

Press Release

SHIEC – the Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative

National trade association for HIEs announces founding HIE members, names executive director and launches association website.

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The Strategic Health Information Exchange Collaborative (SHIEC), a not-for-profit national trade association of collaborative regional, state, and community-based health information exchanges (HIEs), has launched a website and named an Executive Director. The new website at www.strategichie.com, lists 19 founding member organizations, a summary of member services, applications for membership, and more. Robert (Bob) Steffel, former CEO of the HealthBridge of Cincinnati, has been named the Executive Director of SHIEC. “It is an honor to join SHIEC as its Executive Director,” Steffel said. “The founding members of SHIEC have created an organization that represents a unique alliance of diverse HIEs from across the country. These HIEs play a valuable role in enabling better care coordination and more complete patient records in the communities they serve.”

Dick Thompson, Executive Director of Quality Health Network in Grand Junction, Colorado, is the Board Chair of SHIEC. “The launch of the SHIEC website and appointment of an Executive Director mark new and important milestones since the organization’s incorporation in late 2014. Bob Steffel brings valuable HIE business experience to the organization and has already begun to bring value to our members” Thompson said. “The founding members of SHIEC include some of the more successful and sustainable HIEs in the nation. As our membership grows, we look forward to sharing best practices, promoting sustainable business models, offering opportunities for joint ventures, and increasing awareness of HIE perspective among public and private entities. SHIEC provides its members with the unique opportunity to gain economies of scale without losing their autonomy.” The HIE Founding Members of SHIEC are:

Health Information Exchange	City	ST
Arizona Health-e Connection	Phoenix	AZ
etHIN	Knoxville	TN
Greater Dayton Area Health Information Network	Dayton	OH
HealthConnections RHIO Central NY	Syracuse	NY
HEALTHeLINK - Western NY	Buffalo	NY
Healthix	New York	NY
HealthLINC	Bloomington	IN
HealthlinkNY	Binghamton	NY
HealthShare Exchange of SE Pennsylvania Inc	Philadelphia	PA
Indiana Health Information Exchange	Indianapolis	IN
Nebraska Health Information Initiative	Omaha	NE
NYU Langone Medical Center	New York	NY
Quality Health Network	Grand Junction	CO

Health Information Exchange	City	ST
<u>Rochester NY RHIO</u>	Rochester	NY
<u>Santa Cruz HIE</u>	Scotts Valley	CA
<u>Stony Brook University Hospital</u>	Stony Brook	NY
<u>The Health Collaborative (formerly HealthBridge)</u>	Cincinnati	OH
<u>Utah Health Information Network</u>	Murray	UT
<u>Western Connecticut Health Network</u>	Bethel	CT

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