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<p>Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board (HIIAB)</p> <p>State-wide, Washington</p> <p>Juan Alaniz Washington State Health Care Authority 676 Woodland Square Loop SE PO Box 42710 Olympia, WA 98504-2710 jala107@hca.wa.gov Voice: (360) 923-2726 Fax: (360) 923-2766</p>	<p>(SSB) 5064 mandates the development of a strategy for the adoption and use of electronic medical records and health information technologies that are consistent with emerging national standards and promote interoperability of health information systems. The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) and the Health Information Infrastructure Advisory Board (HIIAB) that is created in the bill is charged with developing this health information and technology strategy.</p>	<p>The HIIAB is comprised of twelve members appointed by Steve Hill, Administrator of the HCA. These members represent parties as called for in the bill and include consumers, providers, hospitals, health organizations, and among others health information technology experts.</p> <p>In addition to the HIIAB (the board), the HCA is also creating a Health Information Infrastructure Stakeholder Advisory Committee (HIISAC) that is intended to provide feedback and input to the board. Unlike the board, the HIISAC is not limited in its membership</p>	<p>Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5064</p>	<p>Final report issued to the Governor in Dec 2006.</p> <p>Working on funding for execution.</p>
<p>Inland NW Health Services</p> <p>Spokane, WA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 280 miles from Seattle <p>Jac Davies 157 S Howard St. Suite 500 Spokane, WA 99201 509-232-8120 509-232-8355 (F) daviesjc@inhs.org</p>	<p>5-Year Strategic : Be the provider of choice for our customers and sponsors based upon reputation, quality outcomes and innovative programs and services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase collaboration and system integration through Inland Northwest Health Services. • Promote the image and identity of Inland Northwest Health Services regionally, nationally and globally. • Maximize existing, and create new products, services and markets to increase the financial viability of Inland Northwest Health Services. 	<p>Lead Organization: Inland Northwest Health Services (INHS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacred Heart Medical • Center Holy Family Hospital • Deaconess Medical Center • Valley Hospital and Medical Center • Inland Northwest Community Health • Spokane Ear Nose and Throat Clinic 	<p>Licenses and infrastructure fees</p>	<p>32 Hospitals and clinics currently on the system, 38 expected by end of year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved clinical outcomes through information access and integrated clinical systems for physicians, hospitals, clinics and other health providers • created a regional integrated information system that connects hospitals, clinics and physician offices, providing a community Electronic Medical Record

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<p>Community Health Information Technology Alliance</p> <p>Seattle, WA</p> <p>Michael Taylor 206-682-2811 x10 administration@qualityhealth.org</p>	<p>ELBRS is used to electronically send laboratory test results, which include identifiable patient data, from private sector clinical laboratories to the state health agency. The laboratory data is then electronically distributed from the state health agency to the local health agency in the county where the patient resides. Laboratories are required under state regulations to submit this data to public health agencies so that public health can investigate the case and prevent further disease spread.</p>	<p>The ELBRS component of the Washington HealthKey project involved the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Department of Health, • Local health agencies across the state, • Two private laboratories as well as CHITA. <p>HealthKey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massachusetts Health Data Consortium • Minnesota Health Data Institute • North Carolina Healthcare Information and Communications Alliance • Utah Health Information Network (currently exchanging non-clinical data). 	<p>Funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) through four grants totaling \$2,679,075</p> <p>Each of the organizations participating in the collaborative made significant in-kind contributions to the program; the planning phase received additional funding (\$200,000) from the Hartford Foundation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • worked with Washington State's department of health in an effort to test the electronic transmission of laboratory results to public health agencies • helped develop an "Agreement for Disclosure and Protection of Information," usable as a template • consolidated immunization data into a single database that health care providers could access securely. • a standardized, electronic system for the reporting of injuries and disease conditions by hospital emergency departments.
<p>Statewide HIT Network Task Force</p> <p>Congress woman Cathy McMorris and Congressman Adam Smith</p>	<p>The Public Health Information Technology Committee provides a forum for coordination of IT planning across many separate public health entities so that communications and data transfer systems are compatible, reliable, secure and cost-effective. It is a part of the Public Health Improvement Partnership, which guides the development and implementation of a plan for collaborative action to bring about improved health in all the communities of Washington State</p>	<p>Congress woman Cathy McMorris and Congressman Adam Smith lead the effort with participants ranging across all health care organizations.</p>		

