

## Tuesday's Hot Topics

10:30 AM—12:00PM

[The Lab Interoperability Cooperative \(LIC\): Engaging and Empowering Hospital Laboratories and Public Health Agencies in Electronic Laboratory Reporting \(ELR\) for Meaningful Use](#)

[Informatics in the Lead: Advancing the Public Health Agenda in the e-Health Era](#)

[Implementation Experience with Automated Case Reporting Systems](#)

[Reportable Condition Mapping Table \(RCMT\)](#)

1:30 PM—3:00 PM

[The Public Health Laboratory Interoperability Project \(PHLIP\): A Collaborative Effort in Electronic Data Exchange](#)

[The Evolution of PHINMS: Electronic Data Transport for Public Health and Meaningful Use](#)

[Working towards Health IT Standards for Public Health Reporting: Public Health Laboratory Results Workgroup of the ONC S&I Framework](#)

3:30 PM—5:00 PM

[Regenstrief Institute—Notifiable Condition Detection System](#)

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# 2011 PHI Conference

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## Taking Center Stage Plenary Session

### Panel: Highlights from the ONC Regional Extension Centers and Beacon Communities Program

Health Information Technology (HIT) and HITECH activities stimulate innovation, process redesign, and provide health entities with much needed technical support. The Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for HIT has created programs to support HIT implementation efforts. The plenary featured the Beacon Communities Program and Regional Extension Centers (RECs). The Beacon awardees represent communities that have already made inroads in the development of secure, private, and accurate systems of electronic health record (EHR) adoption and health information exchange.

#### Moderator:

- \* James Daniel, Department of Health and Human Services, ONC

#### Panelists:

- \* Amanda Misiti, ONC
- \* Jac Davies, Beacon Community of the Inland Northwest
- \* Lacey Hart, SE Minnesota Beacon Community
- \* Daniel Jensen, SE Minnesota Beacon Community
- \* Anjum Khurshid, Crescent City Beacon Community
- \* Kimberly Lynch, Director of the REC Program, ONC



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## Wednesday Highlights

### Closing Plenary

Keynote Address—David Ross, ScD

Closing Remarks from the Conference Co-Sponsor—Lillian Shirley, BSN, MPH, MPA

### Sessions at a glance...

Meaningful Use Stage 1 ELR—Implementation Challenges and Tools  
PHIN Certification  
Extending HAN Beyond Emergency Response

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### PHIN Expands....

Monday's opening session included on-site and virtual attendees from all 50 states, several territories, and 38 countries. Public

health organizations, and vendors were also represented. For many, this was their first conference. The expanded vision and mission of PHIN is evident by the range of topics presented. See *New Public*

*Health's* article, "[Public Health Conference 2011 Kicks Off: What can we do with Technology?](#)"

## Conference Statistics

**Attendees:**

**1,020**

**Virtual Conference Attendees:**

**1,530**

**Mobile Page Views**

**3,748**

### Vendor Town Hall Meeting



The Vendor Town Hall Meeting provided an informal opportunity for federal, state and local public health (PH) agencies, academia, PH organizations, and vendors to convene. The discussion focused on what PH agencies and vendors could do differently and how federal agencies can help. Here's what was said:

"They (PH agencies) may have the money to purchase what you have to sell, but they may not have the staff to train on the systems."

"PH is left to their own devices to redevelop and recreate this thing at every level over and over again."

"We would like to see more CDC efforts advance: implementation guide templates, common content, standard vocabulary—some coordination at the state level—(there are) different interpreta-

tions of the requirements."

"Funds for the state level HIEs (are) managed from Medicaid, PH agencies, or non-profits. Some HIT Coordinators at the state level are Medicaid people."

"The nature of silo funding of PH reporting... is a big problem. The silos are all across the board and not just PH agencies, but (are also) in Medicare and Medicaid."

Overall, attendees felt the meeting was a good opportunity to share issues and challenges and discuss opportunities for solutions. Attendees did indicate that they "want to see action."

### Quote of the Day...

"One of the things you have to remember is no matter who you are, most of the smart people in the world don't work for you. If you want change to happen, Park said, don't try to do it yourself – open up the data and the opportunity to innovate." Todd Park



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