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This week is the fifth annual National Health IT Week. The week comes to us at an exhilarating time of enactments of economic stimulus and healthcare reform legislation. The collaborative forum assembles key healthcare and public health constituents, vendors, payers, pharmaceutical/biotech companies, research foundations, and other industrial figures. These groups will work together towards the goal of elevating the national attention on the necessity of advancing health IT. As a National Health IT Week 2010 Partner NACCHO's Public Health Informatics staff will provide you with highlights from key events on Capitol Hill and surrounding Washington, DC each day. In the meantime, please take this opportunity to read about local health departments that are making a difference in the area of health IT. Please visit our website for more updates on the week.

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Duval County

Duval County Health Department in Florida has been a leader and innovator in LHDs work in electronic health information exchange. Duval County is the leader of the Northeast Florida Health Information Consortium (NEFHIC), which is a consortium of stakeholders with mutual goals of combining and consolidating resources in Northeast Florida into a community-based electronic HIE that facilitates the sharing of electronic health information. Within the Florida System of County Health Departments, Duval County was also among the first to implement e-Prescribing, an EHR system for jail health services, and manage and develop the Jacksonville Health Information Network.

For more information about Duval County, please visit <http://www.dchd.net/>

Lincoln Lancaster

Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department in Nebraska has proved that LHDs can effectively use EHR data for public health. The health department implemented an electronic medical record system in 2009 for all clinical services including information, referral and case management. This includes both practice management and point of service clinical systems. Recently, their EMR enabled them to schedule appointments, export immunization to state registry electronically, and track vaccine received and distributed to providers, during H1N1.

For more information about Lincoln Lancaster, please visit <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/>

Cabarrus Health Alliance

The Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA) in North Carolina has done excellent work in public health informatics. CHA is the lead agency for the Southern Piedmont Partnership for Public Health (SPPPH)- a partnership of 11 urban and rural counties focusing on innovative projects in the area of public health. Southern Piedmont was recently rewarded a Beacon Community grant from HHS to build and strengthen their health IT infrastructure and exchange capabilities. Their goal for population health is to improve care coordination for patients with chronic diseases by engaging patients and providers in data sharing, empowering self-management of patients, and expanding access to care managers to facilitate post-discharge planning. CHA was also rewarded money by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Common Ground program to develop business process management for use in informatics projects.

For more information about Cabarrus Health Alliance, please visit <http://www.cabarrushealth.org/>

CareSpark

CareSpark is a non-profit regional health information exchange working to improve health in a 34 county area of east Tennessee and southwest Virginia through the collaborative use of health information. CareSpark has become a leader for LHD participation in a regional health information exchange. 16 counties represented by regional and district health departments actively use the CareSpark health information exchange. Public health was recognized as leaders in the entire project. Epidemiologists employed by LHDs also actively participate in the population health committee. This collaboration has allowed for the connection between public health and clinical in the region. Data sharing agreements were established between the LHDs to recommend the use of data sources for HIE efforts.

For more information about CareSpark, please visit <http://www.carespark.com/>

Montgomery County

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services is located in southwest Maryland and has a system of integrative, coordinated and comprehensive service delivery. This has allowed for the interoperability of health and human services within their department. Aging and Disabilities, Behavioral Health and Crisis, Children, Youth and Family, Public Health, and Special Needs Housing, are the departments that make up the interoperable system. The health department is currently designing an interoperable electronic health and human services record (EHHR) and personal health and human services record (PHHR) that will be a comprehensive health and social services client record system.

For more information about Montgomery County, please visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhstmpl.asp?url=/content/hhs/index.asp>

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