

# **Update on HITECH & Other Recovery Act HIT Provisions**

**April 22, 2010**  
Conference Call

**Sponsored by:**

- **Minnesota e-Health Initiative**
- **Minnesota Department of Health**
- **Minnesota Department of Human Services**



# Monthly Update Calls

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- Purpose of the Calls:
  - Brief update on issues important to Minnesota Stakeholders
  - Provide a Q & A opportunity
  - Compliment other communications activities
- Monthly Timing of the Calls
  - Usually Third Thursday of the Month from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
  - Next Call Scheduled for May 20, 2010
- E-mail feedback & suggestions for improvement to [bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us](mailto:bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us)

# Plan for Receiving Questions From Conference Call Participants

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- All lines will be muted during the call
- E-mail questions to [bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us](mailto:bob.b.johnson@state.mn.us) at any time during the presentation
- Questions will be addressed following the final presentation

*Following the call:  
Questions will be reviewed and staff will identify future  
resource materials to be posted.*

# Reminder

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- We don't have all the answers but we are very interested in hearing your questions and your perspectives.

# Meeting Agenda

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- **Overview of Statewide Plan for Health Information Exchange**
- **Minnesota e-Health Summit June 16-17, 2010**
- **Comments and Questions**

# Our Speakers & Panel Members

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- ***Alan Abramson, Co-Chair***  
*Minnesota e-Health Exchange and Meaningful Use Workgroup*
- ***Jennifer Fritz, Staff***  
*Office of Health Information Technology MDH*
- ***Marty LaVenture, Director***  
*Office of Health Information Technology MDH*



# Download Minnesota Strategic Plan for HIE

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Download Full HIE Strategic Plan Documents:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/e-health/hitech/hitechmn.html>

# Overview of Minnesota Strategic Plan for Health Information Exchange and Request for Public Comment

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**Alan Abramson, PhD**

Senior Vice President, IS&T and Chief Information Officer  
HealthPartners

*Minnesota e-Health Initiative Advisory Committee Member  
Exchange and Meaningful Use Workgroup Co-Chair*



# Acknowledgments

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Minnesota e-Health Initiative Advisory Committee –  
preliminarily approved strategic plan for public  
comment

Exchange and Meaningful Use Workgroup

Co-chairs:

- Paul Kleeberg, MD
- Alan Abramson, PhD

# Blumenthal Articulates National Vision for Health Information Exchange

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“A key premise: **information should follow the patient**, and artificial obstacles – technical, business related, bureaucratic – should not get in the way. ...

“That is the goal we will pursue, and **it will inform all our policy choices now and going forward**. This means that information exchange must cross institutional and business boundaries. Because that is what patients need.

“... **the goal is to have information flow seamlessly and effortlessly to every nook and cranny of our health system**, when and where it is needed, just like the blood within our arteries and veins meets our bodies’ vital needs.”

• *Dr. David Blumenthal, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, 11/12/2009*



# MN Strategic Plan for HIE

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- Designed to provide strategic direction on health information exchange in Minnesota per the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) funding award and requirements as well as the intentions of the Minnesota e-Health Initiative
- Following Advisory Committee approval, additional operational plan will be developed. Both plans to be submitted to ONC concurrently for approval

