Iowa e-Health

A public–private collaboration to promote health information technology (health IT)

Tom Newton
Director, Iowa Department of Public Health
“Our vision is for a healthier Iowa through the use and exchange of electronic health information to improve patient centered health care and population health.”
“At the heart of our health reform efforts is the use of data to reform payment structures and procedures, manage clinical quality, improve efficiency, and drive improvements in public health.”

– Dr. David Blumenthal, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (Health Affairs: June 2010)
Benefits of e-Health

- Improve quality of health care
- Assure patient safety
- Increase efficiency in health care delivery
- Promote and protect the health of Iowans
  - Public health surveillance
2008 Iowa Health Reform (HF 2539)
  ◦ Result of the 2007 Affordable Health Care Commission
  ◦ One of the 11 advisory councils: e-Health Executive Committee and Advisory Council to be administered by IDPH

2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Bill)
  ◦ State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program
  ◦ Health IT Regional Extension Centers
  ◦ Provider incentives for “meaningful use”
  ◦ Health IT workforce and training programs
Stakeholders

- Office of Health IT
- Executive Committee
- Advisory Council
- Consumer Interest Group
- Representing:
  - 85+ organizations
  - 130+ individuals
Iowa e-Health Stakeholders

**Private Stakeholders**
- IFMC
- HIT Regional Extension Center
- Health Care Providers
- Consumers
- Educators and Clinical Researchers
- Health Plans
- Health Care Purchasers

**Public Stakeholders**
- Governor's Office
- Iowa Legislature
- Other State Agencies
- IFMC
- Iowa Medicaid Enterprise
- Department of Human Services
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- E-Health Workgroups
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**Iowa e-Health**: a public / private collaboration
Roadmap for Iowa

- 2009 Health Information Technology Plan
- 2010 Iowa e-Health Strategic and Operational Plan
  - Governance
  - Finance
  - Technical infrastructure
  - Legal and policy
  - Business and technical operations
- 2011 Legislation
Engage in a **public-private, multi-stakeholder** effort to improve patient-centered care and population health through health information technology (health IT)

Create a **sustainable statewide health information exchange** (HIE) which makes information available when and where it is needed

Ensure the system incorporates **provider priorities** and appropriate **user education**

Instill **confidence** in consumers that their health care information is secure, private, and accessed appropriately

Build on **smart practices** and align with federal standards to ensure interoperability within and beyond state borders