



Texas Health Services Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

Texas State Capitol, Betty King Room 2E.20

Austin, Texas 78701

November 1, 2019

10:00 am

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Agenda

Time	Item
I. Introduction	
10:00 AM	Introduction A. Call to Order, welcome, introductions and announcements
II. Update and Consideration of THSA's Projects and Programs	
10:00 – 11:00 AM	A. Health Information Exchange Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Update on current status of HIE Texas servicesii. Update on HIETexas implementation metricsiii. Update on Texas Medicaid HIE IAPDiv. Update on Patient Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE) B. Privacy and Security Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Update on SECURETexas: Health Information Privacy and Security Certificationii. Update and consideration of amendment to HIETexas privacy and security policies and procedures – ACTION ITEM C. Update on THSA Collaboration Council

Agenda (continued)

Time	Item
III. Reports and Updates	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<p>A. Regular Board Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Consideration of Minutes of the August 16, 2019 Board Meeting – ACTION ITEMii. Consideration of Proposed Amendments to FY 2020 Budget – ACTION ITEMiii. Consideration of FY 2019 Q4 financial statements – ACTION ITEMiv. Discussion of Annual Report to the Governor and Legislaturev. Discussion of State Health IT Plan
IV. Information Items	
12:00 – 12:15 PM	<p>A. Future Meeting Schedule</p> <p>B. Future Agenda Items</p>
V. Public Comment	
VI. Adjourn	

Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions, and Announcements

Update and Consideration of THSA's Projects and Programs

Update on Current Status of HIETexas Services

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HIETexas Service	Status
Emergency Department Event Notification (EDEN)	Infrastructure in development. Moving to production in the near future.
Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE)	In the planning stage. More updates to come soon.
Query-based, bi-directional health information exchange	Have received interest from stakeholders to resurrect this service. Seeking path forward.
Public Health Reporting	Have received interest from stakeholders to develop this service. Seeking path forward.

Update on HIETexas Implementation Metrics

Milestones for HIE Connectivity Project – Phase 1

Milestone	Description
1	Project Kickoff
2	Establish data transport mechanism
3	Implement reporting via sample file delivery
4	Deploy Mirth Connect in the Test environment
5	Deploy Master Patient Index in Test environment
6	Deploy Encounter Notification Service (ENS) in Test environment
7	Perform end-to-end smoke test in Test environment
8	Complete milestones 1-7, and move into Production environment

