



Historical Milestones 2004-2013

Acronyms Key

CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

HIE – Health Information Exchange

HRSA – Health Resources and Services Administration

MHIC – Maine Health Information Center

MHINT - Maine Health Information Network Technology Project

ONC – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

OSC – Office of the State Coordinator for Health Information Technology

REC – Regional Extension Center

SAMHSA – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

2004

- MHINT (which would become HealthInfoNet) began at the MHIC. This feasibility study resulted in the initial business plan for HealthInfoNet
- Initial funding provided by Maine Health Access Foundation, Maine Quality Forum, Maine CDC, and the MHIC

2005

- Feasibility study completed and implementation began
- HIE design and vendor review began
- MHINT identified in Maine State Health Plan

2006

- First HealthInfoNet Board of Directors meeting held
- MHINT renamed to HealthInfoNet and established as independent non-profit organization
- Funding received from Maine's four largest healthcare delivery systems, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield and Key Bank as well as \$1 million match grant from the Maine Health Access Foundation
- Devore S. Culver hired as Executive Director
- Consumer Advisory Committee established
- Consumer focus groups and interviews conducted
- Employee Count: 1

2007

- Central data repository model selected for HIE database
- HIE vendors selected and system build-out started
- All four large delivery systems commit to participate in HIE
- Employee Count: 2

2008

- Maine CDC contract started – reporting on 30 mandated diseases
- Opt-out patient consent for general medical information adopted and implemented
- Consumer education started in demonstration sites
- Employee Count: 4

2009

- HIE go-live started, termed a 24-month Demonstration Project
- Demonstration sites (Central Maine Healthcare, Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, Franklin Memorial Hospital, MaineGeneral Health, MaineHealth and Martin's Point Health Care) began sending patient demographic data to HIE
- 1500 clinical users trained to use HIE
- OSC established within Maine State government
- Employee Count: 5
- Hospitals and ambulatory sites connected: 84

2010

- HealthInfoNet identified as state's designated statewide HIE in Governor's Executive Order
- ONC HIE grant awarded to the OSC with HealthInfoNet as primary implementation contractor
- REC grant awarded to HealthInfoNet
- Bangor Beacon Community grant awarded to Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems
- HealthInfoNet Demonstration Project completed and statewide operation begins
- Employee Count: 13
- Hospitals and ambulatory sites connected: 85

2011

- Legislation passed to include behavioral health and HIV data in HIE with patient consent
- 1,000 providers enrolled in REC
- Immunization data added to the HIE database
- Employee Count: 15
- Hospitals and ambulatory sites connected: 212

2012

- One-year contract with SAMHSA awarded to HealthInfoNet to support expanded connection of behavioral health providers to general medical providers via the HIE
- Care manager emergency room and hospital admission/discharge notifications added to HIE
- Demonstration effort with HBI Solutions to test use of HIE clinical data for real time reporting for risk analysis and patient care management started
- Data warehouse architecture built for HealthInfoNet
- Employee Count: 17
- Hospitals and ambulatory sites connected: 317

2013

- Adopted Blue Button strategy for patient access to the HIE from within provider patient portals
- First behavioral health facilities connected
- State Innovations Model Testing Grant awarded to the State of Maine with HealthInfoNet named as one of three primary sub-contractor partners
- HRSA grant to connect HIE to the Veterans Administration awarded
- HealthInfoNet and HBI Solutions develop reporting and analytics offering
- Policy for clinical data use and access adopted
- Employee Count: 23
- Hospitals and ambulatory sites connected: 437