

TO: HIE Notices Group
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I wanted to update you on the progress of our work on HIE in Washington State.

Thanks to all those who participated in our recent requirements exercise. We appreciate the feedback you provided and we've been busy reviewing and analyzing the results. Going into the exercise we understood there was a limited level of precision. As such, our expectation was not highly quantifiable findings rather we were looking for a sense of the market. In summary here's what we found:

- Shared service capabilities – The Hub is the clear favorite and a Master Person Index/Record Locator Service is the clear number two priority. Standards and security policy finish third and fourth respectively with data transformation not far behind in the fifth position. Repository, directory services and secure messaging finish in the bottom three.
- Data Types – Lab, encounters and pharmacy are clustered pretty closely together in the top three. Discharge summaries, images, allergies and ADT comprise another cluster in fourth through seventh place. Orders, eligibility, immunizations and unstructured data round it out as the lowest priority cluster.
- Governance – The preference appears to be for a blended model of some sort. In general, respondents indicated their ideal governance model would facilitate the participation of state government, enable broad-based community oversight and support the efficient delivery and operation of shared HIE services.

As of the writing of this update, HCA has received no new information from the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) in respect to the HITECH grant. We are still assuming the initial funds will flow on 1/15/10 and the operational and strategic plans will be due on 3/15/10. OneHealthPort and HCA continue to work together to complete the plans by the March deadline.

Based on the requirements information you have provided, the dictates of SB 5501, the requirements of HITECH and the facts on the ground here in the local market we are crafting straw man HIE and governance solutions. As planned, we expect to have something ready to share with the community sometime in mid-January. At that time in a process similar to the requirements gathering we will seek your feedback on the proposed HIE and governance solutions in public meetings, webcasts and online.

I hope you have a great holiday season and we look forward to working with you in 2010 to advance HIE in Washington State.