

**Mission:**

The Finance Workgroup has been chartered to evaluate existing HIE financial models, make recommendations for a financial model that will achieve long term HIE sustainability for the State of Alabama, and provide input for TFQ grant-related budget activities.

**Scope and Boundaries:**

- Assist in the preparation of the RFI that includes technological costs and benefits thereof.
- Identify costs present in current system of health information exchange in Alabama
- Review existing financial models of operational HIEs
- Review cost information for cross-section of local and national HIE's.
- Identify potential savings associated with HIE (ROI)
- Barriers that may exist to identifying the cost and measurable financial savings through HIE
- Collaborate with the other Workgroups to provide relevant financial information to clarify the costs and benefits of HIE
- Provide additional financial advisory resources to the TFQ project management

The Finance Workgroup will **NOT** focus on:

- Identification of the clinical outcomes associated with data exchange
- Incorporating financial information into data exchange
- Technical infrastructure upon which data exchange could be built
- Resolution to privacy and security issues in compliance with HIPAA; the assigned workgroup will provide direction
- Vendor solution recommendations

**Constraints:**

- Privacy/HIPAA Issues/Inter agency sharing (Policy & Privacy WGs)
- Trust – This will be improved if we can increase transparency
- State vendor list needs to be completed
- Agency streamlining (or lack of it) relative to development of the PDH may hinder process.

**High-Level Timeline/Action Plan through October, 2008 (UPDATED as Needed):**

Action/Milestone	Deliverable (if applicable)	Completion Date (target)	Comments
Identify key data to track			

Need to identify outcome measures; gather data to establish economic baselines		April 2007	
RFI review, issuance, evaluation	RFI review and document	February through April 2007	
ITB –P O Award process			ALMA

**Workgroup Membership:**

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**Other Notes:**

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