

Texas Health Services Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual Meeting:

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Agenda

Time	Item
I. Introduction	
10:00 AM	Introduction A. Call to order, welcome, introductions, announcements & staffing update
II. Presentations, Reports and Updates	
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	A. Presentation by Maxwell Locke & Ritter on THSA annual audit report i. Consideration and approval of the THSA annual audit report – ACTION ITEM B. Regular Board Business i. Consideration of Minutes of the Nov. 13, 2020 Board Meeting – ACTION ITEM ii. Consideration of Minutes of the Jan. 28, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting – ACTION ITEM iii. Consideration of FY 2021 Q1 financial statements – ACTION ITEM iv. Consideration and approval of the THSA 2020 annual report – ACTION ITEM

Agenda (continued)

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III. Update and Consideration of THSA's Projects and Programs	
10:45 – 11:15 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Health Information Exchange Services<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Update on current status of HIETexas EDENii. Update on current status of HIETexas PULSEiii. Update on current status of STAR HIE Cooperative Agreement – SANER Pilot ProjectB. Privacy and Security Services<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Update on SECURETexas: Health Information Privacy and Security Certificationii. Consideration of updated privacy policies and procedures – ACTION ITEMC. Update on THSA Collaboration Council
IV. Information Items	
11:15 – 11:20 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Future Meeting ScheduleB. Future Agenda Items
V. Public Comment	
11:20 – 11:30 AM	
VI. Adjourn	
12:00 PM	

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions, and Announcements

Presentations, Reports and Updates

THSA Annual Audit Report

- Alex Mahan with Maxwell, Locke & Ritter, the THSA's audit firm, will present on the THSA's FY2020 audit report.
- The report was emailed to each of you last week and is available for review as **Attachment No. 1 (PDF pg. 002)**.
- **ACTION ITEM**: Does the board vote to approve the audit report as laid out before the board?

Nov. 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

- The November 13, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes are available for review as **Attachment No. 2 (PDF pg. 027)** in your attachments document.
- **Action Item**: Does the board vote to approve the board meeting minutes as laid out before the board?

Jan. 28, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

- The January 28, 2021 finance committee meeting minutes are available for review as **Attachment No. 3 (PDF pg. 031)** in your attachments document.
- **Action Item**: Does the board vote to approve the finance committee meeting minutes as laid out before the board?

Consideration of Financial Statements

- The THSA's FY 2021 Q1 Financial Statements are available for review as **Attachment No. 4 (PDF pg. 034)** in your attachments document.
- **Action Item**: Does the board vote to approve the financial statements as laid out before the board?

Consideration and Approval of Annual Report

- The THSA's 2020 annual report is available for review as **Attachment No. 5 (PDF pg. 038)** in your attachments document.
- **Action Item**: Does the board vote to approve the annual report as laid out before the board?

Update and Consideration of THSA's Projects and Programs

Update on Current Status of HIETexas EDEN

Update on EDEN Project

HIETexas Service	Status
Emergency Department Encounter Notification (EDEN)	Building interfaces to local HIEs, hospitals, and providers.

- **Current status:**

- Live and in production now.
- Establishes basic “push” HIETexas infrastructure to send data to authorized subscribers.
- Automated query functionality now complete; developing use cases.

- **Next steps:**

- Adding additional capacity for increased number of connections.
- More data will be available to authorized subscribers for covered persons.
- CMS e-Notification CoP compliance deadline is **April 30, 2021**.

Update on Current Status of HIETexas PULSE

Update on PULSE

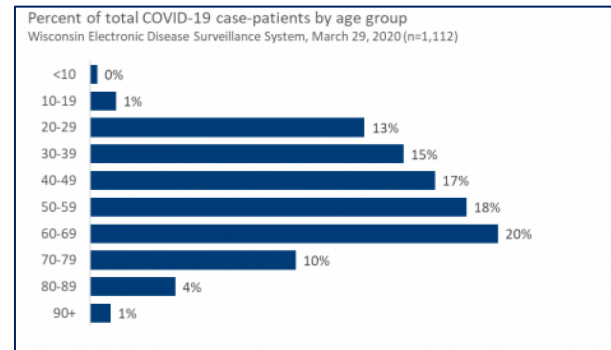
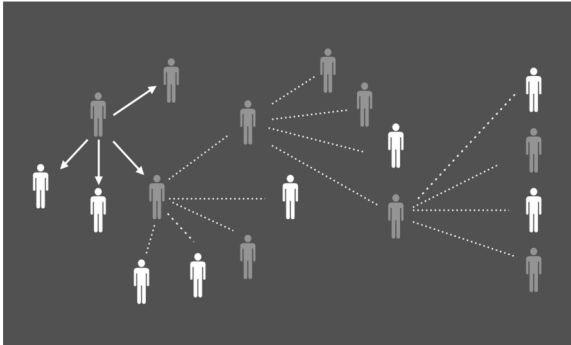
HIETexas Service	Status
Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE)	Now live with second generation of PULSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current status:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PULSE Version 1 went live and was ready for use as of Sept. 9, 2020.• Deployment was completed on schedule.• PULSE Version 2 went live Jan. 21, 2021 (ahead of schedule).• Next steps:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offering training and drills,• Deploy additional connectivity,• Working with the state and their disaster response contractors,• Offering PULSE to currently active physicians in Texas, and• Deploy two updated versions in 2021.	

