



## **Health Information Exchange in Washington State**

*LATEST PROJECT UPDATE – December 20, 2011*

### **OneHealthPort HIE Signs with Skagit County, Central, and North Central Washington Community Trading Partners**

United General Hospital, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Kadlec Regional Medical Center and Wenatchee Valley Medical Center joined the OneHealthPort HIE in late November and early December. These organizations are well-established care providers in their respective communities and are leading efforts to exchange health information through the HIE beginning in 2012.

*United General Hospital* has been a vital part of the Skagit and Whatcom County communities for more than 40 years. The hospital serves Public Hospital District 304, including Burlington, Sedro-Woolley, Bayview, Samish Island, Concrete, Marblemount, Clear Lake and areas of Mount Vernon -- over 2,000 square miles.

United General offers highly personalized care supported by state-of-the-art technology installed to ensure quality and safety. Their new linear accelerator in the North Puget Cancer Center, the fully computerized Sleep Disorders Center, and the wireless, voice-activated communication systems used throughout the facility are a few examples of their use of technology to support patient care in these rural communities.

*Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital* was established in 1950 and for over 60 years has provided health care to the Yakima and Yakima County communities. Over the years, Memorial has come to represent state-of-the-art, quality-of-life health care services, such as the award-winning Children's Village facility, world-class cancer care available at North Star Lodge, the comprehensive occupational and return-to-function services available at The Springs or `Ohana, Memorial's Mammography and women's health care center.

Yakima Valley Community Hospital provides an array of services from cancer care to pediatric care and orthopaedics. Through innovative community collaborations,

Memorial has also built a network of support encompassing primary health care and health education.

*Kadlec Regional Medical Center* opened its doors in 1944 to care for the Hanford area workers and their families. Since then, Kadlec has grown to a regional Medical Center providing care for the people throughout the Mid-Columbia region.

Home to a growing open heart surgery and interventional cardiology program, Kadlec also has the region's only Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, a world-class all digital outpatient imaging center as well as a number of other innovative services and programs.

*Wenatchee Valley Medical Center* was established in 1940 and today serves as a large rural health care delivery system with a regional focus and a commitment to serve patient needs. With nearly 300 physicians and mid-level practitioners, they provide primary care to area residents and also draw patients from throughout the region for specialty care.

Wenatchee Valley Medical Center has clinics in eight communities and a small hospital on the Wenatchee campus. Wenatchee Valley Hospital is a licensed 20-bed facility which serves medical, surgical and acute rehabilitation patients.

### **A Year of “Firsts” for the OneHealthPort HIE**

The OneHealthPort HIE opened for business in June 2011 and, thanks to the support of our early-adopter trading partners, have gathered an impressive list of “firsts” for the statewide HIE this year. The list below highlights these accomplishments and the organizations who made these implementation milestones a reality.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Entity Name</b>
First State Agency	WA State HCA-Medicaid
First Payer	WA State HCA-Medicaid
First HIE Contract	WA State HCA-Medicaid
First Community Health Center Organization	PTSO
First Health System	Group Health Cooperative
First Health Plan	Group Health Cooperative
First Hospital System	Virginia Mason Medical Group
First Statewide Lab	PAML
First Critical Access Hospital	Skyline Hospital
First Small Medical Clinic	NorthShore Medical Group

First Multi-Specialty Clinic	Wenatchee Valley Medical Center
First Live Connection	Yakima Valley Farm Workers
First Live Transactions	

### OneHealthPort HIE Trading Partners

The OneHealthPort HIE lists organizations that have contracted with the HIE and are making preparations to exchange transactions. This information is included in each update and posted on the OneHealthPort [website](#). As organizations join the HIE they will be added so trading partners (and those interested in joining the HIE) know who is participating and what transactions they are prepared to exchange.

OneHealthPort HIE Trading Partners December 2011	Data Transactions for Trading
Washington State Health Care Authority - Medicaid	Transaction identification and analysis underway
PTSO of Washington	CCD
Group Health Cooperative	ADT and CCD
NorthShore Medical Group	HL7 laboratory results reports, immunization reporting
Virginia Mason Medical Center	ADT
PAML	HL7 laboratory results reports
Skyline Hospital	HL7 laboratory results reports
Memorial Physicians, PLLC	Transaction identification and analysis underway
Yakima Valley Farm Workers	CCD, immunization reporting
United General Hospital	Transaction identification and analysis underway
Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital	Transaction identification and analysis underway
Kadlec Regional Medical Center	CCD
Wenatchee Valley Medical Center	Transaction identification and analysis underway

## **How do I find a trading partner on the HIE?**

The OneHealthPort HIE web page has an Entity Level Provider Directory (ELPD) for use in locating the identifiers, the OneHealthPort Organization Identifier (OrgID) and the Object Identifier (OID) enumeration, assigned to trading partners for transaction and document routing via the HIE. As the trading partner community grows, the HIE will also host a Practitioner Level Provider Directory (PLPD) in 2012. Additional information about this directory will be presented in the HIE updates in the months ahead.

