

# Minnesota e-Health Privacy and Security Workgroup

## 2019-2020 CHARGE

October 23, 2019

## Introduction

Consumer acceptance and trust are required for the successful development and implementation of electronic health information exchange. Privacy and security protections afforded to a patient's health information as organizational policies, and contained and represented in state statute are critical in maintaining that trust. Patients, consumers, health care organizations and government agencies have demonstrated a strong desire to ensure the privacy, confidentiality, and integrity of health information in the electronic exchange of health information.

## Workgroup Charge

- Monitor and respond to federal rulemaking (e.g. 42 CFR Part 2 and HIPAA related)
- Recommend to providers and health care stakeholders activities that support the implementation of sound privacy and security practices for health information
- Ensure that the needs of consumers, providers, and health care stakeholders are fully considered in the development of educational resources and tools

## Process

The workgroup will continue to give advice on key statewide activities and Minnesota e-Health priorities for privacy and security topics, as well as provide recommendations on Minnesota Privacy and Security Program implementation as needed.

## Workgroup Deliverables

1. Comment on Part 2 proposed rulemaking. (October 2019)
2. Work with Consumer Workgroup on Updating the Access to Health Records Notice of Rights document. (January/February 2020)
  - a. The Privacy and Security Workgroup will review the Notice and apply any technical updates.
  - b. The Consumer Engagement Workgroup will provide input on formatting and non-statutory language to support plain language and understanding and advise on how MDH should communicate the Notice (e.g., web site links; communication of updates).
3. Consolidate best practices for delivering release of information consent options:
  - a. Gather available resources.
  - b. Determine best options for Minnesota.
4. Discuss third party use of information and related security risk management issues.

### **Cross-cutting Issues with other Workgroups/Activities**

- Privacy and security requirements for interoperability and exchange with Health Information Exchange (HIE) activities
- Identify communication, education and collaboration opportunities to address common topics and issues with other committees, workgroups and organizations

## **Timeframe and Participant Expectations**

In-person and virtual meetings will be held beginning October 2019 and every 4-6 weeks thereafter.

At these meetings participants are expected to:

- Provide expert input and subject matter expertise.
- Engage their organization's commitment to support the workgroup activities and goals.
- Participate in workgroup communication/outreach activities, as appropriate.
- Engage colleagues and network to participate with the workgroup.

## **Leadership**

### **Workgroup Co-Chairs**

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