PHASE 1 PROJECT STATUS

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

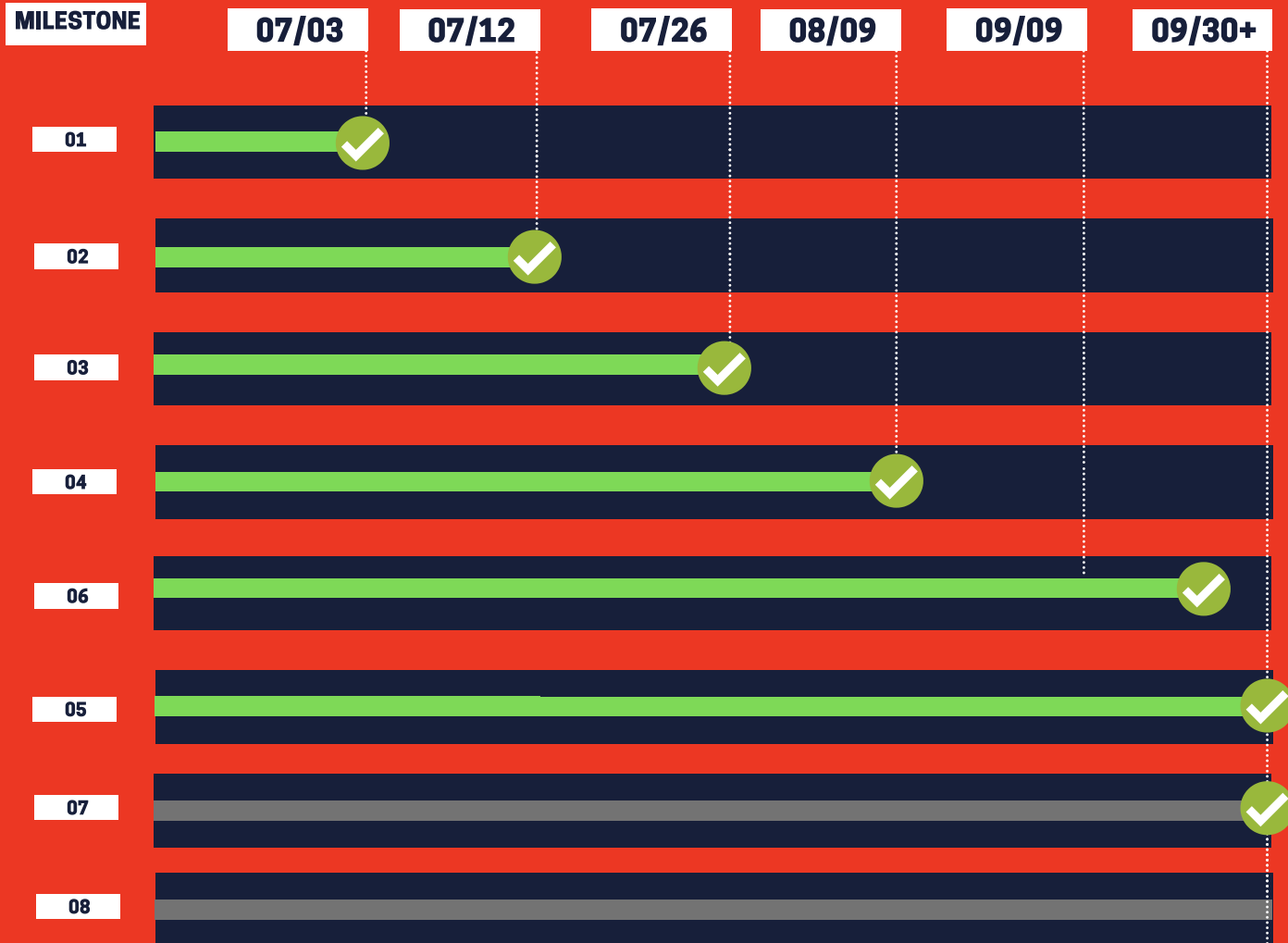
MILESTONE TASKS

THSA has successfully completed the first 6 milestones of the buildout phase.

The underlying work is complete for milestone 7, but is scheduled for a web demonstration for HHSC.

Milestone 8 has begun, and represents the transition from the test environment to the production environment. We anticipate completion later this year.

Target completion dates



Issues to resolve before moving to production

Issue	Description
Master Patient Index	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine data source/format for patient matching• Tune MPI against data sources
Onboarding HIEs/data sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with local HIEs (<i>currently completing onboarding process</i>) and other data sources• Work through technical and legal onboarding
Engage with data subscribers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and other data subscribers

Update on Texas Medicaid HIE IAPD

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- **Project:** Texas Medicaid Health Information Exchange (HIE) Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD).
- **Purpose:** Provides match funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement health information exchange projects and programs.
- **Status:** CMS has approved the 2019-2021 IAPD. Texas Medicaid is currently processing this new IAPD. THSA's contract has been amended to extend through 2021, but a second amendment is needed to add the projects contained in the new IAPD.

Update on Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE)



- **Program:** Patient Unified Lookup System for Emergencies (PULSE).
- **Purpose:** To provide a statewide, standardized mechanism for disaster response volunteers to remotely and securely access patients' electronic health information in shelter environments during natural disasters.
- **Status:** The THSA is currently working with key stakeholders exploring the development and implementation of PULSE in Texas.



- On September 19, 2019, California Emergency Medical Services Authority reached out to THSA to offer Texas access to California's PULSE platform.
- THSA contacted the Governor's office and the Sequoia Project to establish a legal and technical means to connect Texas data sources using the California platform.
- THSA determined this plan not viable at this time. THSA is currently working with DSHS, TDEM, and HHSC to plan future use of the PULSE system in Texas.

