Illinois Electronic Health Records Taskforce
Overview

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The EHR Taskforce: PA 94-646

Create a plan for the development and utilization of electronic health records in the State to…

- improve the quality of patient care
- increase the efficiency of health care practice
- improve safety
- reduce health care errors

The EHR plan shall provide policy guidance for application for federal, State, or private grants to phase in utilization of EHR by health care providers.

Taskforce Participants

What was required

- **Physicians**
- **Hospitals**
- **Pharmacies**
- **Long Term Care Facilities**
- **Academic Medical Centers**
- **Payers**
- **Consumers & Patients**
- **Information Technology Providers**

What we have

- **Associations**
  - Hospitals
  - Pharmacies
  - FQHCs
  - Technology Vendors
- **Providers**
- **Advocates**
- **Payers**
- **Government**
- **Medical Skills**
  - Practice
  - Education
  - Research
  - Patient Safety
  - Legal
  - Ethics
- **Consumers & Patients**

Key Provisions of PA 94-646

- 15(1) Key components and standards for comprehensive EHR systems for recording, storing, analyzing and accessing patient health information

- 15(2) Consistent data elements, definitions, and formats for EHR

- 15(3) Analysis of costs and benefits in implementing EHR by various health care providers

- 15(4) Survey of equipment, technical assistance, and resources needed to assist smaller health care providers with EHR implementation and use

Key Provisions (continued)

- 15(5) Standards, technology platforms, and issues related to patient access to their individual medical and health data

- 15(6) An phase-in plan for implementing EHR throughout Illinois

- 15(7) Address patient privacy, security, and compliance with applicable rules set forth in HIPAA

Our Mission

- Submit a report to the General Assembly by 12/31/2006
- Report will encompass all components of the plan
- Recommendations
- Timetable for Implementation
- Input from all parties will be integral to success
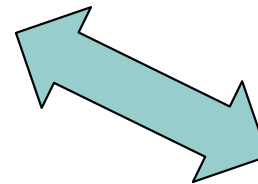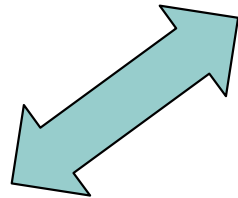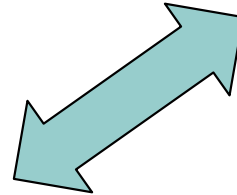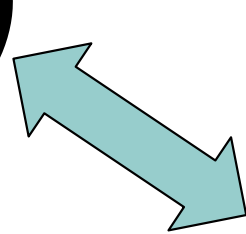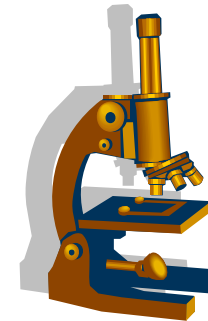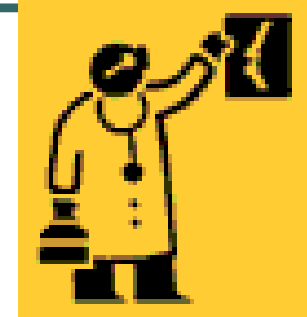- Meeting place for future ideas and successes

