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Panel 1: Health Information Exchange Organizations

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Deb Bass serves as the Chief Executive Officer and active board member of the Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII). NeHII, Inc. is the statewide health information exchange in the state of Nebraska. Ms. Bass directed the creation of this 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and currently oversees and manages the continued efforts in the development of Nebraska's statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE). She is a regular public speaker for national conferences on a number of topics surrounding the development and future of HIE.

Sara Juster, JD, CPHRM, is Vice President, Compliance for the Nebraska Methodist Health System. She also serves as the Privacy Officer for the Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NeHII). She previously worked in private legal practice, focusing on estate planning and employment law, and served as legal counsel for the Berkshire Hathaway group of insurance companies. She received her BA degree from the University of Michigan with high distinction and her JD degree, summa cum laude, from the Creighton University School of Law. Ms. Juster is a member of the Nebraska State and Iowa State Bar Associations, the Health Care Compliance Association, the American Society for Health Care Risk Management and the Defense Research Institute.

Ms. Juster has given numerous presentations to the health care and IT communities on HIPAA compliance, risk management, and patient rights issues, including the American Society for Health Care Risk Management Annual Meeting, the San Diego Association for Healthcare Risk Management, the North Texas Society for Health Care Risk Management, Zurich Insurance Healthcare Symposium, Creighton University School of Law, Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing and Allied Health, the Nebraska Health Info Management Association, Infotec, Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys, Lorman Education Services, Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care, as well as various Nebraska Methodist Health System programs and departments and Omaha community events.

Connie Pratt has worked on projects of all shapes and sizes and in numerous fields. After working at Bass & Associates for three months, she was asked to join the NeHII team during the vendor selection process. She has been focused on the NeHII HIE for over 5 years.

Initially Ms. Pratt implemented four hospital systems for the NeHII pilot. Since the pilot, she has implemented 90% of the hospitals currently participating in NeHII, implemented the participating ambulatory clinics, and is the system administrator. In her current role as Program Manager, she is responsible for all phases of NeHII operations and continues to implement hospitals. She is also responsible for “special” projects that are outside the scope of daily operations. Ms. Pratt is currently active in the NeHII Privacy and Security Committee as well as the NeHII Technical Committee.

Mariann Yeager, MBA, serves as Executive Director for Healtheway, Inc., the non-profit, public private partnership which supports operation of the eHealth Exchange. The eHealth Exchange is a nationwide network which interconnects nearly 1000 hospitals and tens of thousands of providers across all 50 states. Ms. Yeager has more than 20 years of experience in the health information technology field, with a focus on nationwide health information network initiatives, EHR / HIE testing certification, health information exchange, privacy and security.

Martin Prah has been on contract for the past twelve years with the Social Security Administration (SSA) supporting their Health IT Program. Mr. Prah has supported SSA as a subject matter expert on the eHealth Exchange.

Ted Kremer, MPH, joined the Rochester RHIO in 2006 and has led the organization from its inception. He has worked in the health information field since 1985 in such areas as managed care, clinical trial systems, and consumer directed health offerings. Active in New York state policy formation, he has served as a co-chair of the New York eHealth Collaborative's (NYeC) technical work group as well as co-chair of the NYeC privacy work group.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of California-Santa Barbara, and a Master's degree in Public Health from Yale University and is a member of the Monroe County Board of Health.

John P. Kansky, MBA, MSE, CPHIMSS, has more than 25 years of experience in the healthcare technology field and has served organizations in the role of Chief Information Officer, Director of Information Systems and Director of Clinical Engineering. He has spoken nationally on health information exchange (HIE), healthcare IT, and HIPAA compliance. Mr. Kansky has chaired Health Information and Management System Society (HIMSS) HIE Committee and served as an elected member of the HIMSS Nominating Committee.

Mr. Kansky earned a BS in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University, an MS in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Washington and an MBA from Indiana University.

Panel 2: Health Information Exchange Organizations

Laura Adams, Rhode Island Quality Institute's CurrentCare
Charlie Hewitt, Rhode Island Quality Institute's CurrentCare
Paul Uhrig, Surescripts
Christian Carmody, ClinicalConnect
Tracy Crawford, ClinicalConnect
Joanna Pardee-Walkingstick, SMRTNet

Laura Adams is the President and CEO of the Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI), a collaboration of the top healthcare leaders in RI working together to transform the health care system in the state. RIQI is the only organization in the nation to win all three major ARRA health IT grant, which funded the RI statewide health information exchange, the RI Regional Extension Center and the RI Beacon Community.

Laura served on the Office of the National Coordinator's Health IT Policy Committee's Governance Panel for the Nationwide Health Information Network. Laura chaired the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) Planning Committee for the "Digital Infrastructure for Population Health and a Learning Healthcare System" workshop series.

She is a faculty member of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in Boston and has been since its inception. She directed the IHI Idealized Design of the Intensive Care Unit project and served as faculty in the VHA's 70-hospital ICU improvement collaborative, specializing in patient and family centered care. Laura currently teaches clinical quality improvement system-wide for Sutter Health, based in Sacramento, CA. She led the governance consulting for the Improving Performance in Practice (IPIP) Initiative.