PULSE Use Case #1 - Treatment in Alternate Care Sites

- In disasters, patients often seek care outside of their routine health care settings
 - Shelters, quarantine sites, vaccination clinics, etc.
- Using PULSE, clinical providers in alternate care settings can access health and medication history



PULSE Use Case #2: Case Augmentation & Public Health Outreach



- During a public health emergency, public health authorities can:
 - Search for patients with infectious disease diagnoses to fill in demographic gaps and identify household members to facilitate outreach and contact tracing strategies.
 - Retrieve clinical documents for a patient with confirmed infectious disease to understand healthcare encounters, comorbidities, medications and other information relevant to epidemiological assessment of the disease.

PULSE Governance Workgroup

- The THSA has established a **PULSE Governance Work Group**
- Potential topics include:
 - Data privacy and security
 - Processes (e.g. activation, end-user identity verification, care workflow)
 - Identification of any policy barriers we need to proactively address
 - Patient consent considerations
 - Other governance topics brought forth by members
- Quarterly meetings to take place in advance of Collaboration Council meetings

Update on Current Status of STAR HIE Cooperative Agreement – SANER Pilot Project

Update on STAR HIE/SANER Pilot

HIETexas Service	Status
Strengthening the Technical Advancement and Readiness of Public Health via HIE (STAR HIE)	THSA, with sub-awards to Ai and HASA, was recently awarded the ONC STAR HIE cooperative agreement.

- **Purpose of this Pilot Project:**

- Allow automated collection of situational awareness data (open ICU beds, ventilators, etc.) from Texas hospitals using FHIR standard.
- Data feeds into a dashboard to be viewed by relevant public health entities.

- **Progress to date:**

- Recently started two workgroups – policy advisory group (PAG) and technical advisory group (TAG).
- Project recently expanded to include vaccination data (more on next slide)

- **Next steps:**

- Detailed project work plan has been submitted to ONC.
- Upcoming presentations at HIMSS, PHP Summit and Health Datapalooza.

Update on STAR HIE/SANER Pilot

- The STAR HIE Cooperative Agreement recently expanded to “improve COVID-19 vaccination data by connecting immunization information systems (IISs) to Health Information Exchanges (HIEs). The funding seeks to better align HIEs with public health and leverage the extensive amount of clinical data held by HIEs to support enhanced knowledge sharing around the COVID-19 vaccinations.”
- “Services or functionalities will be deployed to enable, enhance or increase the use of health information exchange among relevant entities, including providers who care for vulnerable or at-risk populations. Such services and functions will need to address communities disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including as it relates to the stratifying factors of age, race, ethnicity and sex.”

Update on STAR HIE/SANER Pilot

- Each of the HIEs that originally applied for the STAR HIE cooperative agreement were asked to participate in this new expanded program, which now includes two additional Texas-based HIEs:
 - Rio Grande Valley Health Information Exchange (RGV HIE);
and
 - Greater Houston Healthconnect (GHH).
- THSA will not directly participate in the data aspects in this expanded part of the project, but will instead act as a fiscal agent for HASA and Audacious Inquiry.

Privacy and Security Services Update



- **Background:** THSA is charged with providing a voluntary certification for Texas covered entities to certify their past compliance with state and federal medical privacy and security laws. THSA accomplishes this in partnership with its Preferred Vendor organizations.
- **Recent update:**
 - HR 7898, signed into law on January 5, 2021, requires the federal department of Health and Human Services to incentivize cybersecurity best practices for meeting certain HIPAA requirements.
 - This is very similar to the same structure that incentivizes compliance at the state level via SECURETexas certification. Staff is currently reviewing how this may affect utilization of SECURETexas Certification.

Updated Privacy Policies & Procedures

- The THSA's proposed policy to comply with the 21st Century Cures Act Information Blocking Rule is available for review as **Attachment No. 6 (PDF pg. 048)** in your attachments document.
- Please note that staff intends to complete a more robust review of its privacy and security policies and procedures to further integrate the requirements of the Information Blocking Rule at a later date.
- **Action Item**: Does the board vote to approve the policy as laid out before the board?

Update on THSA Collaboration Council

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- The THSA Collaboration Council conducted their last meeting on January 26, 2021.
- The meeting materials are available for review as **Attachment No. 7 (PDF page 048)** in your attachments document.
- The Council will meet next on April 6, 2021.

Future Meeting Schedule

Future Meeting Schedule

Date	Hearing
Friday, May 14, 2021	Administrative hearing
Friday, August 20, 2021	Administrative hearing
Friday, November 5, 2021	Administrative hearing

Future Agenda Items?

Public Comment

Adjourn