Issues to be addressed

- Infrastructure
- Governance
- Privacy and Security
- Physician issues
- Uses of the data: Public Health
- Implementation planning
- Other developmental issues
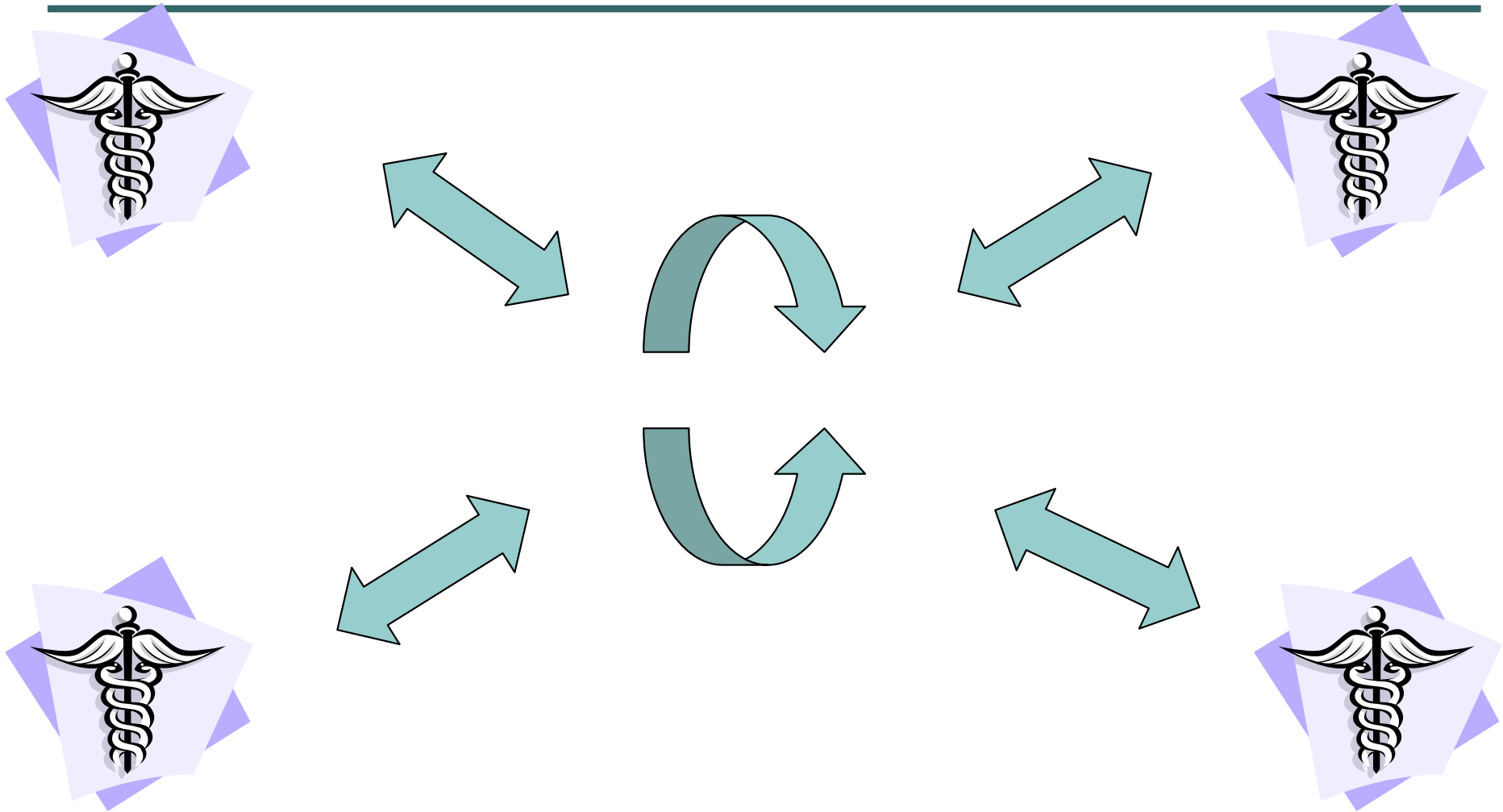- Underlying issues: Technology & Funding

Infrastructure

- Who needs to be connected?
  - Physician offices
  - Health Networks
- What is a RHIO?
- What is a Health Information Exchange?
- What would be efficient or optimal?
- Are there markets?
- Is there a business case?
- What is the appropriate role for the State?

Connecting the physicians office

Connecting the world of healthcare (health information exchange)

Governance

- How is system of exchange monitored?
- Who assures compliance with standards?
- Who oversees strategic planning?
- Is there a State role?
- Is a 'license' needed to drive?
- Is the exchange a public utility?
- Is there a board? Liability?
- Market or non-profit?

Privacy and Security

- What issues need to be overcome for successful health information exchange?
- What are the current HIPAA laws?
- Do we need to amend prior legislation?
- Business protocols & policies as barriers?

- Competitive application on a substantial federal contract to analyze these issues. IFQHC designated to submit the State's application.

Physician Issues

- Improved clinical care?
- High initial costs?
- High initial physician time?
- Adequate technical support?
- Inadequate data exchange?
- Incentives to be wired?

Uses of the Data: Public Health

Population based focus on improved care

- Surveillance
- Research
- Disease management
- Disparities
- Efficacy and clinical practice

Other Concerns

- Scope
- Technology
- Funding
- Options as the year unfolds

Organizational Issues

- Committees
- Taskforce as resource: Technical
- Meeting venues & schedules
- Website and Listserv
- Resources: Other states?
- Staff support

Thank you!

- Task is daunting and important
- Will be accomplished with your concerted effort
- Deep appreciation
- Contact staff with further questions