



Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee (HIECC) Meeting Minutes

Date: August 8, 2024
Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Location: GoToWebinar

Members Present: Craig Dalton, Marie Ruddy, Ankush Bansal, Joe Velderman, Kayvan Amini, Cindy Meredith, Dennis Hollingsworth, Kim Streit, Melanie Brown-Woofter, and Tab Harris

Presenters: Brittney Roth, Dr. Elizebth (Betsy) Shenkman, Dr. Mei Liu, Jane Bedford, Kendra Siler, Michael Lefter

Agency Staff Present: Milly Hardin, Crystal Ritter, Jaime Bustos, Erika Pearce, Kim Davis-Allen, Sketch Piers, and Suzanne Kirayoglu

Interested Parties Present: Walt Culbertson, Ashely Tait-Dinger, Louise St. Laurent, Hailie Mondoux, Maria Catalina Jaramillo, James Mcfaddin, Kevin Kilgore, Rich Jolley, Mackenna Davis, Shelley Mannino, Mary Kay Owens, Sean Ross, Joyce Case, Christina Samper, Linda McDonald, Cassidy Schenk, Sierra Snow, Stephaine Clarke, Debbie Antioco, Ashely Bard, Stacy Hall, and Marni Stahlman

Meeting Materials: HIECC Meeting Packet. Copies of meeting materials are posted on: [Health Information Exchange Coordinating Committee \(myflorida.com\)](https://myflorida.com/HealthInformationExchangeCoordinatingCommittee)

Call to Order - Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M., by Craig Dalton. Craig then asked Milly Hardin to read the health information exchange (HIE) Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) statement before the roll call. On Monday, May 6, 2024, the Agency released AHCA ITN 012-23/24 Statewide Health Information Exchange Service and the Vendor Information Portal. With the release of this ITN, the Agency entered the statutory blackout period. Pursuant to Section 287.05725 Florida Statutes (F.S.), which prohibits any person from contacting an employee of executive or legislative branches until 72 hours after the posting of an award from the solicitation. Any communication by or on behalf of a potential respondent during this period is strictly limited to the procurement officer as provided in the ITN. The procurement officer for this ITN is Weston McCain.

Roll Call: Milly noted that Andrew Chang, who is a new member of the committee, could not attend this meeting, and will be introduced at the next.

Milly Hardin took roll, and a quorum was present.



Review and Approval of Minutes and Previous Action Items: Milly Hardin asked the Committee if they had a chance to review the minutes, the Committee agreed they had. Milly asked for a motion to approve the minutes, Tab Harris moved for approval of the minutes. Melaine Brown-Woofter seconded the motion, with no objections, the minutes were approved.

Milly Hardin went over the previous action items and gave status updates.

Previous Action Items	Owner
Arrange for a speaker on paramedicine for a future HIECC meeting. <i>This has been scheduled for the August 8, 2024, meeting.</i>	Pam King
Update the Committee when the Medicaid and HIE procurements are out of their respective blackout periods. <i>Still pending.</i>	Pam King
Live Healthy implications to HIE. <i>There is one provision in section 408.051 F.S. that requires hospitals to share data with the Florida HIE.</i>	Milly Hardin
Define facility types and patient record components covered by the 42 CFR Part 2 changes. <i>Organizations that treat for substance use disorder.</i>	Milly Hardin

Para-medicine Program: Michael Lefter and Jane Bedford provided a presentation on the para-medicine program overseen by the Florida Department of Health (Florida DOH). The Committee asked questions to clarify the use of the program, which varies based on community needs in each area. There was much discussion about the benefits of data sharing from the para-medicine programs to the health care community through the Florida HIE. The Agency will follow up with Florida DOH to maximize this opportunity.

Encounter Data for Research Discussion: Kendra Siler introduced herself, Dr. Elizabeth Shenkman, and Dr. Mei Liu. After introductions, Dr. Shenkman provided an overview of the One Florida program. There was much discussion on data sharing through both the Florida HIE and directly from sources to help reduce gaps in research data. Dr. Shenkman clarified that the data trust is covered by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) with a HIPPA waiver of authorization, and that the data is deidentified. There was additional discussion about the need to improve connectivity to be able to share data for improving health outcomes. The Committee recommended that the Agency review how other HIE organizations throughout the country are handling research data requests.

Florida HIE Update: Milly Hardin gave the Florida HIE update. She shared that there has been continued overall growth in the Florida HIE’s Event Notification Service (ENS). The ENS has 19 new subscriber agreements through Quarter 2 of 2024 – which is on target for the goal of obtaining 35-38 new subscribers in the calendar year. There is now a total of 827 data sources – with 27 new data sources – sharing through June 2024.



Ms. Hardin noted that the Emergency Patient Look-Up System (E-PLUS) was activated for Hurricane Debby and shared that although Hurricane Debby was only a Category 1 hurricane, there was good utilization of the system.

Public Comments: No public comments.

Meeting Summary: Craig Dalton and Milly Hardin provided a meeting summary.

Next steps:

The HIECC will meet again on November 13, 2024.

New Action Items	Owner
Share the slides from the Para-medicine Program with members	Crystal Ritter
Share the slides from the Encounter Data for Research Discussion with Members	Crystal Ritter
Research the ways other states are sharing health data for research purposes	Milly Hardin

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Tab Harris moved to adjourn at 2:38 PM, with a second from Kim Streit, with no objections, the Committee adjourned.