



4th Annual Public Policy Forum
The Perfect Storm for Healthcare Reform:
Achieving Health Improvements through IT Amidst Economic Chaos

Friday, May 8th, 2009 – Four Points Sheraton, Norwood, MA

**The Board of NE HIMSS Invites You to Join us for the Day for a Lively Discussion of
Public and Private Initiatives and the Impact on the System**

Objective: The NEHIMSS 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 one day conference will provide attendees an opportunity to learn about current initiatives as well as discuss with experts in the field how to best use public policy to impact how healthcare is managed and delivered.

- 7:00 – 7:45 Registration, Breakfast, Networking, and Vendor Tables
- 7:45 – 8:00 Opening Remarks
- 8:00 – 8:50 **Alan Sager**, Professor, Health Policy and Management; co-director of health reform program, BU School of Public Health
Looking at the Healthcare Conundrum from an Economic & Public Policy Perspective
- 8:50 – 9:15 Break
- 9:15 – 10:10 **Janet Marchibroda**, CEO, eHealth Initiative
Where Are We Heading with Health IT? The Washington Perspective
- 10:10 – 12:30 Panel Discussion: New England Regional Health IT Initiatives Panel
Micky Tripathi, President & CEO, Massachusetts eHealth Collaborative
Laura Adams, President & CEO, Rhode Island Quality Institute
Scott Cleary, Program Director, eHealth Connecticut
Patrick Miller, Associate Professor, NH Institute for Health Policy and Practice
Dev Culver, CEO, HealthInfoNet (Maine)
Greg Farnum, President, Vermont Information Technology Leaders
Moderator: **Janet Marchibroda**
- 12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 – 2:20 **Dave Roberts**, Vice President Government Relations, HIMSS
HIMSS Call to Action – Enabling Healthcare Reform Using IT
- 2:20 – 3:20 Panel Discussion: The Reality of Healthcare IT for Community Providers
Panel of Executives from Community Hospitals throughout the region –
Moderator: **Clifton Jay**, President, HealthNET Systems Consulting, Inc.
Topic: “What is the impact of the economic recession on community healthcare providers on advancement of IT in light of diminishing of funding.
- 3:20 – 3:50 Break
- 3:50 – 5:00 Panel Discussion: How Government and HIT Can Impact Healthcare Reform
Panelists to include representatives from the following sectors:
Government, Vendor, Health Insurance, Clinician, and HIT
- 5:00 – 6:00 Networking - Hors d-oeuvres, cash bar