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## **NATIONAL HEALTH IT WEEK NEWS BRIEFING CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center  
International Gateway Room, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW**

### **11:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**

- Neal Neuberger, CISSP, Executive Director, Institute for e-Health Policy; and President, Health Tech Strategies, LLC

### **11:10 a.m. Statements from Health IT Industry Leaders**

- Justin Barnes, Chairman, Electronic Health Record Association (EHRA)
- David S. Muntz, FCHIME, Senior Vice President & CIO, Baylor Health Care System, Dallas, TX on behalf of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)
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**11:30 a.m. Moderator: Q&A: Neal Neuberger**



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Health IT News Briefing Marks National Health IT Week**

**WHAT** Health information technology improves the quality of healthcare delivery, increases patient safety, decreases medical errors, and strengthens the interaction between patients and healthcare providers. According to a California HealthCare Foundation study (April 2010), Americans with access to Personal Health Records report that they know more about their health, ask more questions, and take better care of themselves than when their health information was on paper. To mark the important role health information technology plays in improving healthcare delivery in America, more than 170 organizations have joined together for **National Health Information Technology Week, June 14-18**, With the theme, *One Voice, One Vision: Transforming Health and Care*, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Health IT Week kicks off with a **news briefing, Reagan Building, Tuesday, June 15 at 11:00-11:45 a.m.**

Using health IT as part of the overall solution to improve America's healthcare is a bipartisan and Federal government initiative. Congress, the President, and various federal agencies have made a commitment to leveraging the benefits of the health IT and management systems to address the rising costs and safety of healthcare delivery throughout the U.S. To this end, more than \$20 billion was allocated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to support technology solutions to improve healthcare delivery and patient safety.

**WHO** Neal Neuberger, CISSP, Executive Director, Institute for e-Health Policy  
Justin Barnes, Chairman, Electronic Health Record Association (EHRA)  
David S. Muntz, FCHIME, College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)  
Barry P. Chaiken, MD, MPH, FHIMSS, HIMSS Board Chair

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 15, 11:00-11:45 a.m.

**WHERE** Reagan Building, International Gateway Rm., 1300 Penn. Ave. NW

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Contact:** Sheri Singer, [sheri.singer@verizon.net](mailto:sheri.singer@verizon.net); 703-346-7111

### **Health IT Briefing Marks National Health IT Week; June 14-18 *Reagan Building, June 15, 2010; 11:00-11:45 a.m.***

Washington, DC--Health information technology improves the quality of healthcare delivery, increases patient safety, decreases medical errors, and strengthens the interaction between patients and healthcare providers. According to a California HealthCare Foundation study (April 2010), Americans with access to Personal Health Records report that they know more about their health, ask more questions, and take better care of themselves than when their health information was on paper.

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“Health information technology holds enormous potential to transform the practice of medicine,” said Congressman Tim Murphy (R-PA). “National Health IT Week highlights the commitment by the government and private sector to ensure health information technology is integrated, interactive, interoperable, and intelligent to provide the best patient outcomes. Working together we can leverage the technology to promote for the betterment of our healthcare system.”

“As co-chairs of the 21st Century Health Care Caucus, Congressman Murphy and I have long advocated for the adoption of electronic health records as an efficient means to lower health care costs and reduce medical errors,” said Patrick Kennedy (D-RI). “Increased adoption of health information technology will help ensure that all Americans are receiving the highest quality health care our nation has to offer.”

More than \$20 billion was allocated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to support technology solutions to improve healthcare delivery and patient safety.

Participating in the briefing are a few of the more than 170 National Health IT Week partner organizations, including the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the Electronic Health Record Association (EHRA), and the College of Health Information Management Executives (CHIME).

The briefing is open to the public. Credentialed media representatives please RSVP to: Sheri Singer, [sheri.singer@verizon.net](mailto:sheri.singer@verizon.net) ; 703-346-7111. For additional information about National Health IT Week, visit [www.healthitweek.org/](http://www.healthitweek.org/).

