

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

This committee is responsible for developing recommendations for policies with respect to data sharing agreements, privacy and security, consumer protections and multi-state policy harmonization, including development of recommended statutory or regulatory changes.

Chairs: Matthew Stanford, WHA – Chair
Julie Bartels, WHIO, WISHIN Board Member – Co-Chair

Other WISHIN Board Members: Craig Samitt, MD
Denise Webb

Staff: Jean Doeringsfeld, WISHIN
Kim Drone, WISHIN

Frequency: Monthly (tentative)

Overall Committee Responsibilities:

- Provide support to the WISHIN Board of Directors.
- Engage stakeholders in the development of statewide HIE policy, statutes, and regulations.
- Lead workgroups associated with the committee.

Assignments:

1. Develop a work plan for policy-related activities that will guide the successful implementation of the statewide health information exchange network.
2. Identify key policy-related requirements that should be included in WISHIN's Phase II implementation plan and requests for proposals.
3. Guide the identification of liability risks to participants and WISHIN that are unique to participating in and operating a health information exchange network, and propose proactive measures WISHIN should take to address those risks.
4. Guide the development of trust agreements and other legal documents that will govern the participation in the statewide health information exchange network (i.e., business associate, data sharing, data use, and reciprocal services agreements).
5. Guide the development of WISHIN's internal policies related to the operations of the statewide health information exchange network. Particular focus shall be on privacy and security policies.
6. Monitor federal and state policies and laws relating to health information and health information exchange.
7. Guide the annual evaluation of WISHIN's policies and legal agreements related to operating a health information exchange network.
8. Facilitate the enactment of legislation and/or regulations that promotes broader health information exchange in Wisconsin.
9. Identify legal and policy challenges related to exchanging health information with federal health care delivery organizations (i.e., VA, DoD, IHS) and propose measures WISHIN should take to address those challenges.
10. Develop a plan for certifying regional HIEs, if needed.
11. Identify opportunities to collaboratively work with other advisory committees.