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NMN Board
Meeting.....Apr. 3

INK Call.....Apr. 10

CHP IT Strategic
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Meaningful Use Spurs Increased Use of Handheld Devices

Clinicians may like using handheld devices for a myriad of reasons, but one big driving force behind their soaring popularity is the Meaningful Use incentive program, *CMIO* recently reported.

That's the scoop from a recent report published by Kalorama Information, which noted that the market for the devices has "exploded." According to the report, the market for handhelds reached \$11 billion globally in 2011, a 10 percent increase from 2007. The fastest growth was in devices used to enter and report patient data, which researchers conclude is a sign that the need for clinicians to demonstrate Meaningful Use is affecting the market.

"Meaningful use of [electronic medical records] means meaningful use of handhelds, as the patient-centered nature of healthcare work doesn't merit a lot of desk time," Bruce Carlson, Kalorama's publisher in a statement obtained by *FierceEMR*.

The report notes that EHRs and Meaningful Use are not the only drivers boosting the use of handheld devices. Other reasons cited included the increase in offsite medical care, cost restraints, and the expanding capabilities of the devices.

To learn more: www.fierceemr.com

Message from the Director.....

Jackie Moen

Spring activities are on a roll at the Network! We engaged four of our five members in the IT Strategic Planning process. Their teams focused on prioritizing, implementing and tracking health IT projects for the next two years at their health centers. They identified project “owners” and learned to use the SharePoint tool to manage project communications. Our final strategic planning session will be held with Community Health Partnership of Illinois on April 13th.

We recently sponsored the Network’s quarterly quality improvement team meeting the end of March. Twelve people gathered in Duluth to review each health center’s form content, encounter types, workflows and documentation strategies. They discussed form needs for multiple reporting initiatives, including Meaningful Use, MN Community Measures, Quality Improvement, UDS and Patient Centered Medical Home.

EHR system implementation continues this month with Community Health Partnership of Illinois. We were on-site in Aurora, IL recently and completed EHR key decision training and functionality overview. Members of the EHR Core Team are pictured below, working on “key decisions” to set-up their EHR system!



This Month's Technology Tips

By Kyle Gilbertson

Accepting an Invite

You can see the Invite come into your Inbox in Outlook



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Test Invite

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You will see a Calendar icon, who sent it, what the meeting is subject is, and when you received the invite

When you open the invite you can see all of the details

Who the Invite is From

Who is Required for the Appointment

Who is Optional

What the Subject is

The Location of the Meeting

When the Meeting is

A snapshot of your calendar around the proposed time

You have several options of what you can do with the Invite

You can Accept it as proposed

You can Tentatively Accept it, not 100% if you will make it

Decline

Propose New Time

Respond

All of the options have a Drop-Down Arrow with more Options

The Accept, Tentative, and Decline all have the option to: Edit Response before Sending, Send the Response Now, or Do Not Send a Response

Propose a New Time as the option to: Tentative and Propose a New Time, Decline and Propose a New Time

Respond has several different options: Reply, Reply All, Forward, Forward as Attachment

Once you have chosen the Option that want, the Invite will be deleted from your Inbox and appointment will be added to your calendar, if accepted



Spring is in The Air...and Babies Too!

The Northern Minnesota Network surprised our analyst, Leah Klobucher, with a Baby Shower last week! Thirteen people gathered at Fitger's Hotel in Duluth to celebrate the anticipated arrival of Leah and Jason's bundle of joy in May. We know it's a girl but Leah hasn't shared the name just yet!

The group enjoyed traditional shower games, fellowship, food and beverages while "showering" Leah and baby with delightful gifts. This baby will truly have many "adopted" aunts and uncles!

Special thanks to Nancy Mault for the creative shower games, Kim Bowker for the "diaper cake" and Alayna Alexson for keeping the shower a true surprise for her "big sister."

Our best wishes go out to the Klobucher family!!