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**About National Health Information Technology Week**

Now in its fifth year, National Health IT Week is a collaborative forum assembling key healthcare constituents—vendors, provider organizations, payers, pharmaceutical/biotech companies, government agencies, industry/professional associations, research foundations, and consumer protection groups—working together to elevate national attention to the necessity of advancing health IT.



## **EHRA's Statement to the Press: National Health IT Week June 14-19, 2010**

I'm Justin Barnes, Chairman of the national Electronic Health Record Association, and I'm proud to represent the firms that together provide the majority of the commercially available, installed and operational EHRs in the United States in congratulating the participants of this fifth annual National Health IT Week for continuing to recognize the critical importance of health information technology toward achieving our shared goals of improving the nation's healthcare system.

Since we last met here in 2009, there has been tremendous progress toward implementing the HITECH provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. As an Association, we have been at the table, literally and figuratively, to help craft pragmatic approaches to achieve "meaningful use" of and interoperability among EHRs. Since our member companies serve the full spectrum of healthcare provider organizations – from small physician practices, large group practices and clinics to critical access hospitals, community hospitals and large integrated delivery networks – we bring unmatched experience to this complex task. Our customers, and increasingly policymakers and legislators, look to the EHR vendor community to provide guidance on how best to implement EHRs to meet short-term requirements while laying a foundation for longer-term goals.

While EHR Association member companies are competitors in the health IT market, we collaborate to reach effective interoperability, enhance healthcare quality and achieve the goals of HITECH to accelerate adoption of EHRs to enable the improvement of quality and efficiency in healthcare in the United States. We have worked together and with other stakeholders to engage in productive dialog with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS), the Certification Commission for HIT (CCHIT), the Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the National Quality Forum (NQF), the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), the HIT Standards Panel (HITSP) and other organized initiatives on standards to support interoperability, the definition of "meaningful use", use of EHRs to support quality initiatives and associated payment policies, patient safety concerns, and other related issues.

We are committed to this ongoing effort to define practical, incremental steps to achieve EHR "meaningful use" and interoperability, ensuring that proposed criteria truly act as incentives. We look forward to the imminent availability of new HITECH certification

criteria and processes in order to ensure that our products can be certified in a timely fashion to be available to our customers so that they can qualify for HITECH incentives.

As evidenced by the EHR Association Interoperability Roadmap, now in its third update, our members are committed to achieving interoperability among EHRs and other HIT to achieve secure health information exchange. And we are committed to designing products that enhance patient safety.

On behalf of the EHR Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 21st Century Healthcare Caucus and other members of Congress who have taken the time to understand the challenges and opportunities of health IT in contributing to the overall improvement of our nation's healthcare system. I also want to recognize the efforts of ONC and CMS leadership and staff in their work to finalize HITECH rules in a timely and transparent manner. We look forward to working with these agencies and our customers to realize our shared vision of EHRs as an important component of the new national agenda for improved and more efficient healthcare delivery in the United States.

## **CHIME's Statement to the Press: National Health IT Wk. June 14-18, 2010**

*David S. Muntz, FCHIME, Senior Vice President & CIO, Baylor Health Care System, Dallas, TX on behalf of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)*

So much has happened since we met for National Health Information Technology Week just 9 months ago... As a result of the HITECH act, CMS and the Office of National Coordinator have issued interim rules for health information technology that are likely to be finalized shortly. Congress has passed health reform legislation that will expand health insurance coverage to millions of more Americans. The goal of these activities is to dramatically improve the health care delivery system. But why the focus on healthcare information technology? Because, the proper use of Healthcare Information Technology will allow the US to achieve its appropriately lofty goals.

A change of this magnitude, of this import takes leadership. And the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) and its over 1,400 member health IT leaders would like to recognize our host, Representative Tim Murphy of the 18th District Of Pennsylvania, for his leadership as the co-chair of the 21st Century Healthcare Caucus that promotes the transformational role of health information technology. We also wish to thank the Caucus Co-chair Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI-1) for his leadership in this initiative and for his long-term participation and support of health IT in the past. We will miss him.

