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### **Assure Health Information Technology Standards for Public Health**

The Consortium has been awarded a 5-year Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to strengthen and improve the nation's public health capacity and infrastructure by means of adopting health information technology (HIT) standards in public health information systems. Project activities will focus on (1) providing technical assistance to local and state health agencies for participation in health information exchanges with clinical Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems in their jurisdictions and (2) assuring public health interests in the national HIT standardization process.

### **Share Your Successes & Lessons Learned**

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Public Health  
Community  
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### **Building a Roadmap for Health Information Systems Interoperability for Public Health**

The White Paper produced by the PHDSC - IHE Task Force has been completed. The development of the White Paper was a collaborative effort between the Consortium and [Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise \(IHE\)](#), a collaborative of

<p>the next PHDSC Standard E-Newsletter Issue.</p> <p>Send your stories to Ms. Kristle Haynes at <a href="mailto:khaynes@jhsph.edu">khaynes@jhsph.edu</a></p>	<p>medical professional associations and EHR vendors. The White Paper is aimed at engaging both public health and IT professionals in a dialogue on the development of interoperable clinical and public health information systems. The White Paper serves as a framing document for planning public health activities at IHE.</p> <p>The Consortium thanks all involved in this monumental effort. We are looking forward to working with you at IHE on specifying public health needs in the EHR-based systems.</p> <p>Look for the <b><i>PHDSC-IHE Press Release</i></b> about the White Paper early next week.</p>
<p><b>Visit the PHDSC website at <a href="http://www.phdsc.org">www.phdsc.org</a></b></p>	<p><b>Addressing Privacy and Security Issues in Public Health</b></p> <p>The PHDSC Privacy, Security, and Data Exchange Committee has been working on investigating public health privacy and security solutions and best practices for health information exchanges. The project is based on the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC), a national effort involving 33 states and Puerto Rico. The HISPC conducted one of the most comprehensive reviews of state-level privacy and security policies, practices, and laws that impact the viability of interoperable state and regional health information exchanges; and gathered state solutions and implementation plans as well as inter-state and national-level recommendations to address identified issues.</p> <p>The PHDSC Committee will use the state-specific HISPC results to consolidate information related to and of interest to the public health. Our project will include the analysis of the public health issues raised in the HISPC reports and an in-depth analysis of the states' privacy and security practices for planning and implementing interoperable clinical-public health information exchanges. The project will identify best practices and recommendations on how to address privacy and security issues in public health that can be applied across states.</p>

A CDC, National Center for Health Statistics' grant funds the project, which is planned for completion in the fall of 2008.

**Continuing Education in Public Health Informatics**

PHDSC-NACCHO-ASTHO Training

September 9, 2008, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Sacramento, CA

The PHDSC, in partnership NACCHO and ASTHO is pleased to offer a **Public Health Informatics Training** (Training) as continuing education for public health professionals. The three one-day courses will be offered as a pre-conference event of the 2008 NACCHO-ASTHO Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA.

The goal of the **Training** is to present local and state agency professionals an overview of fundamentals in informatics. This new emerging field will enhance the policies and practices of public health agencies in health information exchanges within and across agencies and among other public health partners in order to fulfill the public health mission of protecting individuals and communities from health threats.

The **Training** includes the following one-day courses offered as concurrent workshops:

- **Introduction to Public Health Informatics**
- **Public Health in Health Information Exchanges**
- **Visualization and Spatial Analysis of Public Health Data**

Registration Fee:

- **NACCHO, ASTHO, and PHDSC Members: \$ 95**
- **Non-Members: \$ 495**

*\*Registration fee includes training materials, coffee and lunch.*

A **Certificate of Completion** will be issued to attendees upon the completion of the course.

**To register, visit**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**PHDSC Annual  
Business Meeting  
November 12-14, 2008  
Hyattsville, MD**

## **PHDSC at PHIN-08**

We are proud to announce the following sessions organized by PHDSC and its members at the 2008 Public Health Information Network (PHIN) Conference, August 24-28, Atlanta, GA :

August 25 10.30 – 12.00 pm

***A2: Addressing Privacy and Security in Public Health Information Exchanges: Principles and Best Practices from States***

August 25 3.30 – 5.00 pm

***C4: Public Health in Health Information Technology Standardization***

August 25 3.30 – 5.00 pm

***C6: Exploring the Spectrum of Promising Practices in Privacy and Security***

August 28 10.00 - 11.30 am

***I5: Biosense Program: Survey of Biosurveillance Operational Environments***

August 28 1.30 - 5.00 pm

***Workshop: Continuing Education in Public Health Informatics***

Looking forward to seeing you at PHIN