

Electronic Health Records (EHR) Taskforce Personalizing Health Committee
Introduction Meeting
April 18, 2006

Members Present

Mary Thompson, Chair
Alan Berkelhamer, R.Ph
Brian Bragg
Laura Feste, RHIA

Members Excused

Larry Boress, Ph.D
Bradford A. Buxton
Maria Ferrera
Thomas A. Granatir
Patricia Merryweather
Arnold L. Widen, MD, MS, FACP

This subcommittee met for one hour during the full meeting of the Taskforce to discuss issues of concern, scope of committee and strategies for personalizing health care.

Members present introduced themselves and briefly described their interest in personalizing health.

Discussion ensued on the following issues of concern:

Definition of a personalized health record (PHR)

Discussion: A clear and universal definition of the PHR in regards to both the data content and its format must be established and so that the subcommittee is all working from the same definition.

Action: Laura Feste to share papers via e-mail on the definition of the PHR developed by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

Who are the entities that have a role in the success of the PHR?

Discussion: The group discussed these entities' impact and the role they play in the PHR as a healthcare resource. The group identified medical providers, physicians, payers, the consumer including guardians and/or care givers, employer groups, and the Illinois legislators.

Barriers to Adoption

Discussion: As a whole the group felt the consumer needed to know who had access to the PHR and needed to have the option to opt – out of either the entire PHR or portions of it.

Action: Brian Bragg to share the results of a focus group survey his organization did on data systems with regards to informed consumer choice.

The next meeting of the EHR Taskforce Subcommittee on Personalized Care will be a teleconference. Date to be determined once Chairperson, Mary Thompson has contacted the other subcommittee members.