My employer, the Baylor Health Care System is a faith-based, not-for-profit healthcare delivery system with more than 3,000 licensed beds that employs more than 20,000 people in North Central Texas. As Chief Information Officer, my staff supports our clinical staff nurses, physicians, therapists, and other clinicians by implementing healthcare information technologies across our community. Over a 7-year period we will have invested more than \$300 million in health IT to, as we say, "hardwire safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable, patient centered care." STEEEP goals were recommended by the IOM in its 1999 landmark publication, Crossing the Quality Chasm. Baylor, like countless hospitals and physician practices, large and small, urban and rural, across the country, is preparing for meaningful use through clinical transformation. The magnitude of change is staggering. Complicating this change is the requirement to fundamentally re-engineer existing care processes without adversely impacting quality. While we make these sweeping changes, care never stops. Patients will continue to seek our help. Quality must increase. Cost must decline. Privacy must be protected. The pressures are enormous.

With the October 1 deadline for the EHR incentive program just around the corner, there is an increased sense of urgency to ensure a smooth implementation of this program, to achieve our goals. To this end, CHIME and its members pledge to work closely with our

federal, state, industry and community partners to ensure the HITECH Act's vision of e-enabled care for all Americans by 2014. Our patients who deserve no less are at the center of all we do.

## **Speaker Biography**

Justin T. Barnes

Vice President of Marketing, Corporate Development and Government Affairs  
Greenway Medical Technologies, Inc.

Justin T. Barnes is Vice President of Marketing, Corporate Development and Government Affairs, Greenway Medical Technologies, Inc.

As a healthcare software executive and public policy expert, Justin Barnes is a Vice President with Greenway Medical Technologies and manages Greenway's Strategy, Marketing, Corporate Development and Government Affairs departments. In addition, Mr. Barnes is Chairman of the HIMSS Electronic Health Record (EHR) Association where he is responsible for executing the EHR Association's industry strategy and leadership. Barnes resides on several Public Policy, EHR and Health IT industry governance boards and brings the essential continuum of corporate experience from Silicon Valley Start-up's to Industry-leading Fortune 20 conglomerates.

Barnes has formally addressed and/ or testified before Congress as well as both Presidential Administrations on twelve occasions between 2005 and 2009 with statements relating to EHR meaningful use, EHR certification, healthcare privacy, security, confidentiality, compliance, standards, interoperability, health IT adoption incentives, health IT return on investment (ROI) and the globalization of healthcare. Barnes is a regular public speaker on these issues and has been published in more than 180 journals, magazines and broadcast media outlets relating to national leadership of health IT and EHR adoption efforts. In addition, Barnes has advised several U.S. Presidential campaigns on healthcare public policy, HIPAA, health IT and EHRs.

## **Speaker Biography**

David Muntz, FCHIME  
Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer  
Baylor Health Care System

David Muntz, a 37-year veteran of Medical Information Systems, is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for the Baylor Health Care System in Dallas. As CIO, Mr. Muntz is responsible for more than 650 employees who care for a delivery system with more than 140 points of entry. Mr. Muntz works closely with hospitals, leadership, boards, physicians, nurses and clinicians system-wide toward improving information technology at Baylor. Since he joined Baylor in 2006, the hospital has received notoriety in healthcare IT, most notably as the #1 innovator in the healthcare sector on the 2007 Information Week 500 list.

Mr. Muntz is a Fellow of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) and currently serves on the CHIME Board of Trustees, Advocacy Leadership Team, and Policy Steering Committee. Also an active member of the Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), he has been a speaker for numerous local, state, and national organizations. He was recognized as CIO Innovator of the Year by CHIME in 2005 and was listed as one of the "Top 5 CIOs" in the June 1999 issue of Health Management.

Prior to Baylor, Mr. Muntz most recently served as the Senior Vice President and CIO at Texas HealthResources, where he was responsible for all information system functions including Medical Records. While working for Texas Health Resources, Muntz's information services organization received national recognition nine years in a row.

