

Kentucky Public Health Association
RESOLUTION #4-2006

Kentucky's Health Information Infrastructure

WHEREAS, the development of a statewide interoperable health information infrastructure is critical to improving the access, safety and quality of health care for the people of Kentucky and in helping address the rising cost of health care; and

WHEREAS, the public health information network is the keystone to protecting the public's health, particularly in the vital responsibility for early event detection through community electronic health event surveillance; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has undertaken the National Health Information Infrastructure initiative supported by the President's Executive Order 13335 and led by the Department for Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's Governor and General Assembly have enacted Senate Bill 2 in support of the establishment of Kentucky's e-Health Network; and

WHEREAS, the development of Kentucky's e-Health Network requires extensive collaboration among all stakeholder in the public and private sectors to achieve interoperability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kentucky Public Health Association calls upon the associations, groups and individuals representing the public and private sectors of the health care delivery and financing systems to encourage participation among their members in collaborative efforts to build an effective and efficient interoperable health information exchange infrastructure in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kentucky Public Health Association calls upon all local public health agencies, their boards, administrators and staffs to actively participate in the collaboration of public and private stakeholders in developing Kentucky's health information infrastructure and to give high priority to adopting electronic health records, building on the existing electronic public health record system, including health event surveillance and immunization and disease registries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kentucky Public Health Association calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor to support and help fund the collaboration among public and private stakeholders necessary to build an effective and efficient interoperable health information exchange infrastructure in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kentucky Public Health Association calls upon the General Assembly and the Governor to support and adequately fund the adoption of an interoperable electronic health record system and infrastructure to enable the state's public health and health care agencies and facilities to fully participate in Kentucky's e-Health Network; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, the Commissioner of the Department for Public Health, the Chamber of Commerce, the Kentucky Medical Association, the Kentucky Nurses Association, the Kentucky Pharmacy Association, the Kentucky Hospital Association, the Kentucky Association of Health Plans and all members of the General Assembly.

This resolution was approved by the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Public Health Association this 11th day of January, 2006.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald I. Calitri". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Donald I. Calitri, Ed.D., President
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