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Connecting Communities Workgroup

HIE Governance

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Agenda

- Welcome and introduction
- Roll call
- Overview of objectives
- Overview of governance activities
- HIE governance experiences
- Discussion



Objectives

- Connecting Communities is addressing current topics in HIE to inform the development of a series of white papers providing high-level analysis of the topic and insights/best practices gleaned from the workgroup discussion



Governance Overview

- Governance covers a range of topics including:
 - Stakeholder participation
 - Policies governing data use/exchange
 - Processes for authenticating and matching patients/providers
 - Privacy



Governance Overview

- HIE governance refers to the establishment and oversight of a common set of behaviors, policies, and standards that enable trusted electronic health information exchange among a set of participants
- In 2012, ONC released an RFI on policies for governing the nationwide health information network
 - Certification program



Governance Overview

- In response to public feedback, ONC scaled back its governance activities to focus on supporting existing governance efforts
 - Exemplar HIE Governance Program
 - develop and adopt policies, interoperability requirements and business practices that align with national priorities
 - overcome interoperability challenges
 - reduce implementation costs and
 - assure the privacy and security of health



Governance Overview

- DirectTrust will continue and expand their work to establish security and trust rules of the road for Directed exchange and advance adoption of these rules through their trusted agent accreditation program. DirectTrust's critical work will facilitate and enable vendor to vendor and provider to provider exchange for Meaningful Use Stage 2.
- The EHR/HIE Interoperability Workgroup will address some of the stickiest implementation challenges facing the exchange of health information including patient matching, querying provider directories and applying good governance principles for both query-based and directed exchange.



Governance Experiences

- Would any HIEs like to share their experiences with establishing a governance model?
- Are any HIEs still working on governance and have questions?
- Are there any governance topics of particular experience to the workgroup?



Topics to Discuss

- Stakeholder participation
 - Who participates and to what extent?
 - Which stakeholders are essential to include? Why?
 - What role do/should public entities (Medicaid, PHDs, etc.) in governance?
 - Who has decision making authority?



Topics to Discuss

- Participation in HIE
 - How do you determine whether to incorporate requirements beyond HIPAA in privacy policies?
 - How do you manage issues of exchange related to sensitive PHI?
 - Opt-in vs. opt-out?
 - Data ownership?
 - Patient matching processes, provider authentication, etc.?
 - Role of the DURSA? Limits?
 - Secondary data use?



Topics to Discuss

- How has the evolution of the HIE paradigm from one focused on clinical use at the point of care to one emphasizing population level analytics impacted governance?
- What is still needed, in terms of policies, guidance, etc. to help organizations establish governance models?
- What role should certification play in governance models?
- What different governance issues are important to consider in the context of national or interstate exchange?



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