Mr. Muntz also had a distinguished career with the Wadley Research Institute and Blood Bank, starting as a biostatistician and eventually becoming CEO of the Institute. During his tenure with Wadley, Mr. Muntz led the team that created a complete online record for the community's blood bank. In addition, Wadley's other divisions, the hospital, clinic, and physician practices, shared a computer based patient record created by Mr. Muntz and his staff.

Mr. Muntz holds an MBA from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and an AB degree in Premedicine and English from Columbia College in New York City.

## **Speaker Biography**

Barry P. Chaiken, MD, MPH, FHIMSS  
HIMSS Board Chair

HIMSS Chair, Barry P. Chaiken, MD, MPH, FHIMSS has over 20 years experience in medical research, continuous quality improvement, risk management and patient safety. As founder of his own company, he worked on quality improvement studies and clinical investigations for the National Institutes of Health, the Framingham Heart Study, and Boston University Medical School.

Over the past 15 years Chaiken provided expertise in quality and patient safety to provider and payor organizations helping them utilize information technology to improve clinical and administrative activities. He has served as guest lecturer and consultant on topics including patient safety, clinician adoption of information technology, quality improvement and managed care. Chaiken also assisted hospitals and technology firms in the creation of medical software products and authoring of marketing communication materials.

Chaiken is board certified in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health as well as Health Care Quality Management. He is currently Chief Medical Officer at DocsNetwork, Ltd. where he provides thought leadership and offers clients his expertise in clinical transformation and quality improvement.

Chaiken serves as Chief Medical Informatics Officer at Symphony Corporation and on the Healthcare Advisory Board of Evolvent Technologies, Inc. He has delivered more than 50 CME lectures, and is currently on the editorial board of the Journal of Patient Safety and the journal of Patient Safety and Quality Healthcare. Chaiken writes a column on technology and quality for the journal Patient Safety and Quality Health Care.

Chaiken received his medical degree from SUNY Downstate Medical Center, NYC, his masters in public health degree in health services administration from the Harvard School of Public Health and his bachelors of arts degree in psychology from the University at Albany. He acquired his specialty training from the Centers for Disease Control as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and from the New Jersey State Department of Health as a preventive medicine resident. He is also a Board member, Board Liaison to HIMSS Europe, 2009-2010 Board Chair and a Fellow of the Health Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS). Chaiken holds an appointment as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health and Family Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine.

## **Moderator Biography**

Neal Neuberger, CISSP , Executive Director  
Institute for e-Health Policy; and  
President, Health Tech Strategies, LLC

Neal Neuberger was selected as the first Executive Director of the HIMSS Foundation's Institute for e-Health Policy. The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Foundation launched the new Institute for e-Health Policy in May 2008 to provide critical educational opportunities in the Washington, D.C., area for public- and private-sector stakeholders who both make, and are impacted by, e-health policy decisions.

He is also president of Health Tech Strategies, LLC, a Virginia-based consulting firm focused on the public and private sector policy environment with regard to research, development and implementation of emerging health care technologies.

Neuberger coordinates a 15-year long "Capitol Hill Steering Committee on Telehealth and Healthcare Informatics" supported by major federal agencies, foundations, and healthcare IT organizations that has produced more than 120 lunch briefing sessions and technology demonstrations for members of Congress and their staff.

He is Chair of the American Telemedicine Association Policy Committee and recently served on the ATA Board of Directors as Secretary. Neuberger was a senior lobbyist before Congress for the American Hospital Association on budget and appropriations issues. As a legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. David R. Obey (Wis.) on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, he helped conduct many congressional hearings concerning operation and funding of agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Department of Labor.

He worked for a major committee of the Wisconsin legislature with oversight responsibility for 58 state agencies, served as coordinator of health planning programs and as a lobbyist for the State Medical Society of Wisconsin, and was elected twice to the Dane County Board of Supervisors in Madison, Wis., where he served as the youngest elected official in the state.

