

Appendix F: Values and Guiding Principles

The Kansas HIT/HIE Policy Initiative will articulate a path to improve the quality, safety and efficiency of health care in Kansas through the use of health information technology and information exchange. A *Roadmap* will be designed over the next year to realize key deliverables by focusing on the “what, when, why and who” – what action needs to occur, when does the action need to occur, why is the action necessary and who is required to complete the action.

Vision: To accelerate the adoption of health information technology and health information exchange to improve health care quality, increase patient safety, and improve efficiency.

To aid in the *Roadmap* development process, specific values and guiding principles have been identified as critical ingredients for success and will serve as the foundation for a long-term strategy:

1. CREATE ACHIEVABLE, ACTIONABLE AND PRACTICAL INITIATIVES
 - Develop and implement achievable, practical, and measurable initiatives to show early progress, value and momentum.
 - Foster collaboration, including public / private partnerships.
 - Provide solutions that address geographical or organizational issues.
2. ENABLE CONSUMER-FOCUS
 - Involve consumers in the development of governance and advisory structure as appropriate.
 - Provide consumers with meaningful information to assist them in making informed health care decisions.
 - Ensure health information security and privacy is protected.
 - Ensure that consumers retain the rights of access to their health information.
3. PROVIDE TECHNICAL BASIS FOR HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE
 - Ensure use of national standards and promote interoperability in all Kansas implementations of electronic health information exchange.
 - Ensure health information availability at the point of care for all providers and patients.
4. PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY
 - Develop and maintain a model for sustainability that aligns the costs with the benefits related to health information technology and health information exchange.
 - Create value for all participants.
5. ENCOURAGE CLINICAL DECISION SUPPORT AND QUALITY EVALUATION
 - Provide health care professionals with clinical decision support to enhance quality of care, reduce medical errors, reduce duplication, and foster adoption of recommended standards of care.
 - Collect and use scientifically valid data and information to assess the quality, performance, and cost of healthcare.
 - Use metrics to measure performance from the perspective of patient care, public health, provider and payer value, and overall economic value.
6. PROTECT AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH CARE RESEARCH
 - Enhance and facilitate the use of patient care data for appropriate public health disease surveillance, outbreak detection, trending, and health protection efforts.
 - Collect and use data and information for scientifically valid research and public health.
7. SUPPORT DATA STEWARDSHIP
 - Encourage data stewardship by individuals and organizations that utilize health information technology and generate personalized health data.