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California Health and Human Services
Data Framework Stakeholder Advisory Group
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VIA EMAIL: CDII@chhs.ca.gov

RE: IEHIE Letter of Support

Dear Stakeholder Advisory Group,

We are writing to share our success with the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange (IEHIE) and encourage your consideration as you build the first-ever, statewide Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework.

Our Inland Empire Health Information Exchange (IEHIE)--which later merged with Cal INDEX to create Manifest Medex (MX)--already developed such an information exchange infrastructure in 2012. IEHIE connected nearly every hospital in our area, compiling data into one central repository that is accessible to each patient and all of their providers. The near-universal participation in the HIE in our community was critical to its success. It has ensured that if a patient sees multiple providers or receives care at multiple hospitals in our region, their invaluable health data goes with them.

Ours is a roadmap for success, and it is incumbent upon stakeholders to find a structure that works for the entire state. Based on our success, there are three key steps the state must take to reach that goal:

(1.) Stakeholders and the state must define the data sharing mandate, and what it practically means for the organizations required to share data. (2.) We need a financing plan that ensures an ongoing source of funding to build out the state's health information exchange infrastructure and support smaller provider practices with the IT resources they need. (3.) We must ensure accountability. State leaders must make certain the stakeholder advisory group process remains transparent to the public, so that in the end, the data sharing mandate has a real impact.

We can no longer wait to improve the way we serve our most vulnerable populations. For the health of individual patients, entire communities, and our state as a whole, it is critical that we seize the moment and think big. There is no time to waste.

We would like to engage with you further on this topic. If you have any questions, or if IEHIO can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to reach out to any of the following below: Jarrod McNaughton at (909) 890-2010 or by email at Mcnaughton-J@iehp.org; Dolores Green at (951) 686-3342 or by email at dgreen@rcmadocs.org or Alison Elsner at (909) 273-6000 x103 or by email at aelsner@sbcms.org.

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