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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program

*Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly
Under Act 76 of 2016
for the Year Ended June 30, 2017*



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FOREWORD

On July 8, 2016, [Act 76](#) created the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program (eHealth Partnership) within the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS). Concurrent with the passage of Act 76, Act 121 of 2012 was repealed, and the independent Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Authority (Authority) and its governing board were disbanded - with the programmatic responsibilities of the Authority transitioned into DHS' eHealth Partnership. While the eHealth Partnership is new to DHS, the department is committed to meeting the transparency obligations codified in Act 121 and continued in Act 76. This annual report covers the state fiscal year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The Authority transitioned into DHS and coordinated its policies and operations with that of DHS during the time period of July 8, 2016 to February 2017, and this report serves as a bridge between the Authority and the eHealth Partnership and covers both the recent activities of the eHealth Partnership and its predecessor entity.

Letter from the Secretary and Director

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to present the 2016-2017 Annual Report of the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program (eHealth Partnership), which covers state fiscal year 2016-2017 from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

This year was marked by successes and accomplishments on behalf of Pennsylvania's patients and providers. During the year, the eHealth Partnership made great progress toward enrichment of the services offered by the statewide health information exchange (HIE):

- **Admission, Discharge and Transfer Notifications (ADTs)** - the eHealth Partnership began work on a project to enhance statewide care coordination by offering ADT notifications via three of its certified health information organizations (HIOs). ADT notifications are helpful for participating providers and payers who have to provide comprehensive care to consumers.
- **The Public Health Gateway (PHG)** - a single connection that streamlines provider reporting into state registries (electronic lab reporting, cancer reporting, immunizations, and clinical quality measurement) - continues to develop. As part of this effort, work is underway to establish bi-directional functionality in the immunization registry and including exploration of ways to integrate PHG efforts with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- **Interagency coordination** continues as a high priority for the eHealth Partnership. Partners include DHS' Office of Medical Assistance Programs, the Department of Health's (DOH) Bureau of Health Planning, the Medical Assistance Best Practices Focus Group, the Department of Banking and Securities' State Agency Financial Exchange, DOH's Health Literacy program, the DOH Bureau of Innovation (for telehealth and increased patient access to care), and many more.
- **Public education and outreach** is important to the eHealth Partnership. Throughout the year, eHealth Partnership staff delivered health information exchange presentations to health care associations, healthcare and senior expositions, health care providers, and other interested stakeholders to highlight the benefits of HIE to providers, payers, and patients.
- **Paid nearly \$4 million in onboarding grants**, leveraging Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services funding (approximately 90 percent of grant dollars), to help providers connect directly to the PA eHealth Partnership Program's Pennsylvania Patient & Provider Network (P3N) through their HIO or via a portal and to connect to the PHG.
- **Strategic Planning** - The eHealth Partnership met with stakeholders, including its certified HIOs, DHS Office of Medical Assistance Programs, the DHS Office of Long-Term Living (OLTL), the DHS Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Pennsylvania Healthcare Cost Containment Council, the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Medical Society and others to solicit input on the strategic plan. Strategic plan drafting began in spring 2017.

In the coming year, the eHealth Partnership will work to continue to make the P3N as robust as possible through the addition of new providers to its certified HIOs, addition of new certified HIOs, interagency connections, interstate connections, increased onboarding to the ADT notifications system, and financial support of provider connections to the network. The eHealth Partnership will also coordinate with state and private partners to expand the PHG services and increase onboarding to the PHG.

We are proud of the progress we've made, and we look forward to doing our part to make HIE in general, and the P3N and PHG in particular, key elements in improving the health and health care for all Pennsylvanians.



Teresa D. Miller
Secretary
Department of Human Services



Martin Ciccocioppo
Director
PA eHealth Partnership Program

Act 76 of 2016 and the Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program

The Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Program, created under [Act 76 of 2016](#), is required to “submit an annual report to the Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for distribution to appropriate legislative committees on the activities of the program for the year, including a summary of the receipts and expenditures, a list of contracts and a summary of any reportable security breaches that occurred and corrective actions that were taken.”

Authority-to-DHS Transition

The Pennsylvania eHealth Partnership Authority (Authority), the eHealth Partnership’s predecessor entity, was created by statute in 2012. The authorizing legislation included a 2017 expiration and a requirement that, one year prior to expiration, the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) “evaluate the management, viability, and performance of the health information exchange and shall provide a report to the Communications and Technology Committee of the Senate and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives. The report shall include recommendations as to reauthorization of the Authority, dissolution of the Authority, or assumption of the Authority’s responsibilities and assets by another entity.”

The LBFC evaluation and subsequent report occurred concurrently with the introduction and subsequent passage of legislation moving the Authority into DHS. The [full report](#), and [report highlights](#), are available on the LBFC website, and provide extensive background and history of the Authority and its work toward developing the state’s health information exchange.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures

Receipts Detail Report PA eHealth Partnership Authority (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017)		
Business Area 21		
Description	Transaction Amount	Notes
Budget Amount *	\$20,622,500.00 ¹	SFY16/17 Budget across all funds
Deposit - Interagency	\$ 256,500.00	SFY16/17 P3N HIO User Fees
TOTAL	\$20,879,000.00	
*Budget amount includes a Budget Reserve of \$10,640,000.00 and Grant funds of \$7,430,000		

Summary of Expenditures PA eHealth Partnership Authority (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017)	
Business Area 21	
Expenditure Type	Expended Amount
Personnel	\$ 839,302.37
Operational	\$5,211,776.94
Total	\$6,051,079.31

¹ GGO fund number 1026300000 for Personnel Services (61), \$1,817,000 out of \$5,315,868, and for Operational Expenses (63), \$83,000 out of \$1,192,000, was for PA eHealth Partnership Program

List of Contracts

List of Contracts Executed PA eHealth Partnership Authority (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017)
Business Area 21

Contract Type	Grantee Name	PA Vendor #	Contract #	Contract Amount	Notes
Grant	KeyHIE	793863	21OB101	\$749,865.01	Hospital/Facility Onboarding Grant Program
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Grant	Mount Nittany Medical Center	657990	21OB103	\$335,000.00	Hospital/Facility Onboarding Grant Program
Grant	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern PA	777978	21OB104	\$1,700,000.00	Hospital/Facility Onboarding Grant Program
Grant	KeyHIE	793863	21OB201	\$559,694.27	Hospital/Facility Onboarding Grant Program
Grant	KeyHIE	793863	21OB202	\$244,999.15	Hospital/Facility Onboarding Grant Program
Grant	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern PA	777978	21OB204	\$875,000.00	Hospital/Facility Onboarding Grant Program
Grant	KeyHIE	793863	21OB205	\$104,992.69	Hospital/Facility Onboarding Grant Program
Grant	KeyHIE	793863	21OB206	\$314,995.13	Hospital/Facility Onboarding Grant Program
Grant	KeyHIE	793863	21PHG101	\$19,998.80	PHG Grant Program
Grant	Mount Nittany Medical Center	657990	21PHG102	\$12,500.00	PHG Grant Program
Grant	HealthShare Exchange of Southeastern PA	777978	21PHG103	\$175,000	PHG Grant Program
TOTAL				\$ 5,767,043.49	

Contract Type	Vendor Name	PA Vendor #	Contract #	Contract Amount	Notes
Multi-year Contract	Truven Health Analytics, Inc.	200409	4400011233	\$8,980,000	5 Year Contract Term
TOTAL				\$8,980,000	

Summary of Reportable Security Breaches

The Pennsylvania Patient and Provider Network (P3N) experienced no reportable security breaches in 2016-2017.



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