

HealthIE Nevada Town Halls

HealthIE Nevada hosted three Town Halls throughout the state in January 2014. Community members in Las Vegas, Carson City and Reno were invited to learn about HealthIE Nevada and the Health Information Exchange (HIE) through presentations on the past, present and future. The Town Halls also featured live testimonials from providers with first-hand experience with the exchange.

Among the many guest speakers were [Dr. David Winkler](#) of Steinberg Diagnostics, [Chris Folsom](#) of Gastroenterology Consultants and [Tina Drago](#) of First Person Care Clinic. Each speaker discussed his or her experience with the HIE, relationship with the HealthIE Nevada team and expectations for HealthIE Nevada in the future. The speakers were selected from across the Nevada health care community, representing small family clinics like Carson Valley Family Health Center and large diagnostic centers like Steinberg Diagnostics. The range of speakers demonstrated the versatility of the HIE and successful implementation into facilities across the continuum of care.

One of the most popular topics was patient consent. The Town Halls explored common patient barriers like worries over information security and misunderstanding of the technology. Another prevalent topic was Meaningful Use and how the HIE can help guide practices toward attestation.

Along with the testimonials, members of the HealthIE Nevada Team presented a Virtual Health Record Demonstration, an introduction to HealthIE Nevada manager *HealthInsight* Nevada, and an in-depth look at where HealthIE Nevada and the HIE are heading. These informational sessions gave attendees a clear, internal analysis of HealthIE Nevada and provided transparency of its goals and objectives.

The events saw record turnouts, and each was filled with prospective providers excited to see how the HIE could transform their office. Response to the Town Halls was overwhelmingly positive, with providers expressing interest in the HIE and how it could shift the industry landscape in Nevada.

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