

Update on the Electronic Health Information Advisory Council and Executive Committee

The council met for the first time Jan. 16, 2009. Seven workgroups have been formed to address various issues in the formation of an Iowa eHealth network, with an expected federal grant opportunity on the horizon. Iowa is in the "planning" phase of the eHealth project, but stakeholders from across the health care spectrum are involved in the formation of policy related to the eHealth system.

The workgroups are:

- Continuity of Care and Interoperable EHR
- Provider Adoption of EHR
- Patient ID
- HIE Infrastructure and Networks
- Safeguard Privacy and Security
- Finance and Sustainability
- IT Workforce and Education

The executive committee and council will hear status reports from the workgroups at its meeting set for Feb. 20 at the Urbandale Public Library. Additional meeting information can be found on the council web page:

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcr_committees/electronic_health_info.asp