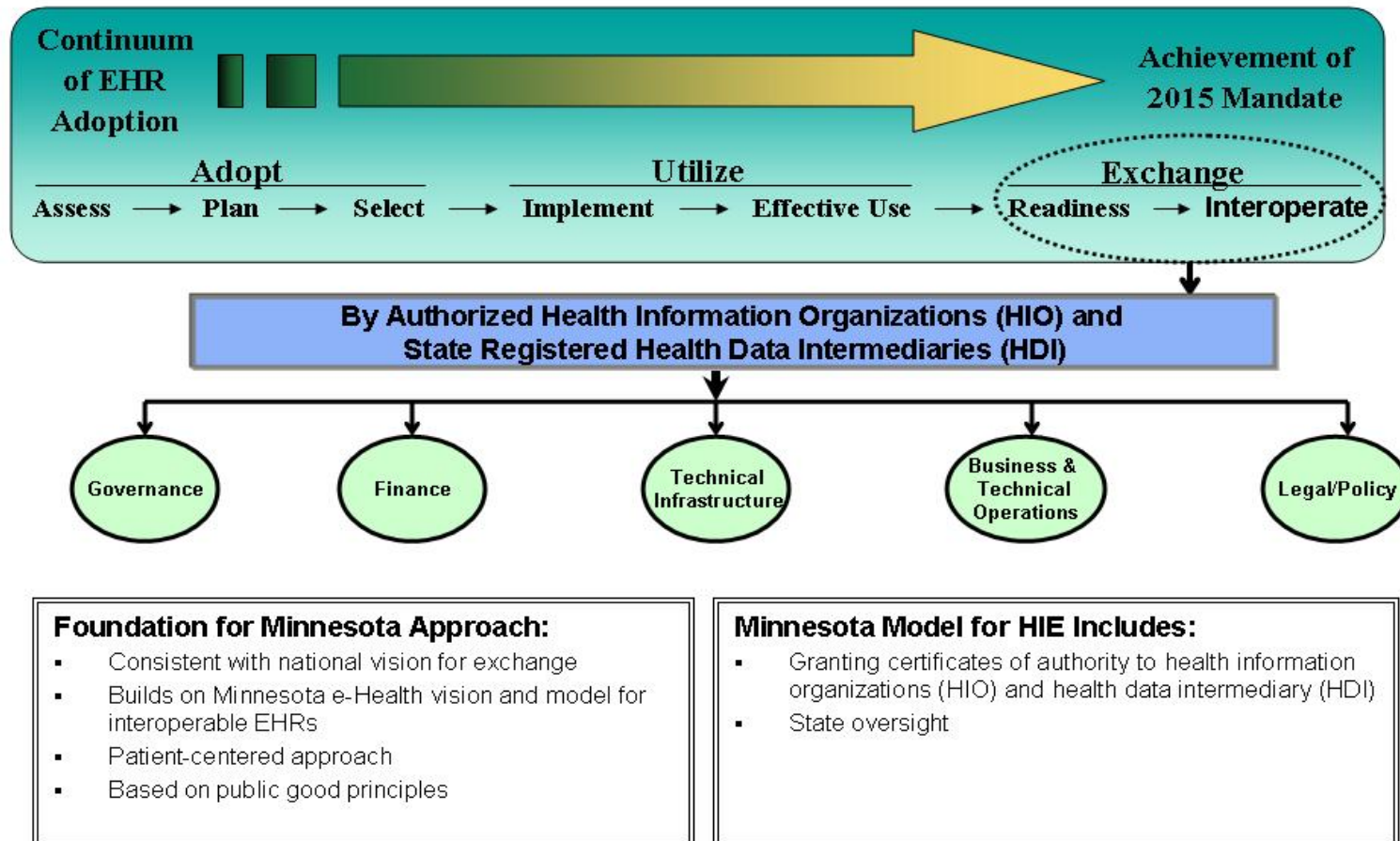
# Minnesota Approach for Health Information Exchange

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## Foundation for Minnesota Approach:

- Consistent with National Vision for Exchange
- Builds on Minnesota e-Health Vision & Model
- Maintains a Patient Centered Approach
- Supports Individuals and Community Goals
- Based on “Public Good” Principles

# Summary of Proposed Approach for Health Information Exchange in Minnesota



# MN Strategic Plan for HIE

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The plan consists of six parts:

- Part 1: E-health, Health Information Exchange and Health Reform
- Part 2: Environmental Scan
- Part 3: Health Information Exchange Development and Adoption: Minnesota's Strategic Approach to Health Information Exchange
- Part 4: Coordination with Federally-funded Activities
- Part 5: Summary of Call to Action
- Part 6: Appendices

