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Information on the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange is posted and regularly updated on its Web site, www.mihealthlink.org. Updates include media stories on the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange published and broadcast in the last two months:

- Digitizing medical records
WWMT Channel 3 - Kalamazoo - January 28, 2009
- Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange Meeting a Success
Michigan Tech News - January 20, 2009

Welcome to the first issue of the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange Newsletter. We'll keep you informed on a monthly basis on information and the progress of the development of a secure online infrastructure designed to connect the region's healthcare providers. If you have any questions, comments or story suggestions, please share them with our editor, Bonnie Caprara, at bcaprara@changescapeinc.com.

Southwest Michigan HIE holds Town Hall Meeting March 18

Mark your calendars for the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, at the Bronson Gilmore Center for Health Education from 9 a.m. -noon.

Beth Nagel, health information officer of the Michigan Department of Community Health, will speak on state of HIE development in the State of Michigan. The Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange is one of nine regional developments under way throughout the state.

Findings from the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange Strategic Leadership Conference held on Jan. 8 will be shared and discussed at this meeting. The findings include feedback on presentations from five healthcare IT supplier firms that presented their companies' offerings at the conference.

In addition, the Town Hall Meeting will kick off the work of the technical and clinical work groups that will eventually set up the self-standing HIE infrastructure for the region.

To register for the Southwest Michigan Health Information Town Hall Meeting, contact Bonnie Caprara [at bcaprara@changescapeinc.com](mailto:bcaprara@changescapeinc.com) or 586-899-5718.

Location:
Bronson Gilmore Center for Health Education

· Care providers discuss plan for sharing patient information
Kalamazoo Gazette - January 6, 2009

7 Healthcare Plaza
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 341-7844

Map: http://www.bronsonhealth.com/FindALocation/show_map.jsp?address=7%20Healthcare%20Plaza%20Kalamazoo%20MI%2049007

Parking for Gilmore Center is available in the Jasper Street ramp, just north of the Gilmore Center and west of Jasper Street. Enter and exit the ramp from Jasper Street.

Get wired April 29 -May 1

Plan to attend the Michigan Health Information Network (MiHIN) Resource Center will be holding its annual Wiring Michigan for Health Information Exchange at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.

April 29-May 1.

This three-day conference features several educational sessions, exhibits and demonstrations from leading technology vendors, and networking opportunities with key HIE leaders. It is especially important that medical professionals, information technologists, health plan administrators, health care system representatives, government officials and regional leaders attend in order to obtain the knowledge, tools and resources to create a robust and self-sustaining health information exchange for our seven-county region.

For more information on the conference, visit www.mihin.org or contact Amy Smith at amy.smith@hc.msu.edu

Participants needed for Southwest Health Information Exchange work groups

Volunteer participants are needed to share their expertise in the technical, clinical, legal, finance and governance work groups for the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange.



The technical work group will define the technical architecture and requirements for the HIE and ensures the technical feasibility as well as compliance with national and state standards. The clinical work group will develop and prioritize the clinical requirements for the HIE. Charters and duties of the financial, legal and governance work groups will be outlined at a later date.

The work groups will hold their initial meetings at the Southwest Michigan Health Information Exchange Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 18. For more information on the work groups, e-mail info@changescapeinc.com or any of the following people listed below:

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