



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 program, 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 am, Room 1A, Korbel Ballroom
Lt. Governor O’Brien has been invited to provide an overview of the new administration’s vision of health care for Colorado. CO State CIO, Michael Locatis will cover the state’s plans around Health IT initiatives, and will focus on:

- Colorado’s Health IT status;
- Colorado’s considerations in adopting HIE and Health IT principles;
- Commitment requirements from state CIOs and state health agencies; and
- The Governor’s role in supporting Health IT initiatives and studies in their respective states.

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 am, Room 1A, Korbel Ballroom
HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) President & CEO, H. Stephen Lieber, CAE, will provide symposium attendees an overview of the current state of Health IT, Health Information Exchange (HIE), and interoperability initiatives including:

- Up-to-date definitions of concepts that will be discussed in depth;
- 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

11:30 am, Room 1A, Korbell Ballroom

Under direction of Secretary Mike Leavitt, the United States 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.”

Secretary Leavitt has been invited to share his vision and “Value-Driven Health Care” initiative and will also discuss how states play a critical role in the development of a cohesive national structure.

Break Into Tracks

12:45 pm

Capacity Panel, Track I
State Approaches to Health Information Exchange and Interoperability

1:00 pm, Room 1D, Korbell 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.

Q&A session following presentation at 2:15pm.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Lynn Dierker & Art Davidson, MD—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)

Capacity Panel, Track II
Network Infrastructure and Access

1:00 pm, Room 1E, Korbell Ballroom

Utah State CIO, J. Stephen Fletcher, and Health IT vendors will discuss the current challenges of connecting physicians and hospitals within the Health IT network.

Fletcher and vendor representatives will also discuss the challenges of implementing the proper infrastructure and funding obstacles to gaining access.

Q&A following discussion at 2:15 pm.

Break

2:30 pm

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 insurance companies – 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.



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

We've designed three separate tracks to cover In-depth information on creating policy that facilitates program and agency participation; creates a connecting mechanism to ensure seamless public and private healthcare provider participation; and dives into how states should create policy in conjunction with existing and proposed federal policy and regulations.

Getting the Job Done, Track I Medicaid and State Agency Participation

2:45 pm, Room 1C, Korbell Ballroom

States implementing Health IT and HIE programs have faced challenges when considering how Medicaid/Medicare and other state agency programs will be integrated. Hear from Arizona's nationally-recognized Medicaid program (AHCCCS) on:

- How Medicaid and other programs were pulled into the Health IT matrix;
- What would be done differently the second time around;
- How agencies created staff "buy-in" to new practices and procedures; and
- Additional lessons learned.

Anthony Rodgers, Director of AHCCCS, (Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System) will present their award-winning program and IT infrastructure.

Q&A session will follow discussion at 4:00pm.

Getting the Job Done, Track II State Legislation & the State Legislator's Role

2:45 pm, Room 1D, Korbell 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 a deep discussion on privacy, data security, building trust within the system and conforming with existing HIPAA regulations. NCSL HITch Project Director Kala Ladenheim will speak in addition to Health IT privacy, data security and HIPAA experts from the technology vendor community.

Q&A session will follow discussion at 4:00pm.

Getting the Job Done, Track III Impact on Practitioners, Healthcare Systems and the Medical Insurance Industry

2:45 pm, Room 1E, Korbell 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. We've invited a panel of experts representing the practitioners, healthcare systems and medical insurance providers to address their own internal challenges and provide guidance on areas where we will likely see competition, and the times when collaboration is warranted.

Q&A session will follow discussion at 4:00pm.

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

4:15 pm, Room 1A, Korbell Ballroom

This closing keynote will provide input into 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 lead the charge in providing United States citizens with high quality, low cost and accessible healthcare.



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