



5th Annual Public Policy Forum

“Healthcare Reform – Impact on New England”

Wednesday, March 31, 2010 – Four Points Sheraton, Norwood, MA

The Board of New England HIMSS invites you to join us for a day of in-depth discussion on public and private initiatives and the impact on New England.

Objective: The New England HIMSS Public Policy Forum is where Healthcare IT Professionals, Clinicians, Government Executives and Vendors from New England come together for a day of education and dialogue. This event is extremely timely, with the presence of ARRA and the HITECH Act and our Nation reviewing the delivery and financing of healthcare, the Public Policy Forum will provide attendees an opportunity to gain knowledge firsthand regarding current policy initiatives within the New England states AND the opportunity to discuss with experts in the field how to best use public policy and private initiatives along with technology to impact the quality, delivery, and future of healthcare.

Agenda

- 7:30AM – 8:15 AM** **Registration, Breakfast, Networking, and Marketplace**
- 8:15 AM – 8:30 AM** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- Dan Feinberg** – New England HIMSS President
- 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM** **Opening Keynote - "The Dynamics of Public Private Initiatives"**
- Charlie Baker** - former President and CEO of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Massachusetts Gubernatorial Candidate
- 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM** **Distinguished Guest Speaker - "The View from Capitol Hill"**
- The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse** - United States Senator – Rhode Island



10:00 AM – 10:30 AM **Break and Marketplace**

10:30 AM - Noon **Panel Discussion - "The New England Landscape: State Driven Initiatives"**

- CT - **Warren Wollschlager**, Chief, Office of Research and Development, Connecticut Department of Public Health
- ME - **Jim Leonard**, (Acting) Director, Office of the State Coordinator for Health Information Technology - Maine
- MA - **The Honorable Daniel K. Webster**, Massachusetts State Representative
- NH - **Ned Helms**, Director, New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice
- RI - **The Honorable Elizabeth Roberts**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Rhode Island
- VT - **Craig Jones**, MD, Director, Vermont Blueprint for Health

Moderator: **Bob Dichter**, New England HIMSS

Noon – 1:00 PM **Lunch and Marketplace**

1:00 PM– 1:30 PM **Special Commentary - "The HIMSS Health Care Reform Perspective"**

Scott MacLean, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, National HIMSS Board of Directors Elect & CIO, Newton-Wellesley Hospital / Partners Healthcare

1:30 PM– 2:15 PM **Mid-day Keynote - "The Hospital Connection to Health Care Reform"**

Lynn Nicholas, President, Massachusetts Hospital Association

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM **Break and Marketplace**



2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Panel Discussion - *"Provider and Health Plan Town Hall: How to Implement Health Care Reform...ARRA and the HITECH Act, HIT Adoption, Challenges, Innovation, Collaboration – An Open Discussion"*

- **Jim Purcell**, CEO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island
- **Paul Oates**, Enterprise Architecture Specialist, Cigna
- **Doug Thompson**, CFO, Network Health
- **Robert Downs**, Vice President, Universal American
- **David Smith**, Healthcare Reform Policy Analyst, Massachusetts Hospital Association
- **Steve O'Neill**, CIO, Hartford Hospital

Moderator: **Lynn Nicholas**, Massachusetts Hospital Association

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Closing Keynote - *"Health Care Reform, Bringing it All Together: A Global Perspective"*

Daniel Roble, J.D., Partner, Health Care Group, Ropes & Gray

4:30 PM – 4:40 PM

Raffles and Prizes

4:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Networking Reception



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