



***Telemedicine Task Force  
Clinical Advisory Group (CAG)  
October 24, 2013 Meeting Summary***

*Key discussion items:*

- 1) Sarah Orth gave an overview of the list of other statewide telemedicine networks compiled by MHCC and placed in the Telemedicine CAG Dropbox. (Links to each program are available for more information)
  - a) Most programs had federal or state funding to initiate programs; mostly in rural areas
  - b) Some programs have already closed possibly due to having initial funding but no funding for ongoing programs or a sustainable business model.
  - c) Private insurers have supported individual telemedicine programs but only within their networks
- 2) Recommend that the Maryland General Assembly fund a lead agency/entity to develop an infrastructure and sustainable business model for interoperable Telehealth in the State.
  - a) Funding would likely be needed to stand up the lead agency/entity which would
    - i) Seek grants
    - ii) Develop directories
    - iii) Create a self-sustainable business model
      - (1) Consider a consortium of hospitals to assist with funding the infrastructure
      - (2) Insurers would need to participate in the business model
    - iv) Provide educational outreach to both healthcare providers and the public
  - b) It was suggested that MHCC and CRISP be considered for this lead
- 3) Establish a subcommittee to research barriers to Telemedicine/Telehealth licensing and credentialing.
  - a) Include members from MedChi, the Maryland Hospital Association, and the State Licensing Boards
  - b) The CAG group suggested a small environmental scan might be useful to identify what, if any, barriers to telemedicine adoption/acceleration related to licensing might exist in Maryland.

- c) In 2012, the Federation of State Medical Boards released an overview of telemedicine licensure across the US ([www.fsmb.org/pdf/grpol\\_telemedicine\\_licensure.pdf](http://www.fsmb.org/pdf/grpol_telemedicine_licensure.pdf))
- d) Virginia Rowthorn, will chair the subcommittee. The following persons have volunteered to serve on the subcommittee:
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