

National Cooperative

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Health Networks

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NCHN is a national association of health networks, health alliances, and health consortiums; along with select business partners and strategic alliances.

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Mission Statement



- NCHN's mission is to support and strengthen health alliances through:
 - Collaboration,
 - Networking,
 - Leadership development, and
 - Education opportunities

NCHN History



- First informal meetings - late 1980's. The 5-7 members represented newly organized networks forging a new approach to forming relationships among largely competitive institutions & providers.
- Incorporated in 1995 – Non-profit 501(c)(6)
- At the first official meeting in 1995, 13 different organizations were represented.

Organizational Structure



- Board of Directors – 9 Members
- 2009-2010 Officers
 - President – Keith Williams, TN
 - Vice-President – Mary Kay Chess, OR
 - Secretary – Jack King, MT
 - Treasurer – Greg Dent, GA
 - Immediate Past President – Terry Hill, MN
 - Directors – Jason Friesen, KS; Jon Smith, ID; Lonnie Stevens, MI; & Carolyn Witherspoon, TX

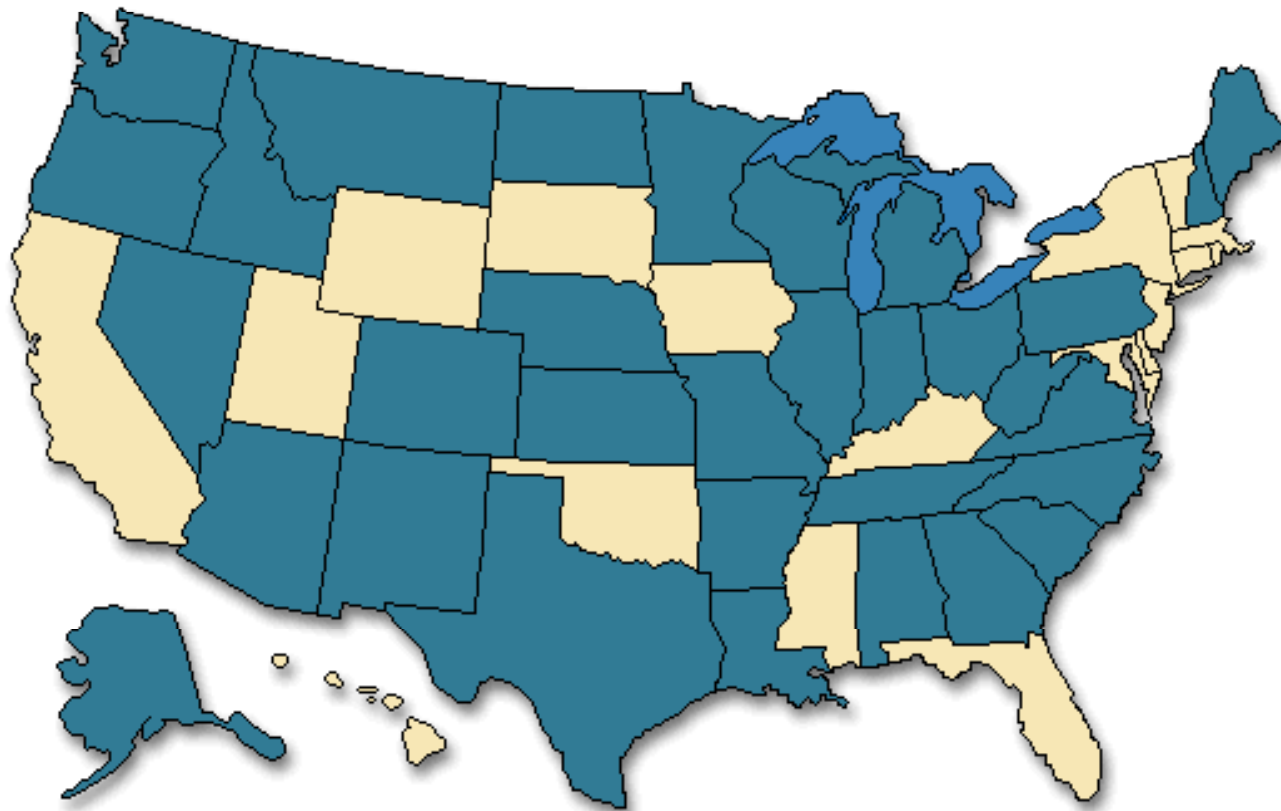
Membership Profile



- Currently, NCHN has a membership of 71:
 - 58 network members (voting members)
 - 12 associate members – Business Partners
 - 1 individual member – (non-voting)

- The large majority of the 800+ hospitals represented by the network members are rural. Many nursing homes, clinics and community health partners are also represented by member organizations.

Membership Map



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Membership Services



- Quarterly Membership Conference Calls—
12:30 PM ET
 - December 7, 2009
 - March 8, 2010
 - June 14, 2010
 - September 12, 2010
 - December 6, 2010

Lakelands Rural Health Network, South Carolina



- At its core, LRHN is a physician driven regional quality improvement organization.
 - Clinical Intervention Projects
 - Health Information Technology Projects

Lakelands Rural Health Network, South Carolina - HIT Projects



- The Community Electronic Health Record (CEHR) is an effort to create an affordable community solution that promotes physician adoption of electronic medical records.
- The Health Information Exchange (HIE) is a web-based platform that enables the exchange of patient information regardless of what EHR is utilized.

The Hospital Cooperative, Idaho



- Cooperative Telehealth Network (CTN) a hospital and FQHC based telemedicine system that serves 14 facilities and 3 clinics in East Idaho and West Wyoming.
- The network, not a hospital or clinic is the managing entity. The network provides tele-psychiatry and tele-radiology clinical services and is developing tele-cardiology, tele-oncology, and tele-diabetes.

Northcentral Montana Healthcare Alliance



- A network of 15 member hospitals, 11 of which are Critical Access.
- NMHA provides a number of services and provides management oversight of the REACH Montana Telehealth Network (RMTN).

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- RMTN provides tele-health services to all NMHA members and also includes Montana State University-Great Falls, and a 14 county Mental Health Network.
- Provides educational and clinical tele-health services and is now engaged in implementing EHRs in the 11 Critical Access Hospital members through a grant from the Office of Health Information Technology.

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Western North Carolina Health Network



- Began in 1995 to implement cost-effective collaborative opportunities among the hospitals and health care systems serving western North Carolina
- Data Link, the official RHIO for WHCHN was started in 2002 with the 16 WNC hospitals that comprise the founding members.

Western Washington Rural Health Care Collaborative



HIE Project

- CAH HIT project which connects 3 CAHs to each other (one project is telepharmacy), with a level I trauma center in Seattle and allows providers to access information via a web portal.

Thumb Rural Health Network, Michigan



- HIT solution is a real time, two-way messaging of data and patient clinical information between three CAHs EMR systems and a common tertiary hospital.
- Three separate and completely different HIS systems successfully communicating an EMR.



“NCHN – The Keystone of Successful Networks”

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