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Via teleconference

Minutes

Chairman Tanio called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Conway, Falcone, Kan, McLean, Montgomery, Petty, Schneider, and Weinstein.

ITEM 1.

ACTION: State-Designated HIE Designation Agreement with the Chesapeake Health Information System for Our Patients (CRISP)

David Sharp, Director of the Center for Health Information Technology, presented the State-Designated Health Information Exchange Designation Agreement with the Chesapeake Health Information System for Our Patients (CRISP). He noted that CRISP's Board had approved the agreement at its recent quarterly meeting. The agreement follows upon the 2009 Memorandum of Understanding with CRISP and continues the spirit of collaboration between CRISP and the MHCC. Commissioner Montgomery made a motion to approve the agreement, which was seconded by Commissioner McLean and unanimously approved.

ACTION: State-Designated HIE Designation Agreement with the Chesapeake Health Information System for Our Patients (CRISP) is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM 2.

Legislation Affecting MHCC

Ben Steffen, Executive Director, and Erin Dorrien, Program Manager, Governmental Relations and Special Projects, reviewed HB 934/SB 776 Task Force on the Use of Telehealth to Improve Maryland Health Care. This bill would establish a task force to study the use of Telehealth across the State, requiring the MHCC to staff the Task Force and report to the Governor and General Assembly in May 2014 and December 2014. Staff recommended that the Commission support this legislation with an amendment to require the Maryland Health Care Commission in conjunction with the Maryland Quality and Cost Council to reconvene the Telemedicine Task Force of 2010. This would continue the work of stakeholders rather than convening a new group as envisioned in the legislation as introduced. Commissioner McLean made a motion to approve the staff recommendation, which was seconded by Commissioner Montgomery, and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.