

National Board Report

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PURPOSE OF PAPER

To inform the board of the NEHTA summit held in Sydney on the 9th November

SUMMARY OF ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

Legislation and Governance

- New bill for PCEHR is being developed
- State and territory laws still apply except where there are inconsistencies
- The legislation states privacy disclosure rules and lists offences and penalties that may be imposed
- It puts in place a structure for imposing penalties and review process
- A second bill is being prepared which will nominate and list all other acts that will need to be changed, eg Health Identifiers and Health Insurance acts
- Some issues to work through include Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) in relation to mature children and parental access to this information

PCEHR Change and Adoption

- National support will be given for adoption and change
- State will coordinate change and adoption locally working with health communities
- Consumer feedback to has been positive
- Awareness is low but when the concept is explained the support is strong.
- Further work to be undertaken by PWC and McKesson's to grow awareness and support

Reference Groups Report

CTIRG (Clinical Terminology Reference Group)

- Agreed approach to vendor management for Australian Medicines Terminology
- Will be working on drivers for business case to develop commercially viable vendor uptake if terminologies
- NEHTA template services in development to support summaries to the PCEHR
- Pathology terminology group working with implementation approach of LOINC and SNOMED

MMRG (Medication Management Reference Group)

- Prescriptions and dispense records are not event summaries for PCEHR (transactional)
- PCEHR will initially take PDF summaries
- Electronic Transfer of Prescriptions is a significant concern as it is not being adopted

CCRG (Continuity of Care Reference Group)

- Differing views from MMRG on medications in event summaries
- Point to point messaging is very important

DSRG (Diagnostic Service Reference Group)

- concern about re-use of diagnostic where the context does not exist

IAARG (Identification, Authentication and Access Reference Group)

- productive meeting and are pleased with how the national identifiers are going
- have some concerns about National Authentication Service for Health (NASH) being available in time for PCEHR

PCEHR National Infrastructure update

- Oracle backend components with Orion frontend components
- Release 1(a) is the components required for vendors to test their software against for interoperability with PCEHR. This will be for provider portal. 1(a) implemented by February 2012
- Release 1(b) is the consumer portal (Orion) PCEHR
- NASH will be integrated when ready but are working on contingency for this
- At this stage will not support Integrating Healthcare Enterprises Cross Enterprise Document Exchange Standard (IHE-XDS). NEHTA will be working with IHE to see what can happen in this space

PCEHR Wave sites

- NEHTA have discussed the need for wave sites piloting components of PCEHR to consolidate their experiences and learn from each other
- Mater Shared Electronic Health Record discussed the work they are doing with Obstetric records
 - o Patient portal (view and access control of the record)
 - o External doctor portal enhancements
 - o Enhancements to the internal clinical portal for the longitudinal record
 - o Clinical Data/Document Repository to store referral information
- St Vincent's (Mercy) discussed their approach to interoperability for care summaries in and out of the hospital:
 - o Discussed their core components (Emerging Systems CIS, Smarthealth Systems SEHR, Healthlink messaging etc)
 - o Discussed referrals in and discharge summaries out and sending via Rich Text Format rather than PDF
 - o Issues with medications as hospitals use dose-based medication ordering while GP's prescribe packs. There is a need for medication reconciliation

BUSINESS PLAN ACHIEVEMENTS

Keep informed of key stakeholder work

ISSUES FOR NATIONAL BOARD/EXECUTIVE ENDORSEMENT/APPROVAL

Nil

BUDGET REPORT

Nil