

***Vision Statement/Goal :***

*To create an efficient, well integrated and inexpensive EHR environment that clinicians are eagerly and universally seeking to have installed and used in their practices.*

*Our definition of clinicians includes: physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistance, pharmacists, nurses, occupational and physical therapists, chiropractors, dieticians, dentists, hospice and long term care facility caregivers, health promoters, and any other providers of medical care.*

***Objectives:***

**Provide input:** Provide clinical and clinician's input and perspective into the Statewide EHR activities and ensure interoperability as a cornerstone of this EHR. In particular, we want to help promote easy access and exchange of medication information, test results, consultations and discharge summaries.

**Overcome Barriers:** Work to identify and overcome barriers clinicians face in using Electronic Medical Records. Specifically, we want to assist clinicians in the technical selection, installation and usage of electronic records. We also need to decrease financial barriers (loss of productivity, installation and maintenance costs) to the implementation of electronic medical records.

**Educate Clinicians:** Engage clinicians to both learn from their experiences and requirements, as well as reach out to help them adopt EHRs.

**Create an e-health initiative** for the future that would be a coordinating and catalytic entity to ensure the continued processes begun by this task force. Its tasks would include assessing the current rate of EMR adoption in Illinois, identifying specific state-wide activities that can address the clinical concerns and issues, and benchmarking to learn from activities state-wide, in other states, and other countries.