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Call for Participation

Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Standards for Public Health Pilot Project

Reply by January 17, 2012 to lfourquet@ehealthsign.com

As you might be aware the Health IT (HIT) Standards Federal Advisory Committee recommended the use of the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) as a future direction for electronic data exchanges between clinical and public health information systems for public health reporting.[1]

The Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC) in partnership with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) and Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) and with the support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are seeking local and state health departments interested to participate in the design and implementation of **two pilot projects** to demonstrate electronic data exchanges between clinical Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems and public health agencies information systems using CDA standards. The pilot projects will be focused on communicable diseases reporting. We are looking for pilot project participants from public health agencies and HIT vendor community, both clinical EHR vendors and Public Health HIT vendors.

Roles & Responsibilities. You can participate in the pilot in two roles as follows.
Participant: Two (2) state or local public health department's communicable disease programs and their EHR and public health IT vendors interested to demonstrate the use of CDA standards for reporting cases of a selected communicable disease from provider to public health program.
Observer: State and local public health departments' communicable disease programs and their EHR and public health IT vendors interested to contribute in the design and implementation of the pilot project at the participating sites.

Time Commitment. Both *Participants* and *Observers* will be asked to participate in 1-hour weekly conference calls of the CDA Pilot Project Advisory Team starting January 20, 2012 for the period through May 2012 to design and implement two pilot projects. Two (2) representatives from *Participants* programs will be asked to attend HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, February 20-24, 2011, Las Vegas, NE as docents for the CDA Public Health Reporting demonstrations (travel support will be provided). *Participants* will work with the PHDSC-CSTE-APHL Technical Assistance Group (TAG) during March-May 2011 to implement CDA-based data reporting pilot at their sites.

Resources. Technical assistance to implement the pilot project will be provided to the *Participants* by the PHDSC-CSTE-APHL TAG. Funding is available for *Participants* to support the implementation of the pilot project.

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[1] Health IT Standards Federal Advisory Committee. Recommendations from the Public HeLth Surveillance Summer Camp. September 28, 2011. URL: http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=1817&parentname=CommunityPage&parentid=28&mode=2&in_hi_userid=11673&cached=true# 092811

<u>Benefits for Participation</u>. Both *Participants* and *Observers* will work with national leaders in HIT interoperability to prepare for the use of CDA standards for public health reporting. Specific benefits include:

For *Participants:*
- align state-based IT solutions with interoperability standards used by EHR vendors and Health Information Exchanges (HIE)
- become a national model for deploying interoperability standards in public health

For *Observers:*
- help guiding the development of interoperable IT solutions for public health reporting
- prepare for transition to interoperability standards for public health reporting in your jurisdiction

Please respond by **January 17, 2011** by completing the CDA Pilot Project Response Form below.

Please send the completed Form to Ms. Lori Reed-Fourquet at lfourquet@ehealthsign.com.

All responders will be invited to participate as *Observers* in the CDA Pilot Project Advisory Team. The selection of *Participants* for the two pilot projects will be conducted by the CDA Pilot Project Advisory Team among interested responders based on their interest to serve in this role and technical capacities.

Please send questions regarding this announcement to Ms. Lori Reed-Fourquet (lfourquet@ehealthsign.com).

We look forward to your participation in the CDA Pilot.

Participate in CDA for Public Health Pilot to Deploy Interoperable HIT Solution

in Public Health!

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Response Form

Contact Information

Organization Name:_____

Address:_____

Contact Name:_____

Contact Phone:_____

E-mail Address:_____

Interested to Participate in the CDA Pilot in the following role (*check what applies*):

☐ Participant

☐ Observer

☐ Not Sure but interested to join the CDA Pilot Advisory Team

Supporting Information:

EMR(s) product/version that may be used: _____

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Local HIE gateway product/version that may be used (if applicable): _____

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Public Health product/version (s) that may be used: _____

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Describe other supporting considerations that would distinguish your participation from other responders: _____

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