Summary: Minnesota e-Health Bridging Information and Care Work Group Meeting

Meeting Date: March 13, 2026

The Bridging Information and Care Work Group meeting included 23 participants with co-chairs Steve Johnson and Laura Topor.

Meeting objectives

- Review methodology and discuss use case survey results
- Select priority use cases to move forward
- Learn about past interoperability efforts in Minnesota

Welcome and agenda (slides 1-5)

Work group members were welcomed, land acknowledgement read, and meeting logistics reviewed. Co-chair Steve Johnson reviewed the agenda and work group activities and progress update.

Use case rating survey results and prioritization (slides 6-31)

Co-Chair Laura Topor reviewed the methodology for prioritizing use cases and walked through the results from the use case rating survey.

Co-chair Steve Johnson walked through the use case rating survey results including scatter plots, bar charts and a table that illustrated the impact and effort ratings for each use case. All but one use case was in the "Major projects" quadrant of the priority matrix. These use cases had high impact and high effort.

Both co-chairs led the discussion on how to select priority use cases for which to develop recommendations. An initial suggestion by the co-chairs was to consider grouping some of the use cases together that were clustered in the survey results. In particular, the three similar use cases (2, 3, 9) that were rated as having the highest impact and three use cases (6, 7, 8) rated as having the least effort in the survey results.

Expanded/enhanced bi-directional exchange use cases:
- UC02 - LTPAC & hospitals- bi-directional for transitions
- UC03 - Useable format for transitions bi-directional
- UC09 - Bi-directional exchange regardless of EHR

Public health uses cases:
- UC06 - TBI/SCI data to MDH using HIO
- UC07 - Newborn Screening- test orders & results to MDH Public Health Lab using HIO
- UC08 - Infectious Disease- test orders & results to MDH Public Health Lab using HIO

There was general agreement on focused action on the two clusters of use cases due to the following reasons:

- The two clusters will generate different types of recommendations. One group is already in process and needs more encouragement while the other is new and doesn't have a clear path forward.
- These use cases affect the largest number of people and can be seen as a building block that makes the next steps easier for other use cases.

Recommendations for the use cases not in one of these clusters may still be addressed by the work group, but the priority will be on the two clusters.

The work group reviewed the survey's comments about the cluster use cases to consider what kinds of actions and potential levers could be proposed.

Prior Minnesota interoperability efforts (slides 32-35)

Anne Schloegel (MDH) provided a high-level overview of Minnesota interoperability efforts since 2004, including legislative and other policy, funding, legislative studies and task forces.

Looking ahead and next steps (slides 36-39)

The co-chairs shared a preview of the next meeting which will be on April 17, 2026.

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