

**DRAFT for Discussion at Governor’s eHealth Action Forum
Proposed roles to advance California HIE**

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POLICY AGENDA DEVELOPMENT	STATE	CalRHIO
Define the goals and values of health information technology for the purposes of State policy and planning.	Appoint representatives to work in collaboration with CalRHIO and its stakeholders to define the eHealth road map for California that will articulate the priorities to improve the quality and reduce the cost of health care.	Provide support in identifying key stakeholders. If preferred, CalRHIO can conduct this activity on behalf of State. Share mission and vision for statewide HIE developed with input from stakeholders around the State. Provide input on related activities in other states, the federal government and Congress, and national organizations promoting HIE.
Inventory the various initiatives underway in the State related to health information technology <i>and exchange</i> and assess opportunities for building on those efforts, and replicate those projects that prove the feasibility and business case for health information technology and health information exchange.	Build on the California IT Strategic Plan. Inventory as necessary State initiatives related to HIT/HIE. For example: Public Health Depts.; Bio-surveillance/disaster response; Immunization Registry; Dept. of Mental Health; Foster Child Care System; Dept. of Corrections; Drug and Alcohol; EMS; etc. In partnership with CalRHIO and its stakeholders, assess opportunities for building on and replicating successes.	Monitor and coordinate local and regional HIE activity; posted at www.calrhio.org . In partnership with State, apply inventory to the road map to establish HIT/HIE statewide strategy and priorities.
Identify the appropriate role of State government in HIT/HIE versus those activities more appropriately coordinated through other entities.	Support and help fund CalRHIO to provide utility style services that includes, among others, the patient master patient index (MPI) and record locator service (RLS) for the statewide connectivity. Require State health care-related organizations and those receiving loans to use CalRHIO MPI and RLS.	Implement and operate (through contractors) a utility style suite of services that stakeholders can access, including an MPI and RLS.
Facilitate statewide adoption of standards and interoperability requirements for e-Health to enable the secure exchange of health information across the State and nation.	Drive interoperability by requiring relevant state agencies and organizations seeking HIE loans to use recommended standards that are coordinated with Federal health architecture.	Continue to educate and recommend alignment with Federal standards and ensure pilot projects require vendors to use the recommended standards.

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Identify areas where State laws and regulations hinder, rather than facilitate, adoption of health information technology, and recommend strategies to remove such barriers.	Expand role of Steering Group, Co-Chaired by Cindy Ehnes on Privacy and Security to be advisory to State on barriers to adoption, provide regulatory analysis and recommend and initiate legislation identified by the Steering Group	Continue to use established public/private model Privacy and Security Steering Group as advisors to State, and as model for such partnerships. Continue to conduct research with stakeholders on barriers, recommend solutions and implementation plans.
Identify and develop strategies for the continued protection of confidentiality and privacy of health information in an electronic environment.	Support CalOHI-CalRHIO partnership; require organizations receiving loans to meet privacy and security rules and regulations. Extend the Steering Committee role to ensure appropriate time is devoted to developing solutions and implementation plans	On behalf of the private sector and in partnership with the State, lead public/private partnership that sets standards for HIE privacy and security.
Identify opportunities and strategies for a public/private partnership approach to create financially viable and sustainable business models for health information technology projects in the State.	Partner with CalRHIO in developing a funding structure for HIE activities that will produce a financially viable, sustainable business model for HIE and HIT projects in the State.	Continue to collaborate with local and regional efforts in development of financing models. Continue to work with safety net providers to ensure inclusion in HIE development and pilots.
Develop options for advancing the implementation of health information technology <i>and exchange</i> through the State’s role as a major purchaser, provider (State facilities), and regulator of health care services.	Exercise purchasing power and leverage regulatory role. As a provider of health care, adopt HIE/HIT.	Provide advice and counsel on options and priorities for leveraging State’s role. Facilitate and support local HIE efforts. Advocate for inclusion of safety net providers in HIE development and pilots.
Develop with stakeholder’s performance metrics to measure the success of the implementation of health information technology <i>and exchange</i> throughout the State.	Identify State health care quality improvement and cost savings opportunities that can be used as metrics. Support research efforts through participation in pilot studies with private sector.	Collaborate with California universities and appropriate firms to conduct performance evaluations of HIT/HIE implementation.