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Panel 1: Governance Models in Other Domains

eCommerce – Mark MacCarthy, Georgetown University
National Quality Forum – Laura Miller

Mark MacCarthy, Dr. MacCarthy is currently Adjunct Professor, Communication, Culture and Technology Program at Georgetown University. He teaches and conducts research at Georgetown University's Communication, Culture, and Technology Program. He teaches courses on the development of the electronic media, technology policy and Internet freedom. He is also an adjunct member of the Department of Philosophy where he teaches courses in political philosophy and philosophy and privacy. He does research and consults in the areas of information privacy and security, Internet intermediary liability, global Internet freedom, the future of the online media, consumer financial protection, open standards, electronic and mobile commerce and other technology policy issues. He is an Affiliate of Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business Center for Business and Public Policy, an investigator with the RFID Consortium for Security and Privacy, and the appointed expert of the American National Standards Institute on the International Organization For Standardization (ISO) Technical Management Board (TMB) Privacy Steering Committee. He was previously the Senior Vice President, Public Policy, at Visa, Inc., where he was responsible for global government relations strategies and initiatives affecting electronic commerce, technology policy, information security, privacy, risk management, credit, debit and prepaid payment cards and innovative products such as payWave and Visa's mobile telephone platform.

Laura Miller is the senior vice president and chief operating officer at the National Quality Forum (NQF). Ms. Miller provides leadership in formulating NQF's operations and policies, oversees organization programs, and assists in identifying new initiatives and opportunities for NQF. She has more than 25 years of experience working in healthcare operations. As deputy undersecretary for health for operations and management at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Ms. Miller was the chief operating officer for the VA healthcare system and directed all VA healthcare facilities. She achieved significant improvements in patient safety and quality that resulted in the Veterans Health Administration achieving the highest levels in 18 national measures of care quality. Before joining NQF, Ms. Miller served as the interim and founding executive director of the National eHealth Collaborative, an organization to advance the interoperability of health information technology, where she established the board of directors, bylaws, strategic plan, and operational plans for the new organization. Ms. Miller was honored twice with the Presidential Rank Award, including the Distinguished Rank Award, the highest civilian honor. Ms. Miller received a master's of public administration and bachelor of arts degrees from the University of Missouri. She is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Panel 2: Governance Experience of Implementers of Exchange

Inland Northwest Health Services – Jac Davies

New Mexico Health Information Collaborative – Maggie Gunter

NY eHealth Collaborative – Rachel Block

Jac Davies is Director of INH's Northwest TeleHealth and regional outreach.

Maggie Gunter, PhD, is a medical sociologist and health services researcher who is President and Executive Director of the LCF Research, a non-profit health research and innovation institute affiliated with Lovelace Health System/Lovelace Health Plan and Albuquerque Health Partners, a large integrated healthcare system in Albuquerque, NM. Dr. Gunter has extensive experience in the development, implementation, and evaluation of system changes and other interventions designed to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care. In the mid-to-late 1990's, Dr. Gunter was instrumental in the development of Lovelace's nationally recognized Episodes of Care Disease Management Program. She has also served as Principal Investigator for numerous health services research projects, with an emphasis on the use of population-based data to identify deficiencies in care and to evaluate the impact of interventions.

Since 2004, Dr. Gunter and her LCF IT team have led the New Mexico Health Information Collaborative (NMHIC), the designated statewide health information exchange network. Dr. Gunter has served as Co-Project Lead for LCF's federally funded Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN) Trial Implementation project (2007-2010) as well as serving as Senior Project Manager for New Mexico's Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative (HISPC) Project (2006-2009). LCF Research was recently awarded a Health IT Regional Extension Center Grant for the State of New Mexico, and Dr. Gunter serves on its Executive Steering Committee. All three projects were funded by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

Dr. Gunter holds a PhD in medical sociology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Rachel Block, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Health Information Technology Transformation, NYS Department of Health. Rachel Block is Deputy Commissioner for Health Information Technology Transformation in the NYS Department of Health, where she oversees development and implementation of New York's statewide health information technology strategy. Before joining the Department in May 2009, she served as the founding executive director for the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC), a statewide multi-stakeholder organization committed to advancing health information technology adoption and use in New York.

Panel 3: Experience of Implementers of Health Information Exchange

Multi-level nationwide exchange – Stephen L. Ondra, Dept. of Veterans Affairs

MedPlus/Quest – Tom Wagner, Chief Technology Officer

Paul Uhrig, General Counsel, Executive Vice President of Corporate Development, Surescripts.

Stephen L. Ondra, Senior Policy Advisor for Health Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs. As Senior Policy Advisor, Health Affairs, to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dr Ondra is well acquainted with health policy and electronic health records. He is a physician, and an adjunct professor at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences, Department of Neurological Surgery. He earned his doctorate at Rush Medical College in Chicago, and residency training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Thomas Wagner, Chief Technology Officer for MedPlus, Inc., joined the company in 1999 as Vice President, Strategic Planning. In this position, Mr. Wagner was primarily responsible for technology assessments, product research, market trends and competitive analysis.

Mr. Wagner brings more than 12 years of experience with software development companies. He came to MedPlus from DiaLogos Inc., previously a majority-owned subsidiary of MedPlus. He served for more than two years as the Chief Technology Officer at DiaLogos. Prior to that position, Mr. Wagner was the Director of Advanced Research and Development with Cincom Systems Inc. where he developed a product that was later voted among the top 10 products of the year by Client-Server Tools Bulletin. In 2008, Mr. Wagner was appointed to the CCHIT (Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology) Interoperability Expert Panel where he shares his domain knowledge in the lab and medication fields. In this role he provides input on policy direction and future certification requirements. Mr. Wagner received his BS degree in Computer Science from Northern Kentucky University.

Paul Uhrig, General Counsel, Surescripts.

Panel 4: Existing Governance Authorities

Federal Trade Commission, Loretta Garrison, Senior Attorney, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission

State HIE Governing Authority – James Golden, Director, Health Policy Division, Minnesota Department of Health

Standards & Interoperability Framework, Doug Fridsma, ONC

NHIN Exchange Coordinating Committee – Michael Matthews, Chair

James Golden, State Government HIT Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Health.