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### **Appointment of the PHDSC Executive Director**

On March 10, the PHDSC Board of Directors unanimously approved the appointment of **Dr. Anna Orlova** as full-time Executive Director. Dr. Orlova has served in this position in a consulting capacity since 2003. Dr. Orlova also holds faculty positions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and School of Medicine and University of Massachusetts, Amherst, School of Public Health and Health Sciences.

### **PHDSC Nominations for National Governors Association's Taskforce on Privacy, Security & Health Care Practice Issues**

The National Governors Association sought nominations for membership on the Taskforce on Privacy, Security & Health Care Practice Issues. This Task Force will examine regulatory and legal issues relative to maintaining appropriate privacy and security



protections while facilitating appropriate interoperable exchange of electronic health information and the impact of these issues on health care practices.

PHDSC nominated **Ms. Vicki Hohner**, Fox Systems, and **Dr. David Lawton**, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Co-chairs of the PHDSC Privacy, Security and Data Exchange Committee for membership on the Task Force.

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### **PHDSC Webinar: PRISM – A Toolkit for Public Health Professionals**

[PRISM](#) is a web-based tool that presents a convenient and useful way to organize and understand the basic legal privacy requirements for identifiable health information use and disclosure. It provides guidance for government health programs in applying state and federal privacy requirements to their programs and functions, but is useful for other health entities as well. This interactive webinar offers a demonstration of the PRISM tool, a description of its structure and features, how to navigate the tool and ways to utilize it to address specific needs.

This webinar will be held on **Monday, April 21, 2008 from 2:00-3:30pm EST.**

Please see details below for the Webinar:

Meeting URL: <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/cdc/join>

Meeting ID: DGN2C3

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Participant Code: 8888633

For more information, please contact Hetty Khan at [hdk1@cdc.gov](mailto:hdk1@cdc.gov)

### **Upcoming PHDSC Events**

**Tuesday, March 18**  
PHI Training Initiative Group  
Conference Call, 1-3pm EST

**Wednesday, March 26**  
Source of Payment Typology  
Webinar, 1-2:20pm EST

### **PHDSC Position Statement on External Cause of Injury Coding Improvement**

**On March 10, 2008, PHDSC released the Position Statement on Improving External Cause Coding in Hospital Discharge Data.**

External Cause of Injury Codes describe the mechanism or external cause of injury in hospital and other healthcare data. They also are used in mortality data.

WECCI, the Workgroup for External Cause Coding Improvement, is

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, March 31</b> Privacy, Security &amp; Data Exchange Conference Call, 1-2pm EST</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, April 1</b> PHI Training Group Conference Call, 1-3pm EST</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, April 7</b> Professional Education Committee Conference Call, 1-3pm EST</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, April 14</b> Board of Directors Conference Call, 2-3:30pm EST</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, April 21</b> PRISM Webinar, 3:30pm EST</p>	<p>promoting the improvement of external cause coding in hospital discharge and emergency room data to encourage action by federal and state healthcare agencies to assist in improving external cause of injury coding. Improved external cause of injury coding helps planners identify and address issues involving patient safety, elderly falls, motor vehicle crashes, suicide attempts and other injuries that present a significant economic and population health burden to the health care system. WECCI is requesting support from other organizations to help promote the external cause of injury coding in hospital data systems.</p> <p>The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) has developed a Position Statement on External Cause of Injury Coding Improvement. The American Public Health Association (APHA), the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) have been developing Position Statements as well.</p> <p>PHDSC joins these organizations to help promote the external cause of injury coding in hospital data systems.</p> <p>Please contact Ms. Starla Ledbetter, Co-Chair of the PHDSC Data Standards Committee at <a href="mailto:sledbett@oshpd.ca.gov">sledbett@oshpd.ca.gov</a> for more information on the PHDSC activity at WECCI.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Member News</u></b></p> <p>The number one priority of the <b>North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, Inc. (NAACCR)</b>, a professional organization that promotes uniform data standards for cancer registration, is to achieve syntactic and semantic interoperability of cancer registration standards with national standards. A number of NAACCR work groups (WG) are addressing this area including the Pathology Data WG which has developed an HL7 Version 2.3.1 implementation guide for pathology reports and an associated conformance profile using the HL7 Messaging Workbench tool (<a href="http://www.naacr.org/standards/volumev">www.naacr.org/standards/volumev</a>).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PHDSC Webinar: Source of Payment Typology</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">PHDSC Source of Payment Typology Sub-Committee</a>, with the help of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Health Statistics, will host a web informational forum (webinar) on their Source of Payment Typology on <b>March 26, 2008, 1:00-2:30pm EST</b>.</p> <p>The PHDSC Source of Payment Typology has been approved by Accredited Standards Committee X12 (<a href="#">ASC X12</a>) to be referenced as an external code source within the transaction standards and is now recognized as a national standard. It enables public health agencies and researchers to compare payment data across jurisdictions, data collection initiatives and different types of providers. This classification system augments the internal code set maintained by the ASC X12.</p> <p>Please see details below for the Webinar:</p> <p>Subject: PHDSC Payer Type Subcommittee - Webinar Meeting URL: <a href="https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/cdc/join">https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/cdc/join</a></p>

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Please submit comments & suggestions to Megha Parikh at [mparikh@jhsph.edu](mailto:mparikh@jhsph.edu).

## Facilitating Standardization of Health Information Exchanges Between Clinical Care and Public Health

PHDSC has been invited by the [Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise \(IHE\)](#) to start a Public Health Domain at IHE. PHDSC and IHE will collaborate to enable interoperability across clinical and public health enterprises.

As the first activity at IHE, the PHDSC has formed a Task Force of public health, clinical and information technology experts to develop a White Paper: [Building a Roadmap for Health Information Systems Interoperability for Public Health](#). The objective of the White Paper is to engage the public health community in a dialogue with HIT vendors to assure that the work processes and data needs of public health stakeholders are communicated to the developers of the interoperable clinical Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems and Public Health information systems (EHR-PH Systems). This White Paper may serve as a framing document for the creation of the Public Health Domain at IHE.

The public review period for the White Paper ended on January 19, 2008. PHDSC received many supportive and helpful comments. The anticipated date for the release of the White Paper is April 2008.

For more information about the PHDSC-IHE Public Health Task Force, please contact Dr. Anna Orlova, PHDSC Executive Director at [aorlova@jhsph.edu](mailto:aorlova@jhsph.edu).