Laura was Founder, President and CEO of Decision Support Systems, a New York-based company specializing in Internet-based health care decision support. Her most recent co-authored publication with M. Vigorito and B. Sexton is Collaborative Improvement in Sepsis Identification & Treatment, *JQPS*, Vol. 37, No. 11, Nov. 2011. In 2012, she won Gateway Healthcare's Community Leadership award for improving care for those with behavioral health issues. Laura also received University of Northern Colorado's 2010 Distinguished Alumni award.

Charlie Hewitt is the Director, Health Information Exchange Product Delivery, at the Rhode Island Quality Institute. He leads the implementation and operation of CurrentCare, Rhode Island's statewide health information exchange. Mr. Hewitt has a long record of leadership and innovation, and has held positions in a diverse group of industries including health care, local government, aerospace and defense, discrete manufacturing, financial services, and computer services. He holds an MBA from

Harvard Business School and a BA cum laude in General Studies from Harvard College.

Paul Uhrig is Chief Administrator & Legal Officer, and Chief Privacy Officer. In this capacity, Mr. Uhrig is responsible for finance and accounting, internal audit, legal, privacy and governmental affairs. Paul also leads certification compliance, a critical new function that Surescripts will emphasize as part of its larger focus on e-prescribing reliability, quality and patient safety.

Mr. Uhrig came to Surescripts from the law firm of Gardner Carton & Douglas LLP in Washington, D.C., where he was vice chairman of the firm's corporate department, chairman of the corporate department's regulated industries transactions practice group, and a member of the firm's health department. Prior to joining Surescripts, Mr. Uhrig represented Surescripts as its outside general counsel since its inception.

Mr. Uhrig brings 20 years of legal experience to Surescripts, focusing on the healthcare industry throughout that time. At Gardner Carton & Douglas, Mr. Uhrig focused on mergers, asset and stock acquisitions, joint venture formation and corporate planning with healthcare clients. His clients included private equity investors in middle market transactions, portfolio companies, health care systems, ancillary providers of health care services, physician groups, and investors involved with health industry projects and various other enterprises related to the healthcare industry. Prior to joining Gardner Carton & Douglas, Mr. Uhrig was a partner in the Washington office of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

Mr. Uhrig has extensive experience structuring joint ventures and business arrangements in compliance with applicable corporate, securities and tax laws, federal and state fraud and abuse provisions, privacy laws, fee-splitting statutes and other corporate and health care regulatory provisions. Mr. Uhrig received his law degree from the American University, Washington College of Law, and his Bachelors of Arts in Economics from The University of Notre Dame.

Christian Carmody, is the Vice President of Enterprise Infrastructure Services at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) leading the information technology infrastructure teams, including data centers, data, voice and video networks, information security, service desk, print operations, etc. Mr. Carmody also serves as President of ClinicalConnect, western Pennsylvania's first Health Information Exchange (HIE) comprised of leading regional health providers.

Mr. Carmody has 17 years of experience in the IT field, beginning in 1996 with Mellon Bank as a System/Local Area Network (LAN) Administrator for the Global Securities Lending Division of Mellon Financial. He joined UPMC in 1998 as the Information Systems Audit Manager and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), performing annual risk assessments across the approximately 50 UPMC business units to identify and assess IT activity to assist Information Services Division Executive Management in

proactively managing and minimizing risk. Mr. Carmody's experiences at UPMC span the spectrum of information technology, including infrastructure and clinical applications.

Mr. Carmody has a B.A. degree in Accounting with a minor in Business Administration from Westminster College and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Information Systems Management (MS) from Robert Morris University. He also is an adjunct associate professor with Point Park University and Duquesne University teaching information systems and business courses.

Tracy Crawford, Tracy Crawford is the Program Director for ClinicalConnect Health Information Exchange (HIE). ClinicalConnect, western Pennsylvania's first HIE, is a partnership of leading regional healthcare providers collaborating to improve the quality and coordination of care for patients as they move among hospital systems in the region. Tracy is responsible for all aspects of ClinicalConnect and its staff. She directs the work of the implementation and operations team and develops and supports the strategic goals and objectives of ClinicalConnect, which is expected to be one of the largest HIEs in the state.

Tracy has more than 20 years of experience in healthcare IT. Prior to joining ClinicalConnect in 2011, Tracy was the director of the eRecord program at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Under her leadership, the hospital went from a totally paper-based orders and medical record system to a paperless electronic medical record (EMR). The hospital also was the first pediatric hospital in the United States to achieve HIMSS Stage 7 designation, which recognizes healthcare organizations that support the true sharing and use of patient data that ultimately improves process performance, quality of care, and patient safety. The eRecord program at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC also received the HIMSS Davies Award and recognition from the Leapfrog Group for performance in patient safety.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Tracy began her career as a medical technologist. After obtaining a Master of Science in Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, she transitioned to information technology within the healthcare field.

Joanna Walkingstick, Director of Member Services, has working with SMRTNET for over 7 years. Mrs. Walkingstick currently oversees and manages operations for SMRTNET member services. Key roles include: acquiring new hospital and physician practice members through providing technical expertise and proof of concept for prospective HIE members; service delivery for existing members including usage reporting, security, and support issues; monitoring incoming data feeds from member organizations for any irregularities that may occur with EMR updates between member facilities and the HIE; also serving as the primary liaison in maintaining and developing the relationship with Cerner, SMRTNET's technical provider. SMRTNET currently serves over 150 facilities both acute and ambulatory in the Oklahoma. Mrs. Walkingstick also actively manages the MPI (Managed Patient Index) for SMRTNET.