# Part 1: E-health, Health Information Exchange and Health Reform

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## Purpose of Part 1

- Provides context for health information exchange in Minnesota and linkages to health reform efforts
- Introduces Minnesota e-Health Initiative and related activities

# Part 2: Environmental Scan

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## Purpose of Part 2

- Provides assessment data of current status of health information exchange in MN and readiness for achieving statewide health information exchange
- Identifies relevant collaborative opportunities and HIT resources in MN as part of the environmental scan

# Part 3: Health Information Exchange Development and Adoption: Minnesota's Strategic Approach to Health Information Exchange

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## Purpose of Part 3

- Describes the vision for health information exchange in Minnesota
- Describes strategic goals, objectives, and strategies

# MN Strategic Plan for HIE

## *Vision for Health Information Exchange in MN*

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Through an integrated statewide approach, Minnesota e-Health Connect will advance patient centered health information exchange that will:

- Provide Minnesotans with access to coordinated care each time they access the health care system, across the continuum of care
- Elevate the health of all Minnesotans by facilitating essential communications that support improvements in individual, community and public health
- Ensure that adequate protections are in place to maintain patient privacy, while enabling secure access to all of the information necessary to deliver the best possible care
- Empower Minnesotans with the information they need to work with their providers to achieve the best possible health outcomes
- Serve the citizens of Minnesota as a public good

# Guiding Principles: Health Information Exchange as a Public Good

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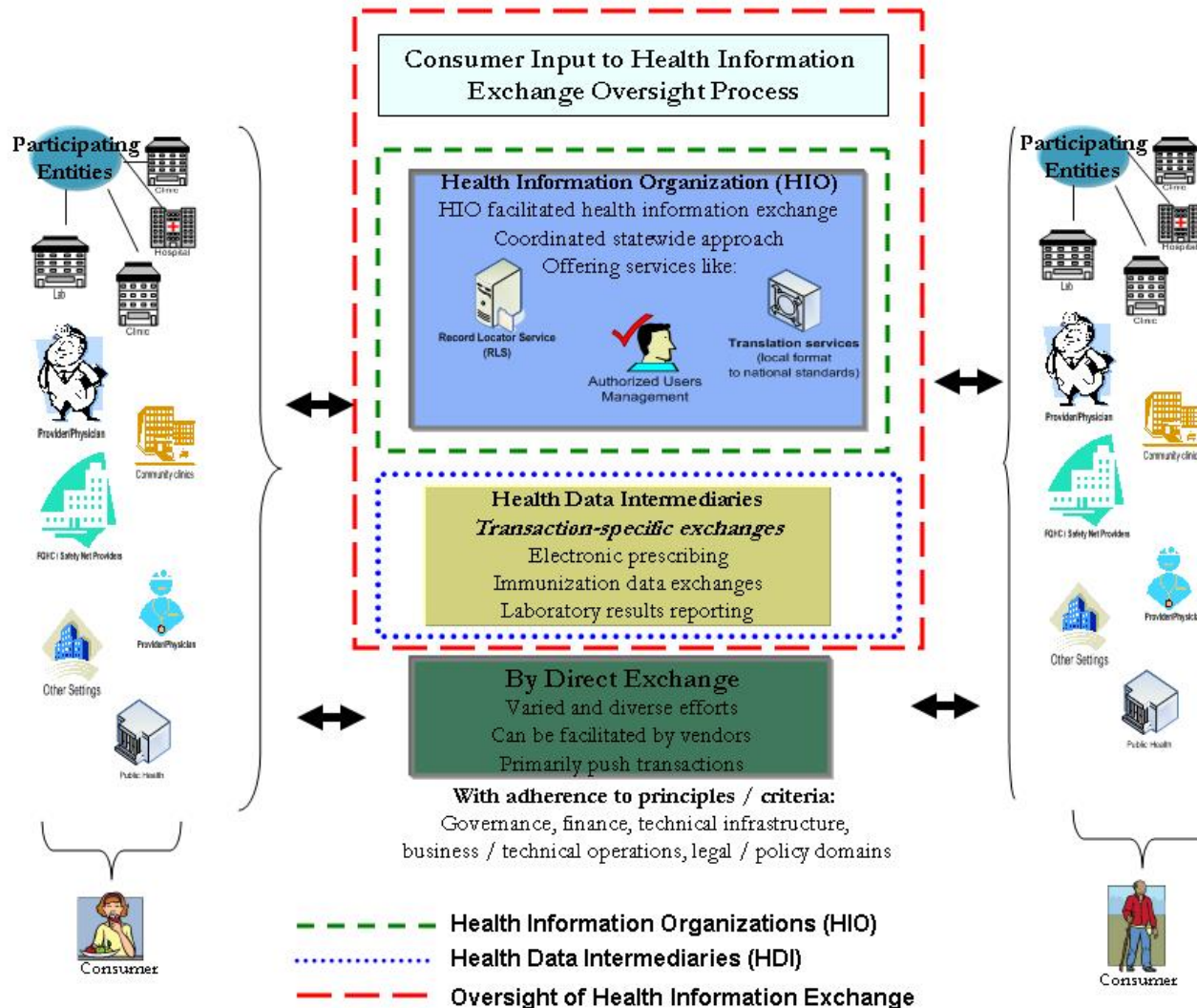
- The improvement of health and health care for Minnesota citizens and communities is the central focus of statewide, interoperable health information exchange
- The need for secure exchange of health information is essential to transforming health care and improving the health of Minnesotans must supersede technical, business, and bureaucratic barriers
- Health information exchange must initially provide for functionality necessary to support meaningful use, and expand over time to provide for continuous improvement in quality and coordination of care

