



WEDI SELECTS CO-CHAIRS AND SEEKS PARTICIPANTS FOR NEW 2013 WEDI REPORT WORKGROUPS

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA – May 15, 2013 – WEDI, the leading authority on the use of Health IT to improve the exchange of healthcare information, announced today at the WEDI 22nd Annual National Conference, the appointment of co-chairs to the 2013 WEDI Report Initiative. The 13 co-chairs will serve as leaders of the recently developed [WEDI Report workgroups](#): *Patient Enablement*, *Payment Models*, *Data Harmonization & Exchange*, and *Innovative Encounter Models*.

The following healthcare industry leaders have been selected as 2013 WEDI Report Co-Chairs:

Patient Enablement

- **Tom Meyers**
Vice President, Product Policy
America's Health Insurance Plans
- **Rob Tennant**
Senior Policy Advisor
Medical Group Management Association
- **Gerard Grundler**
Managing Principal, Healthcare IT Services
Verizon

Payment Models

- **Marcia James**
Director, Provider Engagement, Humana
Inc,
Humana
- **Tina Grande**
Senior Vice President
Healthcare Leadership Council
- **Samantha Burch**
Vice President, Legislation & Health IT
Federation of American Hospitals

Data Harmonization & Exchange

- **Jon Zimmerman**
General Manager
Availity
- **Don Mon**
Senior Director, Center for Advancement of
Health IT
RTI International
- **Rich Cullen**
Executive Director, National Program
Development
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association

Innovative Encounter Models

- **Waco Hoover**
Chief Executive Officer
IHT2
- **John Jesser**
Vice President of Healthcare Management
Wellpoint
- **Rob Alger**
Vice President, Health Plan Business Technology
Kaiser Permanente
- **Marc Probst**
Intermountain Healthcare
Vice President & CIO

“We are thrilled to have such an impressive lineup of Health IT leaders who are willing to contribute their time, knowledge and talents to the leadership of these critical teams.” said Devin Jopp, Ed.D., WEDI President & CEO. “The active involvement of these workgroups is essential to the success of the 2013 WEDI Report.”

With the 2013 WEDI Report workgroups formed, WEDI encourages healthcare professionals from across the industry to participate in these new teams. The workgroups are open to the public at no cost. To become a 2013 WEDI Report workgroup participant, contact Sam Holvey at sholvey@wedi.org or 202.618.8803.

The new WEDI Report workgroup List and descriptions is available on the WEDI website at:
<http://www.wedi.org/workgroups/2013-wedi-report-workgroups>.

About WEDI

The Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI) is the leading authority on the use of Health IT to improve healthcare information exchange in order to enhance the quality of care, improve efficiency, and reduce costs of our nation's healthcare system. WEDI was formed in 1991 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and was designated in the 1996 HIPAA legislation as an advisor to HHS. WEDI's membership includes a broad coalition of organizations, including: hospitals, providers, health plans, vendors, government agencies, consumers, not-for-profit organizations, and standards bodies.

About the 2013 WEDI Report

On the 20th anniversary of the original WEDI Report, WEDI is bringing together healthcare, corporate and government organizations to create an updated WEDI Report to guide the future of health information exchange. The 2013 WEDI Report will be overseen by a WEDI Report Executive Steering Committee consisting of representatives from 15 organizations representing healthcare, corporate, and government organizations, and led as Honorary Chair by former Secretary of HHS, The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D, who established WEDI in 1991.

The 2013 WEDI Report will identify the impacts of administrative and clinical technologies on the healthcare industry since 1993 and the likely role of emergent technologies in the years ahead. High-level lessons learned and the impact of technology and market forces on the original recommendations will also be documented in the updated report.

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