

**Electronic Health Records (EHR) Taskforce Meeting Summary
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Video Conference

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State Rep. Julie Hamos
Jill Helm
Kathy Herold
Todd LaVigne
Richard Leman
Brynn O'Brien

Jonathan Dopkeen, Ph.D., taskforce chair, convened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. He gave a brief presentation on the recommendations in the draft report.

After the presentation, Dr. Ellen Brull began the discussion of the report by indicating that she had re-examined the draft approved by the Steering Committee and had some concerns regarding the relationship between the Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois Health Information Network (ILHIN). She wanted to make sure that ILHIN was going to become a key player in the process. Patricia Merryweather also expressed some concern. Dr. Craig Backs-stated that there needs to be a balance struck between state government and stakeholders. He stated that the taskforce should move forward

with the report as is, knowing that changes in how the report is implemented will ultimately take place down the road in the legislation process.

State Representative Julie Hamos stated her concern that the report was not clear with respect to the direction the taskforce wants the Illinois General Assembly to take. What is to be done by IDPH versus what is to be accomplished by ILHIN.

There was discussion among the members on how to make the report clearer with respect to the direction sought by the taskforce. To strengthen the language relating to the ILHIN, Dr. Backs moved that the language authorizing IDPH to establish a partnership with ILHIN be amended to indicate that IDPH would be required to establish the partnership. Dr. Brull seconded his motion. The motion was approved by the taskforce.

Funding for ILHIN as a pass through from IDPH was discussed. Members indicated a desire that the language in the report addressing funding of ILHIN from monies appropriated to IDPH be clarified. A motion was made and seconded that the report should read that funding should be appropriated to IDPH for IHIN to implement it's responsibilities. The motion passed.

The recommendation in the report authorizing the transfer of the Illinois Health Network's assets from IDPH to ILHIN was discussed. Dr. Brull favored requiring IDPH to transfer the IHN assets. David Carvalho indicated that transferring a state asset was not a matter to be taken lightly. It must be reviewed with respect to the best interest of the state's taxpayers. The Department would probably oppose legislation mandating a transfer because the Department feels a thorough review would be needed before a final decision could be made. A compromise was proposed that would recommend the legislation permit the transfer, but the taskforce would be on record as recommending that the transfer or licensing of IHN assets occur as soon as "practicable." Dr. Backs moved that this compromise be approved. Dr. Daniel Litoff seconded the motion. The motion passed by consensus.

Dr. Litoff raised the question as to making minor corrections to the committee reports. The Steering Committee had taken the position that the final committee reports were work products to be included in the report as is for background information purposes.

The members decided to permit these changes with leave from the chair of the committee affected by the recommended changes. Dr. Litoff, Joyce Sensmeier and Edward Mensah, Ph.D. suggested corrections to items in three of the four committee reports. All report changes were approved by the committee chairs.

Dr. Backs then moved that taskforce approve the report for submission to the Illinois General Assembly. Ms. Merryweather seconded the motion. The report was approved by consensus.

Dr. Dopkeen thanked everyone and for their hard work. Dr Brull thanked Dr Dopkeen for his leadership of the taskforce. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.