# Guiding Principles: Health Information Exchange as a Public Good *(Continued)*

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- The value of information increases with use, and the value of one set of information increases when linked with other information
- Consumption of health information exchange services by one health care stakeholder must not reduce availability for others, and no health care stakeholder can be effectively excluded from appropriately using interoperable health information exchange services

# Proposed Approach for Health Information Exchange Oversight



# MN Strategic Plan for HIE

## Strategic Plan Goals

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**Goal 1: Enable interoperable health information exchange within Minnesota, across state borders and with the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN)**

Includes objectives and strategies by domain area:

- *Governance*
- *Technical Infrastructure*
- *Legal and Policy Issues*
- *Finance*
- *Business and Technical Operations*

# MN Strategic Plan for HIE

## Strategic Plan Goals

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### Goal 2: Ensure trust and support for a statewide approach to health information exchange

Includes objectives and strategies related to:

- *Engaging stakeholders*
- *Adoption and effective use of electronic health records*
- *Protecting personal health information*
- *Achieving data quality and data integrity*

# MN Strategic Plan for HIE

## Strategic Plan Goals

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**Goal 3: Create synergies and leverage resources available through all state and federal programs to support health information exchange and the effective use of health information technology to improve health and health care**

Includes objectives and strategies related to:

- *Integrated approach with Medicaid*
- *Integrated approach with public health*
- *Coordinating with other HITECH programs*
- *Coordinating with federal programs and care delivery systems*

# MN Strategic Plan for HIE

## Strategic Plan Goals

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Goal 4: Improve coordination of care, quality of care, and health outcomes and decrease healthcare costs in Minnesota through health information exchange and meaningful use of electronic health records

Includes objectives and strategies related to:

- Monitoring outcomes and key performance measures

# Part 4: Coordination with Federally-Funded Activities

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## Purpose of Part 4

- Describe how activities will be coordinated across the state with other federally-funded programs, including:
  - Minnesota Department of Human Services (Medicaid)
  - Medicare and federally-funded, state-based programs
  - Federal health and health care delivery programs
  - Coordination with other ARRA programs

