The Massachusetts Health Data Consortium in 2009

Leading the Health Information Technology Transformation in the Commonwealth
History

• 1978: Founded as a non-profit coalition to develop system for collecting and disseminating data on hospital care in MA

• 1994: Effort to create electronic “virtual” network for moving, storing, and sharing patient information

• 1996: Consortium launches HIPAA Awareness Campaign

• 1997: NEHEN established

• 2004: MA-SHARE established

• 2005: Ray Campbell succeeds founding Executive Director Elliot Stone
Mission

1. Serving as a neutral convener of healthcare stakeholders to address multi-organizational issues and collaboration.

2. Fulfilling a role as a trusted, neutral holder and provider of important health data.

3. Acting as the policy development leader and clearinghouse for health information exchange activities in MA.
Board of Directors

• Chair: Chris Gabrieli
• Representatives of 21 organizations
  – Corporations
  – Health plans
  – Providers
  – Research and quality organizations
  – State agencies
  – Consumers
Membership

• Institutional Board members (21)
• Healthcare organizations (40)
• Commercial organizations (50+)
  • Partners
  • Executives
  • Supporting
• Individual members (60+)
• Academic members (new in 2009)
• Forum members (new in 2009)
Activities

• Forums
• Contracts and Projects
• Conferences and workshops
• Other activities
• Data products
• MA-SHARE
Forums

- Behavioral Health
- Care Transitions
- Chief Information Officers
- Clinical Networking
- EHR Implementation
- E-Health Security
- Operations
- Public Health HIE
- Quality Reporting Standardization
- Western Mass. HIT
Contracts and Projects

- HISPC
- Eastern Mass. Healthcare Initiative
- All-payer claims databases
- MOLST
- Health Care Quality and Cost Council
- Serve on several boards and commissions
Conferences and workshops

• Health Information Technology conference (February)
• Consortium annual conference (June 5th)
• HealthMart (October)
• Varies each year
  - Care Transitions (April 29th)
• TBD (December)
Other Activities

• Elliot M. Stone Memorial Internship
• Innovator Spotlights (monthly)
• Data Managers and Users Forum
• Internet Professionals Forum
• Programming related to federal stimulus HIT provisions
Data products

- Inpatient hospital database
- Outpatient observation status database
- Emergency department database
- Physician licensure database
- Customized reports derived from these databases
MA-SHARE

• Subsidiary of MHDC, created to establish statewide health information exchange network

• Developed Record Locator Service to enable patients in one part of state to access records when seeing provider in another part of Mass.

• Currently performing projects funded by major contributors
Summary

• 2009 will be dynamic year for Consortium
  • Billions of dollars flowing into HIT
  • New projects and contracts TBD

• Engaging in these new efforts while
  • remaining true to mission and principles in Strategic Plan
  • meeting the needs of our members and other stakeholders