

Electronic Health Network (EHN) Workgroup Meeting Summary

January 25, 2022 | 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Participants

- Lisa Bari, *Civitas Networks for Health*
- Lee Barrett, *Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission*
- David Blythe, MD, *Maryland Department of Health (MDH)*
- Wayne Brannock, *Lorien Health*
- Alyssa Brown, *MDH*
- Mike Denison, *Change Healthcare*
- Adrienne Ellis, *CRISP*
- Mike Fierro, *CRISP*
- Peggy Funk, *Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland*
- Clay House, *CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield*
- Niharika Khanna, MD, *University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Community and Family Medicine*
- Ashley Kinder, MD, *Ascension Health*
- Scharmaine Robinson, *UnitedHealthcare*
- Robert Tennant, *Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange*

Key Discussion Items

- The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) provided a background of the law (Chapters 790 and 791, *Public Health - State Designated Exchange - Clinical Information*) and reviewed key provisions applicable to the workgroup, including:
 - Definition of an EHN
 - CRISP authority in statute to collect and use electronic health care transactions from EHNs specific to public health and clinical health purposes
- The MHCC highlighted its role in electronic data exchange, and ensuring that EHNs operating in the State meet national standards related to privacy and confidentiality, business practices, physical and human resources, technical performance, and security
- The EHN Workgroup discussed opportunities, technical challenges, and proposed solutions around developing use cases aligned with the Statewide Integrated Health Improvement Strategy; the following potential use cases were identified:
 - Diabetes and chronic disease management
 - Disease surveillance
 - Antibiotic resistance
 - Care coordination and care management

- Preventive care delivery
 - Medication management
 - Patient education and self-management
- Key claims data elements considered necessary to support the above use cases were identified:
 - ICD-10 codes
 - Date and location
 - Provider identification (e.g., tax identification number or national provider identifier)
 - Patient identifiers
 - Procedure codes
- The EHN Workgroup began preliminary discussions around whether EHNs or CRISP should apply claims data screeners to support potential use cases