



## Health Information Exchange Committee Charter

### Committee Leadership:

Chair: **William “Buddy” Gillespie**, Ex Officio Board Member  
Vice President, & Chief Technology Officer, WellSpan Health System

Vice-Chair: **Kenneth D. Coburn**, M.D., Board Member  
President, Chief Executive Officer & Medical Officer, Health Quality Partners

### Committee Purpose (Goals):

The Purpose of the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Committee is to provide a forum for state, regional and local organizations committed to HIE(s) in concert with the Strategic and Operational Plans of PAeHI:

- *Identify best practices for HIEs for key clinical data among providers of care;*
- *Identify opportunities for Pennsylvanians to use health IT and HIE to improve healthcare;*
- *Educate the public providers and policy makers regarding the benefits and challenges of health IT and HIE;*
- *Work with providers, payers, and policy makers to define business cases (including return on investment) for health IT, HIE and ultimately the ability to achieve Meaningful Use;*
- *Advance the engagement of HIE(s) for improving population/public health (i.e. Immunization project efforts);*
- *Expand stakeholder(s) understanding of HIE(s) to include the services it will provide via data connectivity: immunizations, bio-surveillance and the use of registries;*
- *Support the threshold elements and goals of the PAeHI Strategic and Operating Plans.*

### Objectives:

1. Harmonize State of Pennsylvania and PAeHI initiatives with a common voice, to reach out to regional, local HIE(s) and other organizations that share health information; by the adoption of the ONC Guideline Domains representing HIE Governance, Finance, Technical Infrastructure, Technical & Business Operations and Legal & Policy;
2. Promote Public Health Services through data gathering, extraction and analytics;
3. Facilitate communications through PAeHI for reporting HIE initiatives throughout Pennsylvania;

4. Support the HITECH portion of the ARRA of 2009 as it applies to the establishment and sustainability of HIEs;
5. Monitor and measure against development/maturity of HIE(s) and generate reports to the HIE Committee membership and PAeHI leadership;
6. Sustain knowledge bases on HIE adoption for statewide and national level efforts which will allow to further facilitate HIE product and vendor involvement;
7. Collaborate with the BAT, Policy and other PAeHI Committees in the mutual achievement of common goals and the co-development of deliverables as appropriate;
8. Create a special Privacy and Security Workgroup in collaboration with the BAT, HIE and Policy committees with the goal of assisting providers, stakeholders via a centralized forum within PAeHI to facilitate the adoption of best practices, standards, privacy and security related issues for compliance with HIPAA requirements and enforcement;
9. Provide a service to identify, understand, evaluate and recommend opportunities to address common challenges confronting regional and local HIE(s):
  - a. Facilitate the development and implementation of standards/best practices for and measures of “continuity of care” across regional and organizational boundaries;
  - b. Promote the deployment and sustainable use of interoperable specifications established by HHS, CCHIT HITSPC and other standards committees as applicable;
  - c. Facilitate adoption of HIE(s) under pinning technologies;
  - d. Develop and sustain the business case for HIE adoption; and
  - e. Identify and evaluate tools and techniques to assist HIEs in the implementation of health information exchange.

**2010 Objectives (Deliverables):**

1. Develop a HIE “How To Guide.”
2. Create a special Privacy and Security Workgroup in collaboration with the BAT, HIE and Policy committees with the goal of assisting providers, stakeholders via a centralized forum within PAeHI to facilitate the adoption of best practices, standards, privacy and security related issues for compliance with HIPAA requirements and enforcement.

**Committee Membership:**

- One representative and one alternate from each regional and/or local HIE(s) in Pennsylvania recognized by the Pennsylvania eHealth Initiative;
- Open to individual PAeHI members and representatives of PAeHI member organizations.

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