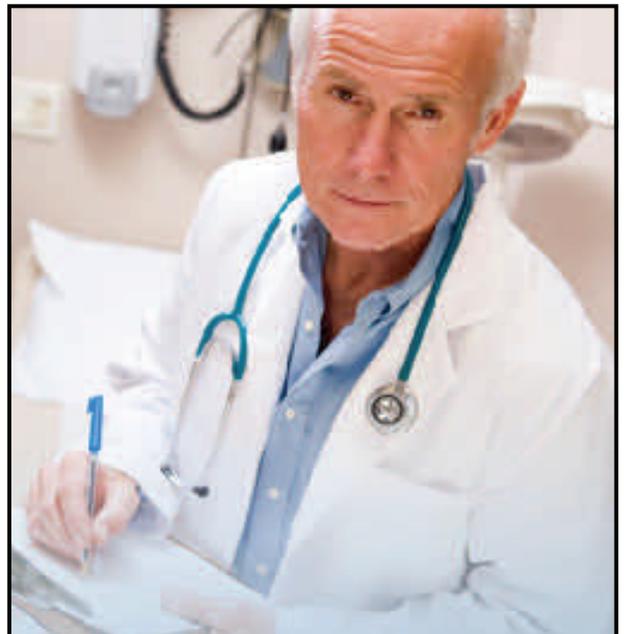
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and tutorials**

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Minnesota's Uninsured Rate Remains High

The percentage of Minnesotans without health insurance did not show improvements nearly two years after the official end of the economic recession.

Minnesota's uninsured rate in 2011 was 9.1 percent, which is unchanged compared to 2009, according to a new study by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

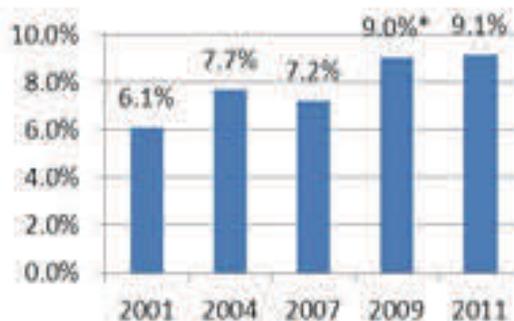
During the last decade, Minnesota's uninsured rate has trended upward from 6.1 percent in 2001. Minnesota saw its uninsured rate jump from 7.2 percent in 2007 to 9 percent in 2009, largely because of the impact of an economic downturn. An estimated 490,000 Minnesotans were uninsured in 2011, compared to 480,000 Minnesotans in 2009, and 374,000 in 2007. Researchers estimate that approximately 70,000 children were without health coverage in 2011.

"This report indicates that we have not recovered from the losses in health insurance coverage that we sustained subsequent to the Great Recession," said Dr. Ed Ehlinger, Minnesota Commissioner of Health. "It is also clear that the cost of insurance is a barrier to coverage. We absolutely must redouble our efforts focused on disease prevention, public health, and payment reform so that health coverage becomes more affordable for Minnesotans."

To read this full article visit:

www.health.state.mn.us.com

MN Rate of Uninsured



2012 Minnesota Rural Health Conference

June 25-26

Duluth, MN

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/

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www.migranthealthservice.org

Moorhead 218-236-6502

Grafton 701-352-4565

Rochester 507-529-0503

Willmar 320-214-7286

Sawtooth Mountain Clinic

www.sawtoothmountainclinci.org

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Grand Portage 218-475-2235

Tofte 218-663-7263

Cook Area Health Services dba

Scenic Rivers Health Services

www.scenicrivershealthservices.org

All SRHS Clinics can be reached Toll Free at 877-541-2817

Bigfork, Big Falls, Cook, Floodwood and Northome

Lake Superior Community

Health Center

www.lschc.org

Duluth 218-722-1497

Superior 715-392-1955

Community Health Partnership of Illinois

www.chpofil.org

Aurora 630-859-0015

Hoopeston 217-283-5523

Kankakee 815-932-6045

Mendota 815-539-6124

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