

## **ND Health Information Technology Steering Committee**

*The vision is to implement a statewide health information technology and exchange infrastructure.*

*The mission is to facilitate the adoption and use of health information technology and exchange to improve healthcare quality, patient safety, and overall efficiency of health care and public health services in North Dakota.*

For more information: <http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/sorh/hit.php>

### **ND HIT Steering Committee Activities**

- April, 2006**      *ND HIT Summit, Bismarck - 160 participants*  
*Sponsored by Senator Conrad, ND Health Care Review, ND Healthcare Association, ND Medical Association, Gruby Technologies and Center for Rural Health(CRH).*
- August, 2006**      *ND HIT Stakeholder - Facilitated Meeting – 40 participants*  
*Included a national overview on HIT activity and health information exchange (HIE) initiatives in other states; brainstorming sessions; further developed Steering Committee and Stakeholder Group.*  
*Meeting sponsored by Center for Rural Health*
- September, 2006**      *eHealth Initiative HIT - National Conference*  
*Steering Committee received invitation to send a ND representative.*  
*Travel and staff time supported by BCBSND.*
- October, 2006**      *Regional Privacy and Security Meeting*  
*Steering Committee received invitation to send three ND representatives.*  
*Travel and staff time supported by the ND Dept. of Health and ND Health Information Management Association.*
- November, 2006**      *ND HIT Steering Committee in-person meeting*  
*Developed Vision and Mission statements, five immediate goals, expectations of committee members, HIT/HIE Activities Fact Sheet, and sent letter, fact sheet and member list to Governor Hoeven and state legislators. Meeting sponsored by Center for Rural Health.*
- December, 2006**      *Senator Judy Lee and Representative Clara Sue Price sponsored SB2303*  
*Steering Committee members provided input and feedback.*
- Jan - Feb, 2007**      *HB 2303 was introduced during the 2007 legislative session to create the HIT steering committee and provide for a grant program. Testimony was provided in support of SB 2303 by Steering Committee members.*

- March, 2007**                      *Steering Committee held second face-to-face meeting*  
Purpose was to discuss progress of SB 2303; Presentation from Utah Health Information Network (UHIN); further develop goals, member expectations and next steps to inform the direction of the Steering Committee and Stakeholder Group  
*Meeting sponsored by Center for Rural Health.*
- HB2303 failed, an amendment to HB 1021, of the Information Technology Department's appropriation bill was adopted. This amendment created the committee by adding a new section to chapter to North Dakota Century Code 23-01. The grant program was not included – no funding was appropriated.*
- May, 2007**                      *Steering Committee sent five representatives to the Region VIII HIT Round Table Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah.*  
*Travel and staff time sponsored by ND Healthcare Review;*  
*ND Departments of Health, Human Services and Information Technology; and Center for Rural Health.*
- June, 2007**                      *ND HIT Steering Committee was invited to present an overview of the state's activities at the Regional HIT Conference, Billings Montana*
- August, 2007**                      *A joint Steering Committee and Stakeholder Group meeting will be held.*  
The purpose is to convene five workgroups: **1) Health Information Exchange; 2) Education/communication; 3) Legislation/policy; 4) Privacy/security; 5) Finance/resources**) that will be tasked with exploring the various topics in order to eventually develop a statewide HIT plan. *Meeting sponsored by Center for Rural Health.*
- September, 2007**                      Steering Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis.
- January, 2008**                      The five Work Groups monthly conference calls.
- May-July, 2008**                      The Center for Rural Health, with input from the committee members, will develop and administer statewide surveys to hospitals, clinics and long term care facilities to assess the HIT environment which will be used to inform a statewide report.
- June, 2008**                      The third annual Joint Meeting of the ND HIT Steering Committee and Stakeholder Work Groups will be held in Bismarck.

***If you are interested in getting involved in one or more of the five Work Groups please contact:***  
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