Personalizing Health Committee Meeting Summary
June 6, 2006

Video Conference
Upstate Site: IDPH Director's Conference Room
7th Floor, Michael A. Bilandic Building
160 N. LaSalle St.
Chicago

Downstate Site: IDPH 4th Floor Conference Room
4th Floor
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Springfield

EHR Taskforce Members	**Staff Members**
Mary Thompson, Chair	Jeff W. Johnson
Brian Bragg	
Maria I. Ferrera	**Guests**
Laura K. Feste	Jonathan Dopkeen, Ph.D.
Todd W. Hart	
Kathy Herold representing Larry Boress	

With a quorum present, Chair Mary Thompson convened the meeting around 1:15 p.m.

The committee reviewed multiple definitions of Personal Health Record. The definition the committee favored was the E-HIM PHR Work Group definition that defines PHR as follows: "An electronic, universally available, lifelong resource of health information needed by individuals to make health decisions. Individuals own and manage the information in the PHR, which comes from health care providers and the individual. The PHR is maintained in a secure and private environment, with the individual determining rights of access. The PHR is separate from and does not replace the legal record of any provider. The work group organized PHR attributes into six categories: Ownership; function; format and content; privacy, access, and control; maintenance and security; interoperability." The aspects of the definition that differed from the other definitions presented were:1) the PHR is maintained in a secure and private environment; 2) it addressed format and content; and 3) interoperability was included.

The committee further discussed the definition of PHR, stating that a PHR is not the same as an EHR. The issue of patient ownership was debated and ultimately the committee agreed that the patient should "control" what goes on the PHR, and acknowledged that ownership and control are not the same. The committee agreed that the individual should determine who has access to the PHR. For the next meeting, the committee chair will bring back a working definition of PHR based on the comments presented by the committee.

The committee identified several issues relating to PHR, including: access; educating consumers; usage; universality; functionality; whether PHR is a benefit; and minimum standards. The committee was asked to identify goals and objectives based on the taskforce's mission. The committee agreed that the focus for the next meeting would be to identify the goals and objectives that would be presented in the progress report to the taskforce that is due in early July.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members can bring a bag lunch if they want to eat during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.