

Guam eHealth Collaborative



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An Update on the Guam Health Information Exchange

The Government of Guam received a \$1.6 million dollar Federal grant from Health and Human Services (HHS/ONC) to implement a Health Information Exchange (HIE) to allow for the interoperable exchange of clinical data between providers on Guam, Hawaii, and the U. S. Mainland, in alignment with Federal standards for security, privacy, and interoperability.

The goal of this project is to provide improved care and patient outcomes on Guam, while assisting providers meet the Meaningful Use (MU) criteria for Electronic Health Records. Read more about Meaningful Use here:

<http://www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms>

The Guam eHealth Collaborative, or GeHC, is a public-private partnership that is overseeing the Guam HIE. Vendors ApeniMED and Hielix responded to the Guam Request For Proposal (RFP) in 2010, and are assisting in the building of the Guam HIE. ApeniMED is the technical vendor, and Hielix is working on the governance, sustainability, and adoption of the Guam HIE.

Guam vendors, ApeniMED and Hielix, will be back on Guam November 28 – December 7th, continuing the work on the Guam HIE. We would love to meet with YOU, so please CONTACT US to schedule an appointment to learn more about the Guam HIE!

SAVE THE DATE

November 28th – December 7th

The Guam eHealth Collaborative (GeHC) is having governance and finance workgroups for operating the HIE, as well as a general GeHC meeting / demonstration the week of November 28th

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Technology Update

ApeniMED, the Guam HIE technical vendor, continues to deploy technical infrastructure for the Guam HIE. Currently, the Guam HIE is testing Direct Project secure messaging, allowing providers on Guam to meet Meaningful Use criteria (and thus receive incentive payments) as well as improve care and coordination of care for patients on Guam.

Providers can use the Direct Project, a Federal Standard for secure healthcare messaging, for referrals with clinical attachments, for ePrescribing, and for coordination and delivery of laboratory results.

ApeniMED is working with Guam Memorial Hospital, DLS Labs, LabTech, Guam Public Health (DPHSS), FHP/TakeCare and others on Guam to test technologies, connectivity to the Guam HIE, and Direct Project secure messaging.

CONTACT US if you would like to participate or for information.

Consumer and Provider Adoption Workgroup Update

The first meeting of the Consumer and Provider Adoption Team convened on September 28th, 2011. John Ray Taitano, Team Chairperson, was in attendance as well as Albert Gurusamy from HSP. The team was provided an outline of expectations for the team. It was agreed that in order to gain support from providers, a concentrated and personalized effort would be required. The effort would need to include one-on-one visits with key members of the provider community.

Legal and Policy Workgroup Update

The first meeting of the Legal and Policy Team convened on September 29th, 2011. Cynthia Henson representing DLS and Gina Y. Ramos representing Take Care were present. The team was provided sample Business Associate Agreement and Data Sharing Agreement documents for consideration. Gina offered to share the TakeCare Business Associate Agreements with the team. Dale will use the TakeCare agreement as the basis for writing the first draft of the GeHC Business Associate Agreement. The draft will be completed and shared with the team by November 1st for consideration at the next team meeting on December 1st, 2011.

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Business and Finance Workgroup Update

The first meeting of the Business and Finance Team convened on September 26th, 2011. Attending were representatives from TakeCare, Select Care, and the healthcare community. The team was presented with several documents for review. The first document included a set of principles to be used to guide the work of the team. The team accepted the principles as presented (available online at <http://hie.guam.gov>) and requested two additional principles that stated 1) “patients should be granted electronic access to their medical records” and 2) “the HIE shall follow all HIPAA guidelines”.

The second document presented (available online at <http://hie.guam.gov>) described several strategies for raising capital funds for building the HIE. The team recommended using a combination of stakeholder funding and grants to secure any capital needed for building the HIE.

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Technical Workgroup Update

The first meeting of the Technical Architecture Team convened on September 27th, 2011. Attending were representatives from TakeCare, Guam Memorial Hospital, Diagnostic Lab Services (DLS) and other members of the healthcare community.

The team was given a presentation by Seonho Kim, Chief Architect at ApeniMED, on the current design of the Guam HIE. The presentation offered an in-depth examination of the HIE architecture (available online at <http://hie.guam.gov>). The team asked several questions and had an interactive dialogue with the HIE vendor group.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the team accepted and approved the Guam HIE design as presented and offered to help with the implementation of the Guam HIE. In addition, the team offered to coordinate their work with the other HIE teams and to attend the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th, 2011.
