"Every American should have access to a full range of information about the quality and cost of their healthcare options."*

John W. Loonsk, M.D., Director, Office of Interoperability and Standards of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will discuss DHHS' initiatives around Health IT and Health Information Exchange and how states play a critical role in the development of a cohesive national structure.

BREAK

12:30 p.m.

Network Infrastructure and Access: The State CIO's Perspective

12:45 pm, Room 1A, Korbelt Ballroom

Utah State CIO, J. Stephen Fletcher will discuss the current challenges of connecting the state agencies to the hospital and physician network. He will outline the challenges of infrastructure implementation; creating buy-in with administration; government agencies, legislators and other stakeholders; and funding the overall initiative.

Panel

State Approaches to Health Information Exchange and Interoperability

1:45 p.m., Room 1A, Korbelt Ballroom

Four state initiatives will be covered in-depth to provide deeper understanding of the variety of Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs) and additional unique models such as consumer empowered healthcare records that facilitate Health IT and Health Information Exchange (HIE). State RHIO and HIE representatives will discuss implementation challenges, system or structural issues, and politics surrounding their respective models.

They will also address funding models, best practices and lessons learned and their long-range plans.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Lynn Dierker — Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO)
- Laura Adams — Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI)
- Jan Root, Utah Health Information Network (UHIN)
- Jac Davies — Inland Northwest Health Services (INHS)

BREAK

3:00 p.m.



Getting the Job Done: Implications for Changes in Policy and Practice

Health IT and Health Information Exchange require cohesive policies and practices to ensure that public and private healthcare agencies, practitioners, providers and payer—naming only a few of the implicated—are able to operate collectively within a Health IT framework. Solid policies also assure the public that all healthcare organizations are following common standards and their information will be in safe hands.

State Legislation & the State Legislator's Role

3:15 p.m., Room 1A, Korbel Ballroom

This session will provide state policy makers, consumers and participants with an in-depth look at the state's role in developing policy that enables Health IT implementation, protects privacy and integrates with federal programs and policies. Specifically, this session will focus on the challenges behind interoperability, with an in-depth discussion on data privacy and security, building trust within the healthcare continuum, and conforming with existing HIPAA regulations. NCSL HITch Project Director Kala Ladenheim will address these issues from her workings within the HITch program and in conjunction with state legislators.

Panel

Impact on Practitioners, Healthcare Systems and the Medical Insurance Industry

3:45 p.m., Room 1A, Korbel Ballroom

A view of a successful Health IT program shows a cohesive system where practitioners, healthcare systems and the medical insurance industry can share resources and thus health information. This is perhaps the single point where interoperability and health information exchange could come to an impasse. Our panelists will address their own internal challenges and provide guidance on areas where we will likely see competition, and the times when collaboration is warranted.

Confirmed speakers include:

- *Steven J. Summer, President and CEO, Colorado Hospital Association*
- *Jay Want, M.D., CEO, Physician Health Partners, Denver, CO*
- *Anthony Rodgers, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)*
- *Art Davidson, M.D., CORHIO, moderator*

Closing Remarks

Roadmap to the Future: Leveraging Leadership, Collaboration, & the Power of the West

4:45 p.m., Room 1A, Korbel Ballroom

As a visionary of the idea of the Western States collaborating on health IT and health information exchange, Senator Bob Hagedorn will outline the benefits that the western states can realize by joining together in building a cohesive Health IT infrastructure—one that allows for freedom of exchange of health information and enables the western states to provide United States citizens with high quality, low cost and accessible health-care.



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