

HIT PRE-CONFERENCE

PREPARING FOR TOMORROW TODAY – MEET THE EXPERTS IN HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

Target Audience: State Offices of Rural Health, rural network leaders, state Departments of Information Technology, Electronic Health Record specialists (including consultants and vendors), Federal agencies.

Objectives of the Summit – By the end of the Summit participants will be able to:

- Identify model programs which optimize economic stimulus funding to improve HIT
- Tap into the expertise of various public and private agencies striving to improve HIT
- Strategize models for collaboration
- Describe policy recommendations for improving HIT

7:30 – 8:00 AM		CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	
Opening Session	8:00 – 8:45 AM	Welcome, Opening Remarks – Framing the Issue: What Do We Mean by HIT?	<i>Alison Hughes, FLEX Director</i> Arizona State Office of Rural Health
		Opening Plenary: Health Care of the Future – New Technology for Patient Care	<i>Colonel Ron Poropatich, MD, Director</i> Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center
	8:45 – 9:15 AM	The Health Information Exchanges Opportunity for Rural Communities	<i>Joe Brisson, Principle</i> HIT Associates
9:15 – 9:30 AM		BREAK	
Steps to the Future	9:30 – 10:30 AM	Resources and Initiatives for HIT	<i>Neal Neuberger, President</i> Health Technology Strategies, LLC
	10:30 – 11:30 PM	Integrating Telemedicine and HIT	<i>Dena Puskin, Ph.D., Director</i> HRSA Office for the Advancement of Telehealth
11:30 – 12:30 PM		NETWORKING LUNCH	
Lessons Learned and Model Projects	1:30 – 3:00 PM	The FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program and USAC : What We Need To Know	<i>Bill England, Vice-President</i> Rural Health Care Division, USAC
	12:30 – 1:30 PM	Panel & Facilitated Discussion: How Shall We Collaborate	
		Association of State Chief Information Officers	<i>Michael McNeely, Project Office</i> Office of Rural Health Policy
		National Rural HIT Coalition	<i>Kate Stenehjem, Information Specialist</i> Rural Health Resource Center
	National Cooperative of Health Networks Association	<i>Rebecca Davis, Ph.D., Executive Director</i>	
3:00 – 3:15 PM		BREAK	
3:15 – 4:15 PM		State Stories - Report on Lessons and Model Projects (open discussion format: How have you worked to move HIT forward?)	
4:15 – 4:30 PM		Putting Information into Action: Wrap up and adjourn	
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