During 2012 the OneHealthPort HIE will also host a Washington State Entity Level Provider Directory. This entity level directory will list *any organization* wishing to post the HIE or HIO they participate through and what transactions they are ready to send and receive. This directory will include routing addresses and technical contact information for each entity.

For questions about the HIE Provider Directory and identifiers assigned to trading partners please visit the new [web page](#). Information about the OID enumeration for the OneHealthPort HIE can be found in the [OID reference document](#).

## **More HIE trading partners on the way**

The OneHealthPort HIE team continues to provide information, participate in technical discussions, and coordinate conversations with trading partners as they explore their options for information exchange through the HIE. Overlake Hospital Medical Center, MultiCare Health System, Seattle Children's, Evergreen Hospital Medical Center, Department of Health, Premera Blue Cross, Harrison Medical Center, Kennewick General Hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, and Inland Imaging are several of the organizations exploring the best ways to leverage their technology investments through the HIE.

In addition to making connections to local trading partners, many of these organizations are also facilitating conversations in their immediate trading communities to use the HIE to extend connectivity and information exchange beyond their traditional trading area.

## **Meaningful use testing with the health information exchange**

OneHealthPort, the Washington State Health Care Authority's (Medicaid) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program, and the Washington & Idaho Regional Extension Center (WIREC) continue work on an initiative for eligible professionals and hospitals to test and provide validation reporting through the OneHealthPort HIE.

The EHR Incentive Program team is currently establishing validation requirements for the meaningful use objectives and reviewing proposed testing program processes. The group is scheduled to meet again in early January to finalize program details and plan implementation next steps. Detailed information about this program and program kick-off will be communicated in the January HIE Update newsletter

### **Expanding health information exchange**

OneHealthPort has continued to meet with the state HIE's of Alaska and Idaho, and the Beacon Community of the Inland Northwest (BCIN) to develop a policy and technical connectivity approach for HIE-to-HIE exchange. A policy and participation agreement has been drafted and is currently under review by these organizations.

The technical teams from these organizations are planning to meet again before early January to decide what transactions will initially be exchanged, the connectivity mechanism/s that will be used, and how trading partners will be discovered through Provider Directories. Several opportunities to pilot the use of the policy document and to roll-out an HIE-to HIE connection using the agreed upon technical approach were identified. Target completion of the policy and technical documents is early February 2012 with a pilot implementation to follow shortly thereafter.

OneHealthPort also participates with a larger group of Western States working with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) to address HIE-to-HIE connections where the NwHIN Direct tools are being used. Policy documents and technical connectivity processes that result from the work with Alaska, Idaho, and the Beacon Community will be shared with this group.

### **OneHealthPort HIE Receives "Conditional Acceptance" for NwHIN Exchange**

On December 14, 2011 the National Renal Administrators Association (NRAA) - Group Purchasing Organization and the NRAA HIE, powered by the OnehealthPort HIE received conditional acceptance from the Exchange Coordinating Committee of the Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN) as a Participant in the Exchange. The conditional acceptance of the conformance testing sent earlier in December paves the way for OneHealthPort to complete preparations for moving into production and becoming a full Participant of the Exchange, using the Exchange for the dialysis quality reporting pilot project sponsored by NRAA with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS).

## **Interested in learning more about the OneHealthPort HIE?**

The OneHealthPort HIE team is hosting webcasts during January, February, and March to provide information about the business value of joining and using the HIE to exchange electronic health information. The target audience for the business value webcast is leadership and administrative staff. Technical webcasts will also be held each month. These webcasts provide an implementation overview of the HIE – how it works and how to connect - and is targeted at information technology staff, consultants and the vendor community. The dates for the webcasts are listed below. To register for the webcasts, please use the following [link](#).

### Business Value of the HIE

January 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m., PST

February 14, 10:00-11:00 a.m., PST

March 22, 1:00-2:00 p.m., PST

### Technical Implementation Overview of the HIE

January 17, 10:00-11:30 a.m., PST

February 16, 2:00-3:30 p.m., PST

March 20, 10:00-11:30 a.m., PST

### **For more information**

Visit the OneHealthPort [website](#).

### **Registration**

[Register](#) for the OneHealthPort HIE webcasts.

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