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<p>One Health Port</p> <p>Multi-state (WA, AZ, OR)</p> <p>Richard Rubin, CEO 2003 Western Avenue, Suite 600 Seattle, WA 98121 Phone: 206.624.3128 Fax: 206.624.3168 Email: info@OneHealthPort.com</p>	<p>OneHealthPort was created by a coalition of health plans, physicians and hospitals that joined together to build a trusted community where business and clinical information could be shared securely and simply. Their goal: to improve all parties' efficiency and effectiveness by applying collaborative information technology solutions.</p> <p>OneHealthPort provides a single secure portal that simplifies access to the most important local healthcare sites and online healthcare applications on the Web. Instead of juggling log-ins, passwords, and contracts for different local health plan and hospital Web sites, OneHealthPort allows you to manage your online healthcare services in one place.</p>	<p>The Everett Clinic, First Choice Health, Group Health Cooperative, Premera Blue Cross, Regence BlueShield, and Health Services Northwest, a partnership of Providence Health System and Swedish Health Services.</p> <p>OneHealthPort partners with Cybertrust, an e-commerce security integrator, to operate its security service and TriCipher for authentication.</p> <p>Clinical Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providence Health System <p>Health Plan Sites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asuris Northwest Health • First Choice Health • Group Health Cooperative • LifeWise Health Plan of Arizona • LifeWise Health Plan of Oregon • Premera Blue Cross • Regence BlueShield • Uniform Medical Plan 	<p>Some of the online services are fee-based, but the basic OneHealthPort service - accessing local sites with one digital ID - is offered free of charge to health professionals (the costs of the service are paid by the participating sites).</p> <p>Administrative Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Ally • Administrative Simplification • Healthcare Career Network • Custom Coding Books <p>Clinical Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Prescribing • ChartConnect • ResultManager 	<p>Consumers experience results indirectly, through reduced administrative burdens, since their providers have reduced administrative burden when interacting with health plans.</p> <p>For providers, feedback is positive from a customer satisfaction perspective., and 55% of providers have reported saving at least 2 hours using OneHealthPort. (Others report more time savings).</p> <p>To date, 21,000 individuals have signed up for credentialing service. Site visits are counted rather than transactions; they're tracking 250,000 hits per month.</p>
<p>Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC)</p> <p>Greg Baumgardner, HISPC Project Manager at Qualis Health, (206) 364-9700 x2263, gregb@qualishealth.org.</p>	<p>Research Triangle Institute International (RTI) is under contract from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to work with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to implement a national collaborative effort to address privacy and security policy questions affecting interoperable health information exchange.</p>	<p>Over 100 Washington State volunteer experts in health information exchange and related privacy/security.</p>		<p>The final report was issued on March 30 2007.</p> <p>They developed a process-based set of three solutions with the goal to protect privacy and security of health information while reducing or eliminating unnecessary or inappropriate privacy and security obstacles to electronic HIE.</p>

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South Sound Health Community	North West Physician Network (NPN), a Tacoma-based Northwest Physicians Network (NPN), a 440-physician IPA serving Thurston, Pierce and King counties, partnering with Siemens Medical Solutions to launch a Web site with portals for physicians and patients within secure communications software			
Community Choice Health Modern Networking	Rural hospital network: providing tele-radiology PACS system to 6 of the rural hospitals in the Community Choice Health Network.			
Columbia Basin Health Association	Located in Othello WA, Columbia Basin Health Association proves that affordable technology can address the challenges faced by rural healthcare provider with a significant disadvantaged population.			

