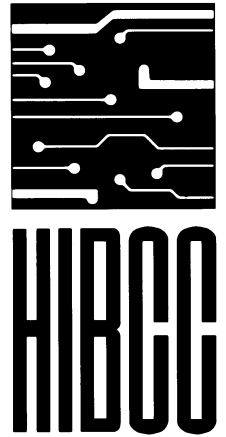


**HIN User Group Meeting Minutes  
December 7, 2006  
Phoenix, AZ**



**Introductions**

The HIN user group, chaired by Doug Clark met on December 7, 2006 at 9:00 am. Attendees included Cara Saldajeno (Amgen), Joyce Metzger (Billian Publishing), Kristen Feustel and Kurt Budke (Henry Schein), Robin Isaacson and George Mason (WL Gore), Traci Dolga and Karen Lowery (Wyeth), Madaline Palla (AHI), Ron Berkley, Josh Wall and John Bisacca (Covansys) and Traci MacGillivray (HIBCC).

After introductions, the minutes from the January 2006 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Year End HIN Processing Summary**

2006 was a record year in terms of New HIN Subscriber enrollment and request processing numbers.

HIBCC Staff processed **299,990** records year to date. The request details are as follows:

- 101,887 records were cross-referenced as part of ICL's;
- 9,295 Hospital records were re-identified to include department descriptions on the name line;
- 5,984 Dentist records were verified as part of a special project;
- 68,228 Animal Health updates; and
- 114,596 requests were worked via normal processing.

HIBCC has completed approximately 30,000 requests for the hospital-renaming project, leaving 5,000 left to process. Anticipated completion date is the end of the first quarter of 2007.

**Year End HIN Processing Statistics**

In the period January 1, 2006 through December 1, 2006:

Source	HIN Requests	Assignments	Cross-References	Cancels
Human Health	52,711	22,584	14,539	14,118
AHI Project	61,885	40,154	9,475	12,198
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,596</b>	<b>62,738</b>	<b>24,014</b>	<b>26,316</b>

The HIN distribution and weekly update processes were reviewed. The latest HIN distribution was made on November 11, 2006, and it was noted that the HIN weekly updates are now posted at a new location on the iHIN site.

**Position statement re: Prescriber merge**

The need for a full merge was discussed. The group now feels the better approach may be to continue to allow doctors to be enumerated as separate facilities, and individual subscribers will need to appropriately process any perceived redundancies for their own needs.

#### **Enumeration of Bill-to Addresses including PO Boxes**

Several subscribers are requesting that Bill-to's including related PO Boxes be enumerated. Possible solutions include allowing a location be established under a Base Entity's HIN with an Activity code of Bill-to pointing to the alternate address. The best approach will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **Identification of Pre-certification HIN requests**

Subscribers may submit HIN requests as "address verified". The user group would like to review the benefit of a flag's being established to identify which records have been HIBCC verified, Subscriber verified, or "Unable to Verify" which would be useful for processing PO Boxes as described above for Bill-to identification.

#### **Review of HIN naming standards**

Name elements such as store numbers are currently removed when processing HIN requests. The user group requests Store numbers and similar identifiers be allowed in the facility name as their inclusion can help with individual facility identification.

#### **Re-Identification of HIN hospital records**

Department names will be included on the name line of Hospital Records. This project is approximately 85% complete. This process is expected to be finished by the end of the first quarter of 2007.

#### **HIN User Training**

Traci MacGillivray of HIBCC provided training for the use of the HIN. The program was very well received, and training documents will be made available via the HIBCC Web site.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held May 2007 in Austin, TX. Topics will include the continuation of the implementation of Bill-to identification, Review of the naming standard, determining the need for the establishment of a verification flag, and finalization of the disposition of the prescriber database merge.