

Telemedicine Taskforce Update

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Summer and Fall Activities

- Co-chairs Drs. Eric Aldrich and Barney Stern led group of stakeholders
- Stakeholders primarily focused on stroke
- Report for Quality Council produced, including comprehensive recommendations for a stroke telemedicine system in Maryland

New Direction for Telemedicine

- Secretary of DHMH proposed two state agencies, MIEMMS and MHCC, direct a broader telemedicine initiative, to include other specialty needs in addition to stroke, via use of three advisory groups: clinical, technical, and financial
- Stroke telemedicine stakeholders to continue to participate in self-selected advisory group(s)
- Mechanism established to coordinate with telemedicine work of Maryland Rural Health Association and Rural Maryland Council

Clinical Advisory Group

- Dr. Robert Bass, Chair
- To define clinical areas of need
- To include physicians with specific disease area expertise
- To include Chief Medical Officers, MedChi, and MHA
- To be convened late winter or spring 2011

Technical Solutions and Standards Advisory Group

- Dr. David Sharp, Chair
- To define technical systems and statewide standards
- To include CIOs, Dept. of Information Technology, CRISP, and Health Insurance Exchange representatives
- To be convened after legislative session in spring, 2011

Financial and Business Model Advisory Group

- Dr. Rex Cowdry, Chair
- To define reimbursement requirements and financial support for system
- To include Payers, Hospital representatives, and CFO's
- To be convened after legislative session, spring, 2011

Timetable

- Clinical Advisory Group work to precede work of Technical Solutions and Financial groups.
- Quarterly updates to Quality and Cost Council
- Final Report to Council, then to Governor by December, 2011