

# The Massachusetts Health Data Consortium in 2009

Leading the Health Information  
Technology Transformation  
in the Commonwealth



# History

- 1978: Founded as a non-profit coalition to develop system for collecting and disseminating data on hospital care in MA
- 1994: Effort to create electronic “virtual” network for moving, storing, and sharing patient information
- 1996: Consortium launches HIPAA Awareness Campaign
- 1997: NEHEN established
- 2004: MA-SHARE established
- 2005: Ray Campbell succeeds founding Executive Director Elliot Stone



# Mission

1. Serving as a neutral convener of healthcare stakeholders to address multi-organizational issues and collaboration.
2. Fulfilling a role as a trusted, neutral holder and provider of important health data.
3. Acting as the policy development leader and clearinghouse for health information exchange activities in MA.



# Board of Directors

- Chair: Chris Gabrieli
- Representatives of 21 organizations
  - Corporations
  - Health plans
  - Providers
  - Research and quality organizations
  - State agencies
  - Consumers



# Membership

- Institutional Board members (21)
- Healthcare organizations (40)
- Commercial organizations (50+)
  - Partners
  - Executives
  - Supporting
- Individual members (60+)
- Academic members (new in 2009)
- Forum members (new in 2009)



# Organization Chart

Ray Campbell  
CEO and  
Executive Director

Craig Schneider  
Director of  
Healthcare Policy

Michele Alexanian  
Director of Finance  
and Administration

Policy, Events, and  
Member Relations

Operations and  
Data Products



Massachusetts  
Health Data  
Consortium

# Activities

- Forums
- Contracts and Projects
- Conferences and workshops
- Other activities
- Data products
- MA-SHARE



# Forums

- Behavioral Health
- Care Transitions
- Chief Information Officers
- Clinical Networking
- EHR Implementation
- E-Health Security
- Operations
- Public Health HIE
- Quality Reporting Standardization
- Western Mass. HIT



# Contracts and Projects

- HISPC
- Eastern Mass. Healthcare Initiative
- All-payer claims databases
- MOLST
- Health Care Quality and Cost Council
- Serve on several boards and commissions



# Conferences and workshops

- Health Information Technology conference (February)
- Consortium annual conference (June 5<sup>th</sup>)
- HealthMart (October)
- Varies each year
  - Care Transitions (April 29th)
- TBD (December)



# Other Activities

- Elliot M. Stone Memorial Internship
- Innovator Spotlights (monthly)
- Data Managers and Users Forum
- Internet Professionals Forum
- Programming related to federal stimulus  
HIT provisions

# Data products

- Inpatient hospital database
- Outpatient observation status database
- Emergency department database
- Physician licensure database
- Customized reports derived from these databases



# MA-SHARE

- Subsidiary of MHDC, created to establish statewide health information exchange network
- Developed Record Locator Service to enable patients in one part of state to access records when seeing provider in another part of Mass.
- Currently performing projects funded by major contributors



# Summary

- 2009 will be dynamic year for Consortium
  - Billions of dollars flowing into HIT
  - New projects and contracts TBD
- Engaging in these new efforts while
  - remaining true to mission and principles in Strategic Plan
  - meeting the needs of our members and other stakeholders



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