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.
- **Covered Entity update:**
 - Reports of covered entities seeking certification: 2
 - One has completed all the steps of certification, but needs to submit payment.

Update and Consideration of Amendments to HIETexas Privacy and Security Policies and Procedures

Privacy and Security Update

Updates to HIETexas Privacy & Security Policies & Procedures

- **Background:** THSA operates HIETexas, the state-level health information exchange platform in Texas. Because patient data containing protected health information (PHI) flows through this platform, THSA maintains privacy and security policies and procedures to better protect and safeguard this data.
- **Status:** As the THSA is building a new HIE platform since we first developed these policies and procedures, they require some updating. THSA also signed a contract with HHSC in May 2019, which subjects THSA to the HHS data use agreement. THSA's policies and procedures have been updated to reflect both of these circumstances.
- **Amendments:** The proposed amendments to the policies and procedures are contained in **Attachment No. 1 (PDF pg. 2)** of your Attachments Document. A summary of the changes are contained in the following slides. **Does the board vote to adopt the proposed amendments?**

Privacy and Security Update

Updates to HIETexas Privacy & Security Policies & Procedures

Overview Amendments to HIETexas PRIVACY Policies & Procedures

No.	Policy Title	Amendment
I	Introduction	Remove references to prior HIE platform; add references to Texas HHS Data Use Agreement.
II	Definitions	Remove certain references to prior HIE platform; add definition of HHS DUA; Adjust definitions of health information exchange; amend definition of workforce.
III	Privacy Officer	Generalize contact info for privacy officer; amend requirements for Privacy Officer job description; add reference to HHS DUA.
IV	Consent/Authorization	No amendments.
V	Patient Preference	No amendments.
VI	Notice of Data Practices	No amendments.
VII	Acct. of Disclosures	Generalize contact info for Privacy Officer.
VIII	Access/Amend/Copy	No amendments.

Privacy and Security Update

Updates to HIETexas Privacy & Security Policies & Procedures

Overview Amendments to HIETexas PRIVACY Policies & Procedures (cont.)

No.	Policy Title	Amendment
IX	Req. for Restrictions	No amendments.
X	Workforce Training	No amendments.
XI	Receiving Complaints	Generalize contact info for privacy officer.
XII	Sanctions	No amendments.
XIV	BAA Policy	Remove reference to THSA General Counsel; generalize contact info for privacy officer.
XV	Documentation, Amendment & Retention	No amendments.
XVI	Breach Notification	Replace “General Counsel” with “Privacy Officer.”

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Overview Amendments to HIETexas PRIVACY Policies & Procedures (cont.)

No.	Policy Title	Amendment
XVII	SPI Breach Notification	Amend timeline for breach reporting; Add notice to Texas AG; Add notice to Texas HHSC.
XVIII	Permitted Use/Disclose	Amended description of HIETexas to align with Ch. 182; Added reference to compliance with HHS DUA.
XIX	Minimum Necessary	Amended description of HIETexas to align with Ch. 182; Added reference to compliance with HHS DUA; Replaced “general counsel” with “privacy officer.”
A. B	Workforce Training Log	Deleted. Will replace with new form.
A. C	Workforce Health Info Conf. Agreement	Generalized contact info for privacy officer.
A. D	Complaint Form	No amendments.

Update on THSA Collaboration Council

COLLABORATION COUNCIL

The primary role of the Collaboration Council is to advise the Texas Health Services Authority (THSA) Board of Directors and develop consensus among key stakeholders on the planning and implementation of statewide health information exchange (HIE). THSA staff shall assign tasks to the Council.