# Part 5: Summary of Call to Action

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## Purpose of Part 5

- Summarize key action steps that health care community should take to enable statewide health information exchange in MN

# Next Steps

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- Public comment period until May 4, 2010
- Final approval by the Minnesota e-Health Advisory Committee in late May
- Development of Minnesota Operational Plan for Health Information Exchange (May/June)
- Submission of both plans to the Office of the National Coordinator for approval (June/July)

# MN Strategic Plan for HIE

## Announcement of Public Comment Period

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*Comments invited until 5 p.m. on May 4, 2010*

Send written comments to Jennifer Fritz at:

[Jennifer.Fritz@state.mn.us](mailto:Jennifer.Fritz@state.mn.us)

# Minnesota e-Health Summit 2010

## Save the Date! – June 16 & 17

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### MN e-Health Summit 2010

**Date:** Thursday, June 17, 2010  
**Time:** 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park  
**Theme:** Leveraging Meaningful Use  
**Keynote:** Dr. David Blumenthal  
National Coordinator for Health IT

Two Pre-Summit Workshops by  
Key Health Alliance and TIGER Collaborative

**Date:** Wednesday, June 16, 2010  
**Time:** 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.



*Registration Opens Week of April 26*



# For More Information

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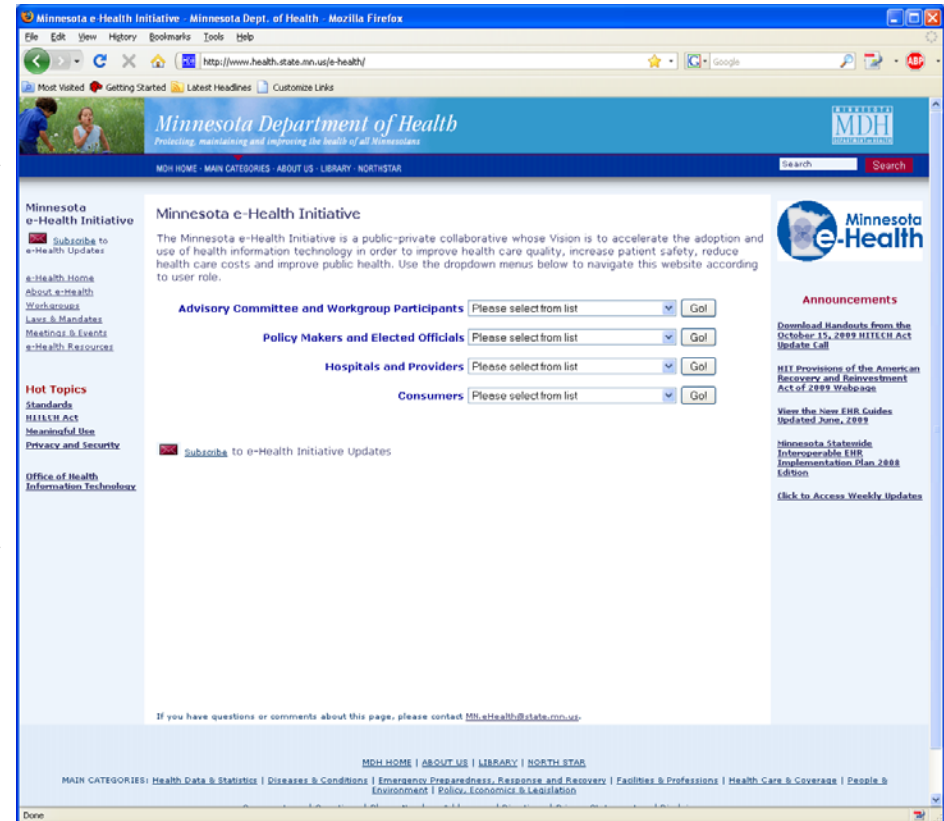
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# *Questions?*

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