

# Health IT & Exchange Weekly Bulletin

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**The purpose of this bulletin is to communicate the status of California's Health IT and Health Information Exchange initiatives, including the development of a strategic plan and preparation for submitting proposals to the Federal government to support Health IT, Exchange and Telehealth programs.**

TO: Health Information Exchange (HIE) Stakeholder Distribution List

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After receiving feedback from many of you we are launching this weekly bulletin to help keep you informed and engaged in the work we are doing, and to notify you of significant State and Federal events. We encourage your comments and feedback and would appreciate distribution of this notice to your constituents. To sign up for updates, send an e-mail to: [hie@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:hie@chhs.ca.gov)

## **Health Information Exchange**

The California Health Information Exchange Advisory Board will be meeting on Friday June 5 to review the current state of HIE in California, HIE case studies from New York, Tennessee and Indiana, and discuss their role in advising the four work groups (see below). A summary of the meeting will be posted on the website: [www.hie.ca.gov](http://www.hie.ca.gov).

**NEW SURVEY:** We are requesting your feedback through our HIE Information Collection Tool. The survey tool will help us understand unique stakeholder needs and information exchange requirements that will be incorporated into statewide data exchange models. Use this link to access the survey, and please forward this notice to other interested constituents:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=qsw4CijJAVRtCNvPPCjXOg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=qsw4CijJAVRtCNvPPCjXOg_3d_3d)

You can also get to this survey through the [www.hie.ca.gov](http://www.hie.ca.gov) website (see HIE Information Collection Tool).

**HOLD THE DATE(S):** We will be hosting three public stakeholder meetings to discuss HIE models, please make a note of the following dates, we will be providing updates shortly:

- Oakland: July 13
- Los Angeles: July 15
- Fresno: July 16

The California eHealth Collaborative will be hosting its final town hall event this Wednesday June 3 in Martinez ([http://caehc.org/events?event\\_id=16](http://caehc.org/events?event_id=16)).



## **Work Group Launch**

Four work groups managed by CHHS and supported by a grant from the California HealthCare Foundation were launched last week. These four work groups will remain open to all until July 1, 2009 and are divided into three subcommittees each (that's 12 subcommittees total) and will be meeting the week of June 8. A link to the website with a listing of the groups is at [www.hie.ca.gov](http://www.hie.ca.gov):

- **Regional Extension Centers:** The workgroup will develop a plan to develop regional extension center(s) that meet Federal and State requirements and support provider adoption of electronic health records (EHRs) and information exchange
- **EHR Loan Program:** The workgroup will develop a plan to establish a California Health Information Technology Loan Fund
- **Workforce Training and Development:** The group will develop a strategic plan to establish Centers of Excellence for Health IT workforce training
- **Research and New Technologies:** The workgroup will develop a plan to create a California Center for Information Integration. The Center's objective will be to generate innovative approaches to healthcare information enterprise integration, support research into human-computer interface technologies, software interface technologies and other relevant research

We are encouraging you to participate in the development of these plans. **PLEASE COMPLETE THIS ON-LINE SURVEY** (this is different from the above survey) where you can sign up for individual sub-committees and get involved:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Cxv2F4YJb47YkA8C0dWu4g\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Cxv2F4YJb47YkA8C0dWu4g_3d_3d)

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## **Federal Updates**

The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) released guidance on the Regional Extension Centers program. We are encouraging you to review the statute and provide your comments. If you are a member of the workgroups you can post comments on our wiki here (if you're not, you can sign up by completing the survey directly above):

<https://123.writeboard.com/27f61764f9837e829>

Comments are due to ONC no later than 5pm EDT Thursday June 11. We ask that you please provide comments by COB Wednesday June 10 so that we may compile them and send a comprehensive response from California.

## **Important Upcoming Events**

- June 11, 2009, 1pm – 2pm: Statewide HIE/HIT stakeholder call [Participant Toll Free: (877) 531-2985; pass-code: 100471]

**Let us know what you think, send a note to: [hie@chhs.ca.gov](mailto:hie@chhs.ca.gov)**