Shared Vision for Health Care in Texas Project

Information Technology Workgroup
Purpose of IT Workgroup

- To support the components of the Shared Vision (RAISE)
- Support the needs of other Shared Vision Workgroups
- Develop pilot project(s) to test assumptions
Supporting Factors

- Technology is largely available
- Standards for electronic health records are beginning to emerge
- Physicians and hospitals are beginning to accept use of IT for clinical purposes
Hurdles

- Most care still developed in relatively technology-deprived environments (physician offices)
- Competitors do not have incentive to cooperate
- Variety of installed systems
Support for Shared Vision

- Delivery Systems Planning
- Workforce Planning
- Finance and Policy Decisions
- Community and Public Health
- Rural Health Delivery
Questions to Help Determine IT Pilot

- What are the top priorities for IT investments to support the state?
- What should a portable health record for regional health systems look like?
- How and where should we use telemedicine?
- What sorts of statewide governance structures do we need?
Ideal Pilot Projects

- Directly impacts goals of Shared Vision and “RAISE”
- Can be implemented in a reasonable period of time
- Has measurable outcomes
- Meets goals of federal agenda
- Has funding sources
- Other?
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