

Discussions with Interested Parties

| STATE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS | | | |
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| Location | Contact Information / Date | Assigned | Discussion |
| Colorado Connecting Communities | Planned: Arthur J. Davidson Actual: Matt Madison COHIE Project Manager 303-724-0334 Matthew.Madison@UCHSC.edu February 2, 2005 | Braithwaite | <p>Matt thinks that HL7 is the 'center point' for interoperability in the health care industry.</p> <p>He is technically aware, but not a programmer. He needs a primer in HL7 or other resources to read and self educate, especially about V3.</p> <p>About our NLM project, he thinks the timing is perfect. They are just starting to architect their inter-institutional communications and expect to make decisions in about 6 weeks. They want to come up with an incremental plan and start to implement prototypes in 3-8 months.</p> <p>Their 4 hospital prototype group already does HL7 transactions. Looking to Medicare and HHS for standards. COHIE is the reference point for the region on federal directions.</p> <p>Matt is excited about our project, especially about our adoption of PHIN-MS as the underlying communications infrastructure – he thinks it has political play in their group because of the close connections with the Public Health department. Their technical group is meeting tomorrow and will discuss. COHIE will be glad to examine the products of our project and give us real-world feedback. They will be presenting their experiences at the HIT West conference in San Francisco.</p> |
| Indiana Information Infrastructure | Marc Overhage | Hammond | |
| Rhode Island | Patrica Nolan | Shafarman | |
| Tennessee | Dr. Mark Frisse, Director of the Tennessee Volunteer eHealth Initiative, Dr. Bill Stead and others. February 9, 2005 | Hammond | <p>Vanderbilt is leading the effort for the Tennessee state demonstration project. This group is committed to using HL7 in the transfer of data among the sites participating in the project.</p> <p>The Tennessee Volunteer eHealth Initiative includes Memphis and two adjoining counties. Already data is being transferred from two medical groups to a central repository. Both groups are using HL7 V2 to transfer the data. The plan is to accept the data as V2 messages and convert the data into a CDA document.</p> |

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| Utah | Jan Root, Ph.D. Standards Manager for the Utah Health Information Network (UHIN) (801)466-7705 x202 janroot@uhin.com February 11, 2005 | Braithwaite | In our initial discussion, Jan was very excited about the possibilities presented by our phase I product. The Utah group has \$300K in state money in addition to the \$5M from AHRQ and they have been meeting since March 2004 with the expectation that this project will move the very successful implementations of UHIN into the clinical arena. Last October the group concluded that they had to pick something that can be used state-wide by September 2005. The clinical exchange committee is now reviewing proposals for the first message to be implemented (perhaps lab or pharmacy) and expects to make a decision in February. UHIN can provide the secure connectivity and their vendors can pilot the message. However, after Jan discussed our initial conversation with Dr. Scott Williams, the project director, she reports that their staff is too thinly stretched to do a pilot. They are more than willing to have their technical people look over our product and constructively comment on it, but cannot commit to do more. Parenthetically, Jan reports that the IHE profiles do not go far enough in standardizing setups for the DMZ, making it very hard to connect even using well the standardized HTTPS protocol. |
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eHI Connecting for Better Communities

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| MA-SHARE Medsinfo e-Prescribing Initiative | | Braithwaite | |
| MD/D.C. Collaborative for HIT | | Braithwaite | |
| Santa Barbara County Care Data Exchange | | Shafarman | |
| Taconic Health Information Network | | Shafarman | |
| Tri-cities TN-VA Care Data Exchange | | Hammond | |
| Whatcom County e-Prescribing Project | | Hammond | |
| Wisconsin Health Information Exchange | | Braithwaite | |
| Alliana | Judy Murphy | Hammond | |
| Columbia Presbyterian | Jim Cimino | Hammond | |
| NY Hospitals | | Hammond | |