Mr. Neuberger is married to Mary Ella Payne, R.N., MSPH and has three daughters. He is a marathon runner, master swimmer, certified in SCUBA, and holds a black belt in a classical style of Japanese karate.



## **National Health IT Week Fact Sheet Washington, D.C., June 14-18, 2010**

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National Health IT Week 2009 exceeded every attendance and partnership goal that had been established for the fourth annual event. Key outcomes included support by 152 Partner organizations, and participation of several Members of Congress at the Capitol Hill Press Conference hosted for National Health IT Week by Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI).

National Health IT Week 2010 is proud to have the support of 178 Partners! These organizations are sending our nation’s leaders a powerful message on the importance of fostering the widespread use of health IT to improve patient safety and healthcare quality.

National Health IT Week 2010 coincides with several Partner initiatives that connect participants with key healthcare industry stakeholders, policy makers and congressional leaders—including activities hosted by the eHealth Initiative, College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME), National eHealth Collaborative, Women in Government, and the Institute for eHealth Policy – and events such as the Government Health IT Conference and HIMSS 9th Annual Policy Summit. For all National Health IT Week 2010 events: [www.healthitweek.org/activities.asp](http://www.healthitweek.org/activities.asp).

Working together, we will transform healthcare for all. Please visit [www.HealthITWeek.org](http://www.HealthITWeek.org).



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Working together, we will transform healthcare for all. Please visit [www.HealthITWeek.org](http://www.HealthITWeek.org).

**National Health IT Week 2010 Partners**

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| Accision Health   | Eyefinity/Officemate  | NetScout Systems   |
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| Capgemini   | Indiana Health Information Exchange                               | SAIC   |
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| Carestream Health   | Ingenix   | SeKON  |
| Center for Health Information and Decision Systems              | Initiate IBM  | SharedHealth   |
| Center for Health Information and Decision Systems              | InSite One  | Siemens  |
| Center for Transforming Health (The MITRE Corporation)          | InstaMed  | Sprint Nextel  |
| CGI Federal   | Intelligent InSites   | SRS  |
| ChartWise Medical Systems                                       | Interface People, LP  | SSI  |
| CliniComp   | iNTERFACEWARE   | Stinger Medical  |
| Cognizant   | InterSystems  | Summit Healthcare  |
| College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME) | IQ Business Group   | Suncoast Solutions   |
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| Cumberland Consulting Group                                     | IWT Solutions   | Systemware   |
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| Electronic Health Record Association (EHRA)                     | Microsoft   | VitalHealth Software   |
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|   | National eHealth Collaborative                                    | Xpress Technologies  |
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To mark the important role health information technology plays in improving healthcare delivery in America, more than 165 healthcare nonprofit organizations and companies have joined together for National Health Information Technology Week, June 14-18.

National Health IT Week kicks off with a bipartisan congressional news briefing on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, June 15 at 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Using health IT as part of the overall solution to improve America's healthcare is a bipartisan and Federal government initiative.

Now, with the enactment of economic stimulus and healthcare reform legislation, there is no better time for the health IT community to come together under one umbrella to examine the current policy landscape and raise awareness on the benefits of health IT for the U.S. healthcare system. Congress, the President, and federal agencies are committed to using health IT to help fix the rising costs and improve the safety of healthcare delivery.

To this end, more than \$20 billion was allocated in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to support technology solutions to improve healthcare delivery and patient safety. ARRA not only established federal leadership for health IT, but also new programs to assist providers in the training, implementation, and use of health IT.

According to research conducted by HIMSS Analytics, the use of electronic health records (EHRs) among healthcare providers has steadily increased over the past four years. As of May, 2010, half of US hospitals (2,612 of 5,223) have achieved "Stage 3" and are poised to make the advances needed to meet the meaningful use requirements.

According to a California HealthCare Foundation study (April 2010), Americans with access to Personal Health Records report that they know more about their health, ask more questions, and take better care of themselves than when their health information was on paper.

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