

**Missouri Office of Health Information Technology (MO-HITECH)**  
**Missouri Health Information Organization Board of Directors – Nomination Form**

**Overview**

The Missouri Health Information Organization (HIO) will be a Missouri nonprofit corporation with the mission to support and facilitate statewide health information exchange (HIE) to:

- Improve the quality of medical decision-making and the coordination of care;
- Provide accountability in safeguarding the privacy and security of medical information;
- Reduce preventable medical errors and avoid duplication of treatment;
- Improve the public health;
- Enhance the affordability and value of health care; and
- Empower Missourians to take a more active role in their own health care.

The Organization is being formed as the result of a collaborative consensus-building effort to develop a statewide strategy for HIE in Missouri that began in the Summer of 2009. Following the passage of the HITECH Act, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon signed Executive Order 09-27, creating the Missouri Office of Health Information Technology (MO-HITECH); MO-HITECH and the State of Missouri have since worked collaboratively with stakeholders to develop Strategic and Operational Plans to support statewide HIE.

To achieve its mission, the Missouri HIO will oversee the following strategic functions:

- Define clear and consistent goals for the organization;
- Act as the agent for distribution of state and federal funds for statewide HIE development;
- Ensure the availability of statewide technology services;
- Coordinate with Missouri's Regional Extension Center;
- Establish a business model for the organization so that it may be sustainable and self-financing; and
- Ensure compliance, enforce policies, and resolved disputes relating to participation in the organization (in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations).

**Nominating Process & Board Overview**

MO-HITECH is seeking nominations of persons to serve on the Missouri HIO Board of Directors (the "Board"). A Nominating Committee of knowledgeable stakeholders has been convened by the MO-HITECH Governance Workgroup Co-Chairs, Steve Roling, President & CEO, Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, and Ronald Levy, Director, Missouri Department of Social Services and Health IT Coordinator for the State of Missouri, to oversee the nominating process for the Board.

As described in the draft Bylaws<sup>1</sup> of the Missouri HIO, the Board will initially consist of thirteen Directors, including two ex-officio Directors (Directors of the Department of Social Services and the Department of Health and Senior Services). The initial term of the Board will be one year and thereafter Directors will be evenly divided into three classes of one, two, and three year terms. No Director, excluding ex-officio Directors, shall serve more than two consecutive terms, excluding any term less than three years. Directors elected for the initial term of the Board will not be precluded from future service on the Board.

**Nomination Criteria**

As described in the draft Bylaws of the Missouri HIO, the Board should be broadly representative of Missourians and exhibit ethnic, cultural, geographic, racial, and gender diversity; at all times providers and consumer advocates must be represented on the Board.

Board members will be selected based upon leadership experience, background, and ability to oversee the start-up of the new organization and implement the Strategic and Operational Plans; perspective and knowledge of HIE; and diversity and balance among multiple stakeholder categories.

Nominations should include business, industry, and health care thought leaders, representing: health care providers, including physicians, health systems and hospitals, public health, behavioral and mental health, and safety net providers; consumer advocates and patients; employers and insurers; legal and health IT experts; and other current and future stakeholders in Missouri's health care delivery system.

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<sup>1</sup> The draft Bylaws will be finalized before the election of the Board; the draft Bylaws are available online at <http://dss.mo.gov/hie/leadership/governance/meetings.shtml>.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate the following person to serve on the Missouri HIO Board of Directors:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code &/or County of Personal Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a description of how this nominee could provide value to the Board of Directors and meet Board nomination criteria. Please provide the nominee's CV or resume.

To ensure consideration, nominations must be received by Charlotte Krebs at [ckrebs@primaris.org](mailto:ckrebs@primaris.org) or 573 424-9174 by April 23, 2010 at 5:00 pm CDT. Nominations will continue to be accepted until the full Board is assembled.