

MINUTES
Health Information Technology Standards
Advisory Committee (HITSAC) Thursday,
December 17, 2015

Commonwealth Enterprise Solutions Center
11751 Meadowville Lane
Chester, VA 23836
Multipurpose Room 1222

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Dr. Marshall Ruffin, Chairman
Mr. Rich Pollack
Dr. Christopher Barrett
Dr. James Harrison

Others Present:

Allen, Corky (Oracle)
Allen, Zacc (VADOC)
Barnes, Rich (VITA)
Clarke, Wayne (VADOC)
Dixit, Prashant (VITA)
Fritzinger, Angela (DGS)
Grubbs, Joseph (VITA)
Helmantoler, Nicole (VITA)
Marian, Farnoosh (VITA)
Matthews, Michael (ConnectVirginia)
McCleaf, Sandy (ConnectVirginia)
Mix, Dave (DMAS)
Rodis-Bradshaw, Sheila (DMV)
Sarbor, Russell (HHR)
Steidle, Ernie (DARS)
Toney, Denise (DGS)
Wirth, Mike (CGI)

Members Absent:

Mr. John Quinn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ruffin called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in the VITA Multipurpose Room 1222 at the Commonwealth Enterprise Solutions Center in Chester, VA.

Note: The HITSAC meeting agenda packet including all of the presentation materials may be accessed on the VITA Web site at:

<http://vita.virginia.gov/default.aspx?id=9706>

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes from the August 20, 2015, HITSAC Meeting

Chairman Ruffin requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2015, meeting and the motion was made and seconded by HITSAC members. Chairman Ruffin called the item and accepted the minutes as approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of New Members

Chairman Ruffin introduced new HITSAC member Dr. Christopher Barrett. Chairman Ruffin also introduced Deputy Secretary of Technology Anthony Fung who will serve as the Secretary of Technology Karen Jackson's designee.

Commonwealth Data Governance Status Report

Nicole Helmantoler, Enterprise Information Architect and Commonwealth Data Governance (CDG) Lead from the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), gave the status report for the CDG team.

Ms. Helmantoler reviewed data governance accomplishments over the past year, and summarized year-end Item 427 Compliance Metrics. The Governor's Data Internship Program continues, and planning is underway for the spring 2016 semester. VITA has announced 11 Next Generation Analytics RFP awardees. Pilots will begin in 2016, and the Commonwealth Data Stewards Group will serve a governance role.

Ms. Helmantoler discussed CDG outreach in 2015, notably with: Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC), Identity Management Standards Advisory Council (IMSAC), Enhanced Memorandum of Understanding (EMOU) Coordinating Committee, and NIEM Human Services Domain Workgroup. Chairman Ruffin presented to ITAC on behalf of HITSAC twice in 2015. The decision was made that there would be no change to the HITSAC reporting structure at this time. IMSAC, which will meet again in March 2016, requested a use case in the health domain specific to identity management.

Chairman Ruffin opened the floor to questions from HITSAC members. Seeing none, Chairman Ruffin closed the CDG status report item.

eHHR Program Office Status Report

David Mix, Program Director for eHHR from the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS), provided the status report on the eHHR Program.

Mr. Mix discussed the history that led to the creation of the eHHR Program and provided a snapshot of eHHR Program Office collaboration with HITSAC and VITA. Regarding project status, Phase II of Eligibility Modernization is on schedule; all Care Management projects have been completed and closed. The eHHR Program was formally closed in September 2015 and is transitioning to a HHR Secretariat Enterprise Center of Excellence. Mr. Mix concluded his status report by discussing future Medicaid initiatives.

Chairman Ruffin opened the floor to questions from HITSAC members. Seeing none, Chairman Ruffin closed the eHHR status report item.

Virginia Department of Health Status Report

Debbie Condrey, the Chief Information Officer of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), was unable to attend the meeting. Her slides have been posted to the VITA website: <http://vita.virginia.gov/default.aspx?id=9706>. Questions should be sent to Ms. Helmantoler who will pass them along to Ms. Condrey.

Chairman Ruffin opened the floor to questions from HITSAC members. Seeing none, Chairman Ruffin closed the VDH status report item.

Commonwealth Authentication Service Status Report

Sheila Rodis-Bradshaw, DMV Project Manager for the Commonwealth Authentication Service (CAS), provided the CAS status report.

