

HARK PRIVACY WORKGROUP

February 26, 2002

The HARK Privacy Workgroup was held at Blue Cross/Blue Shield's Polk Auditorium in Topeka, KS. The meeting started at 10:00 a.m. and concluded by 2:30 p.m. There were 36 attendees from various health care organizations and state agencies.

Purpose of the HARK Privacy Workgroup:

To share information and foster collaboration among organizations that will be impacted by HIPAA.

The co-chairpersons for the HIPAA Privacy Workgroup include:

Brenda Olson, Great Plains Health Alliance
Debra Hanks, Berlin-Wheeler
Randi Thimesch, Foresight E-Solutions
Ruth Cornwall, Kansas Medical Society
Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association

Sub-Committees:

There was a consensus from the attendees to break into smaller sub-committees to discuss HIPAA implications and strategies. The attendees split into four sub-committees: hospitals, physicians, payors and state agencies. Each sub-committee discussed issues regarding HIPAA and created a "to do" list for the next meeting. Before the next meeting, the sub-committee members will research and gather information to discuss at the next meeting.

Issues:

Hospitals:

- Gap Analysis
- Minimum Necessary
- Notice of Consent

Physicians:

- Individual Issues
- State Law Preemption
- Gap Analysis
- Education & Training

Payors:

- Disclosure
- State Law Preemption

State Agencies:

- Contracts
- Gap Analysis
- Confidentiality Statements

- Consent Forms
- Staff Training

Next Meeting:

The HARK HIPAA Privacy Group has scheduled a meeting for **April 16, 2002** at the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Polk Auditorium (located at 1234 Polk, Topeka - please park across the street from Polk Auditorium).