Membership

The Collaboration Council members shall serve one-year terms. The Council shall be composed of the following members:

THSA Vice President for External Affairs (Chair)

A Local HIE representative

State Health Information Technology Coordinator

Chief or representative designated by the State Division of Emergency Management

An individual designated by the Texas Association of Health Plans

An individual designated by the Texas Hospital Association

An individual designated by the Texas Medical Association

An individual designated by the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association

An individual designated by Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals

An individual designated by the Texas e-Health Alliance

An individual representing healthcare consumers

Ex-Officio Membership

The following organizations shall designate one member to serve as an ex-officio member of the Council:

- A representative of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) designated by THSA
- One representative from all other sanctioned HIEs
- Texas Association of Community Health Centers
- Texas Council of Community Centers
- Texas Pharmacy Association
- Texas Association of First Responders
- Texas Emergency Management Association
- Texas Nurses Association
- Texas Dental Association
- The THSA may designate other ex-officio members

Board Business

Action and Update Items

Consideration of Board Meeting Minutes

From the August 16, 2019 THSA Board Meeting

August 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- The August 16, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes are available for review as **attachment no. 2 (PDF pg. 138)** in your attachments document.
- **Action Item**: Does the board vote to approve the board meeting minutes as laid out before the board?

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to FY 2020 Budget

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to FY 2020 Budget

- The THSA's current FY 2020 Budget is available for review as **attachment no. 3 (PDF pg. 141)** in your attachments document.
- Texas Medicaid is currently processing the 2019-2021 IAPD, and THSA's corresponding contract amendment. This will result in THSA spending more than is currently listed for "health information exchange" in our FY2020 budget.
- Staff would like to wait to amend the budget until after its contract amendment. However, the Board does not meet again until Feb. 28, 2020. Therefore, staff would like to propose that (1) we amend the budget at the February meeting, and (2) any funds for HIE needed in excess of what's in the current budget can be approved by the Board Chair and Finance Chair until the budget is amended.
- **Action Item:** Does the board vote to approve the Board Chair and finance chair to approve funds for HIE needed in excess of what's in the current budget until the budget is amended?

Consideration of the THSA's Financial Statements

FY2019 Q4

Consideration of Financial Statements

- The THSA's FY 2019 Q4 Financial Statements are available for review as **attachment no. 4 (PDF pg. 143)** in your attachments document.
- **Action Item**: Does the board vote to approve the financial statements as laid out before the board?

Discussion of Annual Report to the Governor and Legislature

ANNUAL REPORT

- **Statutory Requirement:** Submit an annual report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the appropriate oversight committee in the senate and the house of representatives. The annual report must include financial information and a progress update on the THSA's efforts to carry out its mission. *Section 182.106, Health & Safety Code.*
- **Status:** In development. THSA staff will draft this annual report for board approval at the February 2020 board meeting.

Discussion of State Health IT Plan

Draft Health Information Technology Plan

- **Background:** CMS recently approved Texas Medicaid's 1115 waiver. A portion of that waiver requires HHSC to develop a Health IT Strategic Plan related to activities that will "link services and care providers across the continuum of care to the greatest extent possible" using Health IT initiatives and strategies. A copy of the plan is available for review as **Attachment No. 5 (pdf pg. 148)** in your Attachments document.
- **References to THSA:**
 - THSA's work under the IAPD, including the EDEN project;
 - A background of THSA's role in HIE historically;
 - Reference to partnership with HHSC, Medicaid, DSHS, and other agencies;
 - Reference to the THSA State HIE Plan;
 - A background on PULSE; and
 - A timeline of Health IT Legislation (including those relevant to THSA).
- **Current status:** HHSC has requested feedback from stakeholders by November 9, 2019.
- **Next steps:** Staff recommends a review and update of the State HIE Plan to align with the Health IT Strategic Plan.

Future Meeting Schedule

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Date	Hearing
Friday, February 28, 2020	Administrative hearing
Friday, May 15, 2020	Hearing on the State of Privacy and Cybersecurity
Friday, August 21, 2020	Hearing on the State of Interoperability
Friday, November 1, 2020	Administrative hearing

NOTE: We also need to schedule a Finance Committee meeting to review our FY2019 Audit.

Future Agenda Items?

Public Comment

Adjourn