Ms. Rodis-Bradshaw provided an overview of CAS, its history, purpose and future. HITSAC members discussed the challenges of implementing a single identity management system for the Commonwealth of Virginia. New York and California are currently working towards a federated model. HITSAC will explore this topic in 2016, as progress in identity management is crucial to efficiency and interoperability.

Chairman Ruffin opened the floor to additional questions from HITSAC members. Seeing none, Chairman Ruffin closed the CAS status report item.

Chairman Ruffin recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:19 p.m.

Chairman Ruffin called the meeting back to order at 12:21 p.m.

Presentations

ConnectVirginia Update

Chairman Ruffin called for Michael Matthews, CEO, ConnectVirginia, to give an update on ConnectVirginia.

Mr. Matthews discussed ConnectVirginia services and models, such as EXCHANGE, Streamline, Clinical Chart, Public Health Reporting and Encounter Alerts. Partnerships include the eHealth Exchange, MedVirginia, and the Sequoia Project (formerly Healthway) to build

towards a more “Connected Commonwealth.” ConnectVirginia on-boarded members account for two-thirds of all hospital beds in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Mr. Matthews discussed the future of ConnectVirginia. ConnectVirginia will launch a Products and Services Committee to introduce a process for identifying and vetting opportunities. Priorities for 2016 will be enumerated in a strategic action plan by ConnectVirginia Board Members.

Mr. Matthews and HITSAC members discussed interoperability challenges and advancements between stakeholders.

Genomics and Bioinformatics Forum

Chairman Ruffin called for Deputy Secretary of Technology Anthony Fung to give a presentation on the Commonwealth Advanced Data Analytics Alliance and the President’s Precision Medicine Initiative.

Deputy Secretary Fung discussed origins, purpose and partnerships of the Commonwealth Advanced Data Analytics Alliance (CADAA). CADAA aims to develop the premier data analytics ecosystem that will sustain, attract, and grow world-class talent, increase jobs, small to large companies, promote innovation and investment in the New Virginia “Data” Economy.

Deputy Secretary Fung asked HITSAC to think through how CADAA can help efforts related to genomics, standards, and identification of use cases. HITSAC members discussed opportunities and potential challenges to furthering the Commonwealth’s engagement in the domains of bioinformatics, cyber analytics, fraud analytics, and citizen services. Funding remains a challenge, but there are plenty of students and internship opportunities within the institutions represented on HITSAC, as well as member institutions that share in ConnectVirginia.

Chairman Ruffin called for Dr. Joseph Grubbs, former Research Coordinator for the Genomics Working Group (GWG), to give a presentation on HITSAC GWG Use Cases. Dr. Grubbs reviewed use cases that had been presented to HITSAC on October 16, 2014, and discussed work that remains to be done by GWG.

HITSAC members discussed exploring standards in 2016 for the exchange of genomic data to drive rule-based logic and inform clinical care. Mr. Pollack mentioned that Dr. Gonzalez from the genomic lab at VCU would be a valuable resource in these discussions. HITSAC members discussed other partnership opportunities with CADAA and with Dr. Denise Toney of the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services.

Chairman Ruffin called for Dr. Denise Toney, Deputy Director at Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS), to give a presentation on the DCLS Bioinformatics Partnership Proposal.

Dr. Toney provided an overview of the work done at DCLS and the role state laboratories serve, such as driving education and public health. Dr. Toney described DCLS’s drive towards Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) and associated project goals. DCLS also participates in national

programs such as the Food and Drug Administration's GenomeTrakr and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's PulseNet.

Mr. Pollack suggested that DCLS consider hosting a series of seminars that showcase subject matter experts in genomics and bioinformatics, as there is an obvious need for collaboration that does not currently exist. HITSAC members discussed opportunities and challenges in developing a current and consistent service-oriented architecture

Chairman Ruffin called for Dr. Christopher Barrett, Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech, to give a presentation on the work of the Biocomplexity Institute

Dr. Barrett discussed the role, laboratories and core services of the Biocomplexity Institute. The information presented to HITSAC can be found on the Biocomplexity Institute website: <http://bi.vt.edu/>

A video summarizing the mission of Biocomplexity Institute as well as its current projects can be found at <http://bi.vt.edu/about>.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Ruffin called for public comment.
Seeing none, Chairman Ruffin closed the public comment item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ruffin opened the meeting for any final comments from the HITSAC committee.
Seeing none, Chairman Ruffin requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Ruffin adjourned the meeting with consent from HITSAC members.