



## Alabama One Health Record® Commission Meeting Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2014

### Attendees:

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| *Doug McIntyre, VP Healthcare Networks (BCBS)     | John Heitman, HIT Coordinator (ADPH)            |
| *Linda Lee, American Academy of Pediatrics        | Bill Mixon, Operations Mgmt Cons (Medicaid)     |
| *Stephanie Azar, Medicaid Commissioner (Medicaid) | Meghan Youngpeter, Program Manager (Medicaid)   |
| *Dr. Dan Roach, Director CSHI (USA)               | Stella Stewart, Project Coordinator (ADPH)      |
| *Frank O'Neil (ProAssurance)                      | Bobby McDaniel, Enterprise Architect (Medicaid) |
| *Rosemary Blackmon (ALAHA)                        | Lisa Brand, Strategy Manager (BCBSAL)           |
| *Robin Rawls, Communications (Medicaid)           | Chris Johnson (BCBSAL)                          |
| *Roger Bates, Legal (Hand Arendall)               | Tamya Porter, Consultant (Navigant)             |
| *Kathy Hall, Deputy Commissioner (Medicaid)       |   |

*\*Board Members*

### Overview:

The purpose of this meeting was to present an update on the progress of the Alabama One Health Record®, Alabama's Health Information Exchange (HIE) program. John Heitman opened by introducing Commissioner Stephanie Azar who welcomed the attending board members. Bill Mixon then gave a general overview of One Health Record® from an operational standpoint and discussed next steps within the program. Mr. Mixon also addressed some of the current impediments – such as the difficulties encountered when working with EHR vendors.

Mr. Mixon provided an update on the newly reengineered platform. Under the previous technology platform, connections to One Health Record® normally took around 90 to 100 days. In an effort to overcome this obstacle, One Health Record® purchased a new interface engine that has substantially decreased the average connection time. This new software allows the HIE to successfully connect a clinic or hospital in less than one day. The interface software is provided by eTransX, a Tennessee-based company. Mr. Mixon also discussed the new Microsoft hybrid cloud solution which hosts the eTransX solution. With the capability of supporting hundreds of servers, the hybrid cloud solution will give the HIE the ability to grow on demand for RCOs.

Mr. Mixon also noted the successful connection of the first cloud-based EHR, MedConnect. MedConnect is a local Montgomery-based company which has a total of about 500 individual clinics statewide. One Health Record® has already connected two of these clinics in the pilot region.

Additionally, there was a discussion on the progress of the current EAMC pilot program and the success of the Direct Secure Messaging component of the HIE. Currently there are 17 individual clinics (13 in the pilot area) and 8 hospitals (2 in the pilot area) signed up to participate in the Alabama HIE. There are currently 36 individual facilities and 255 individual users utilizing One Health Record® Direct Messaging. Looking forward, we expect Direct Secure Messaging will lead clinics into the HIE community.

The main strategies moving forward are:

- Continued Work with Regional HIE (Huntsville)
- Continue to Develop Sustainability Plan for Post RCO Activities
- Continue to Develop Relationship and Connection with ADPH
- Continue to Work with Vendors to Connect to Integration Engine (eTransX)
- Continue to Develop Outreach Strategies Emphasizing the Value Proposition of HIE

**Next Steps:**

- One Health Record® to form workgroup to discuss new findings related to repository functions
- Schedule commission meeting for next quarter