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<p>Whatcom County e-Prescribing: Strengthening County-wide Health Information Exchange</p> <p>Bellingham, WA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 miles from Seattle <p>Lori Nichols 715 West Orchard Drive, Suite 4 Bellingham, Washington 98225 360.671.6800 lnichols@hinet.org</p>	<p>Augments existing county-wide electronic connectivity with e-prescribing software for ALL prescribers. It will assist in checking for allergies, drug-drug-conflicts, duplicate drugs, and drug-disease contraindications.</p> <p>Improvements will especially benefit patients who use the Shared Care Plan, adding access to all the medical information they need for self-care.</p> <p>This HIE will benefit ALL 175,200 residents of Whatcom county and will provide the right information to the right people (specifically including patients) when and where they need it for improved healthcare decisions and communication.</p> <p>Project's goals are to improve health care decisions in order to increase patient safety, reduce costs, and increase efficiency for health care stakeholders throughout the prescription drug writing and delivery process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HInet--3 network and desktop administrators and 1 director • St. Joseph Hospital • St. Joseph Hospital's Center for Senior Health and Medical Group • Family Care Network (FCN) • SeaMar Community Health Clinics • Madrona Medical Group (MMG) • Mt. Baker Nephrology • NW Gastroenterology • North Cascade Cardiology • Group Health Cooperative • All pharmacies and pharmacists in Whatcom County • Pursuing Perfection--Five clinical organizations and three payer organizations working together to improve the care of all their patients who have congestive heart failure and diabetes. • Mt Baker Family Medicine • Interfaith Community Health Center • Bellingham Ob-Gyn • Four skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) • Patient Safety Institute • RXHub • SureScripts • DrFirst/RCopia • Bellingham Asthma & Allergy • Haggen Pharmacy • • 	<p>This project is funded by a Connecting Communities for Better Health initiative grant from The Foundation for eHealth Initiative (FEHI), a non profit group focused on promoting quality, safety, and efficiency through electronic medical records.</p>	<p>HInet is a secure, health care electronic communication channel (Intranet) in Whatcom County. St. Joseph Hospital, Northwest Washington Medical Bureau (formerly Whatcom Medical Bureau), and county physicians collaborated to develop this essential community infrastructure which was installed in 1996. Using frame relay technology, it connects the Hospital, payers, all physician offices, and community health services. Currently two physical therapy practices, two pharmacies, and three skilled nursing facilities have connected to HInet. Plans are in place to further expand this connectivity to ancillary providers as well as to increase bandwidth and control costs by using wireless connections wherever possible.</p>

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<p>Qualis Health and First Choice Health Doctor's Office Quality Information Technology (DOQ-IT)</p> <p>State of Washington</p> <p>Helen Stroebel, RN MPH 800-488-1118, ext. 5053 helens@qualishealth.org</p> <p>Ze'ev Young, M.D., Chief Medical Officer zyoung@1stchoiceofwa.com</p> <p>Beth Johnson, Vice President of Network Management bjohnson@1stchoiceofwa.com</p>	<p>Innovative technology grants are being provided by First Choice Health as part of a joint quality initiative with Qualis Health to encourage physician groups to participate in a program called the Doctor's Office Quality Information Technology (DOQ-IT) initiative. DOQ-IT is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) quality initiative designed to improve the efficiency, safety and quality of health care for patients by making it easier for physician practices to adopt electronic medical record (EMR) systems, improving access to patient medical records and decision support data. The DOQ-IT project aims to improve care for patients in the areas of diabetes, heart failure, coronary artery disease, hypertension and preventive care.</p>	<p>The 10 2006 First Choice Health Technology Grant Recipients are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Wellness Center, Vancouver, WA • Kittitas Valley Internal Medicine, Ellensburg, WA • Puget Sound Neighborhood Health Centers, Seattle, WA • San Juan Healthcare Associates, Friday Harbor, WA • K.B. Family Practice, Olympia, WA • Associated Family Physicians, Spokane Valley, WA • Family Health Center, Spokane, WA • Marysville Family Medicine, Marysville, WA • Pullman Family Medicine, Pullman, WA • The Broadway Clinic, Aberdeen WA 	<p>First Choice Health is providing \$200,000 in grant funding to ten small and generally rural physician practices (\$20K each).</p> <p>Qualis Health will provide federally-funded consultation, quality improvement assistance and support to the eligible physician practices.</p>	<p>The central purpose of this initiative is to bring the benefits of modern technology to the patients of small or rural physician practices that often find it hard to afford expensive hardware and software now available to large practices. The objective is to ensure that physicians ready to move from paper medical records to health information technology have access to the expertise, education and tools necessary to make the transition possible.</p> <p>Participants in the Doctor's Office Quality-IT (DOQ-IT) program will receive free assistance to select, implement, and optimize IT systems such as EHRs, e-prescribing, and registries.</p>

