



Sunday, September 20

6:30 PM - Tentative

Networking Dinner - Mini Snap Shots of Successful HIT Models

NCHN members will lead table discussion about successful strategies for implementing HIT Projects, challenges to avoid, and other topics of interest of participants at the table. Location to be determined; if planning to participate meet in the lobby of the hotel at 6:30 PM CT.

Monday, September 21

7:30AM – 8:00 AM
Eagle Nest

Registration/Light Refreshments/Networking Time

8:00 AM – 8:10 AM
Eagle Nest

Welcome & Introductions

Keith Williams, NCHN President, Community Health Network, TN & Lonnie Stevens, Chair, NCHN Regional Meeting Planning Committee Thumb Rural Health Network, MI

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM

Network Readiness Panel

*Presenters: [Jack King, Northcentral Montana Healthcare Alliance, MT](#) (pdf)
[Robert Cuoio, The Hospital Cooperative, ID](#)
Dawn Wichmann, Lakelands Rural Health Network, SC
Keith Williams, Community Health Network, Inc., TN*

NCHN members will discuss how their networks determined the readiness level of their network organization and members as one of the many steps along the implementation road of an HIT project.

9:00 AM – 9:05 AM

Stretch Break

9:05 AM – 10:05 AM

HIT, HITECH, HIPAA AND MORE: An Overview of the Laws Potentially Affecting the Development of Health Information Technology (pdf)

Presenter: Heman Marshall, III, Principal, Woods Rogers, PLC

Mr. Marshall will discuss the latest federal legislation and its impact on networks implementing or managing HIT projects. He will review general HIPAA compliance issues and other legal issues that may arise as a network develops and implements an HIT project. Mr. Marshall has been named annually, since 1997, in "The Best Lawyers in America" for his work in Health Care Law.

10:05 AM – 10:15 AM

Beverage Break

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Utilizing Technology to Drive Regional Quality Improvement Initiatives (pdf)

Presenter: Dawn Wichmann, Lakelands Rural Health Network, SC

At its core, LRHN is a physician driven regional quality improvement organization. The various quality improvement initiatives being initiated by LRHN can be broadly categorized into two groups: Clinical Intervention Projects and Health Information Technology Projects.

Health Information Technology (HIT) Projects include the development of technology to inform, support, and demonstrate the effectiveness of clinical care. LRHN has adopted the following philosophy: *Technology is not an end but a means to an end. "Technology is one of many valuable tools that will help us to achieve our goal of improving the health of the residents throughout the Lakelands Region of South Carolina."* Two separate and distinct HIT projects are underway in the LRHN region. The Community Electronic Health Record (CEHR) is an effort to create an affordable community solution that promotes physician adoption of electronic medical records. The Health Information Exchange (HIE) is a web-based platform that enables the exchange of patient information regardless of what EHR is utilized. This project has the potential to dramatically improve the quality of care across the continuum by ensuring that all providers have real time access to information vital to quality care and patient safety. Ms. Wichmann will discuss these two projects and how the quality of care has improved in the LRHN service area.

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11:15 AM – 11:45 PM

GrantStation Resources

Presenter: Cynthia Adams, CEO

Join Cynthia Adams, CEO of GrantStation, in this interactive session to help you identify the best grant makers for your HIT programs and projects. Ms. Adams will be joining us via the web, and will use participants' projects to demonstrate the research function of the GrantStation website. This will be a fun, fast paced session.

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Cardinal Perch

Lunch

State Offices of Rural Health: A Strong Partner in Your Own Backyard (pdf)

Presenter: Mark Schoenbaum , President Elect, NOSORH (National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health) MN

Mr. Schoenbaum will share opportunities for partnering with SORHs which can strengthen the impact of your network programs. Staff in each SORH has a wealth of knowledge and experience working collaboratively, to align and leverage resources and projects. In addition, NOSORH serves as a conduit for accessing and disseminating resources and expertise from all 50 SORHs in a number of areas such as EMS, HIT, health care workforce to name a few.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Using Technology to Tame the West! (pdf)

*Presenters: Jack King, Northcentral Montana Healthcare Alliance, MT
Robert Cuoio, The Hospital Cooperative, ID*

The Hospital Cooperative has developed the "Cooperative Telehealth Network" (CTN) a hospital and FQHC based telemedicine system that serves 14 facilities and 3 clinics in East Idaho and West Wyoming. This program is unique in that the network, not a hospital or clinic is the managing entity. The network provides tele-psychiatry and tele-radiology clinical services and is developing tele-cardiology, tele-oncology, and tele-diabetes. Mr. Cuoio will discuss how CTN was established, funding strategies and additional services provided to the network service area.

The Northcentral Montana Healthcare Alliance (NMHA) is a network of 15 member hospitals, 11 of which are Critical Access. NMHA provides a number of services and provides management oversight of the REACH Montana Telehealth Network (RMTN). RMTN provides telehealth services to all NMHA members and also includes Montana State University-Great Falls, and a 14 county Mental Health Network. RMTN provides both educational and clinical telehealth services and is now engaged in implementing EHRs in the 11 Critical Access Hospital members through a grant from the Office of Health Information Technology. Mr. King will discuss the development of the EHR project as a function of the network.

2:00 PM – 2:05 PM

Stretch Break

2:05 PM – 3:00 PM

WNC Data Link (electronic presentation from Asheville, NC) (pdf)

Dana Gibson, Western North Carolina Health Network, NC

The Western North Carolina Health Network (WNCHN) began in 1995 to implement cost-effective collaborative opportunities among the hospitals and health care systems serving western North Carolina. Data Link, the official RHIO for WHCHN was started in 2002 with the 16 WNC hospitals that comprise the founding members. Ms. Gibson will discuss the background and vision for this project, project parameters, the solution, patient scenarios, describe the initial data available through the project, detail the project implementation and how they addressed HIPAA Privacy and security issues and give an update on current usage statistics.

3:00 PM – 3:10 PM

Beverage Break

3:10 PM – 4:10 PM

"GO LIVE AND BEYOND": Achieving Success in the World of Health Care (pdf)

Technology (broadcast via NTRglobal to registered participants)

Dianne Mandernach, CEO, SISU, MN

Mark Sandvick, Applications Director, SISU, MN

The discussion will focus on how SISU is preparing its members for meeting future meaningful use guidelines. By complying with mandates and guidelines, the speakers will discuss how these hospitals have been positioned to be eligible for future stimulus dollars. Speakers will draw from real – life scenarios of the member organizations.

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

What's Next? What will you do when you get home?

Lonnie Stevens, Chair, Regional Meeting Planning Committee

Rebecca J. Davis, NCHN

A closing discussion will lead workshop participants through action planning on how they will implement at least one strategy presented during the workshop to improve their network's readiness to implement, improve, or expand an HIT project.

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