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Quality & Disease Management

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<p>Puget Sound Health Alliance</p> <p>2003 Western Avenue, Suite 600 Seattle, WA 98121 Phone: 206-448-2570</p>	<p>The Puget Sound Health Alliance is a regional partnership involving employers, physicians, hospitals, patients, health plans, and others working together to improve quality and efficiency while reducing the rate of health care cost increases across King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish and Thurston Counties.</p>	<p>Over 90 organizations, plus individual members, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employers and Other Purchasers • Health & Dental Plans, Networks, TPAs • Doctors, Hospitals and other Providers • Other Health Related Organizations • Pharmaceutical Manufacturers 	<p>Puget Sound Health Alliance is an independent, non-partisan 501(c)3 organization. Contributions of funding, time and expertise help the Alliance deliver results. The Alliance is financed by contributions from organizations including Boeing, Starbucks, Washington Mutual, REI, the Washington State Health Care Authority, county and city government entities, unions, major physician groups, hospitals, health plans, and many others. The Alliance also accepts funding from foundations.</p>	<p>The Alliance is developing standard, evidence-based clinical guidelines and tools for use by physicians, hospitals, employers, health plans and other health care professionals in the region.</p> <p>The Alliance is identifying, compiling and developing (as needed) evidence-based tools for use by patients, employees and other consumers to help with health care decision-making, including managing personal health.</p> <p>The Alliance is developing the ability for specified data to be securely stored, retrieved, and analyzed for quality and cost performance and improvement in the region. The intent is for health plans and health care professionals to eventually contribute medical record and claims data to this shared data repository.</p>

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Spokane WA Community based Diabetes Health	Built upon an existing EMR, It will allow tracking of inpatient and outpatient data related to diabetes, which will be collected via standardized messaging from independent sources into the EMR of the primary provider. EMR will also use a web too to allow diabetes patients to access health education and enter health monitoring info.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
A Rural HIT Cooperative to Promote Clinical Improvement Davenport, WA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300 miles from Seattle • 400 miles from Boise Elizabeth Floersheim Consultant, Washington State Hospital Association 300 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 300 Seattle, WA 98119 elizabethf@whf.org efloersheim@msn.com	The Rural Healthcare Quality Network of Washington State and American Institutes for Research have joined forces to demonstrate the value of HIT in improving the quality of emergency and inpatient care in rural hospitals by facilitating the adoption of national clinical guidelines in two clinical areas: emergency department (ED) stabilization of acute myocardial infarction (AMI) patients and inpatient care of patients with community-acquired pneumonia (CAP).	Rural Healthcare Quality Network, Davenport, WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant No.: R01 HS15188 • 9/17/2004-8/31/2007 • Year 1 Funding: \$499,993 • Estimated total funding: \$1,498,916 	