

NCVHS 50th Anniversary

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NCVHS

Unique Washington Institution

- Survived 50 years without a pronounceable acronym

NCVHS / 1950 – 1995

- 1949 – began following WHO request
- 1950– 1995 – sound advice offered on Health and Vital Statistics

NCVHS / 1995 – 2000

- HIPAA legislation creates a nation-wide health data agenda for the committee
- Sec. Shalala reorganizes NCVHS and creates Data Council to help integration
- NHII project began 1997
- 1999 – HII Concept Paper, Workgroup, & Vision for Statistics project launched

NCVHS / today - 2050

- 2030 - Approved health data standards for computers as smart as the committee members but not the staff
- 2050 - Approved health data standards for humans proposed by computers smarter than the entire committee and staff in aggregate

They're gaining on us: Turing Test Results

- 1995 – 17 %
- 1997 – 25 %
- 1999 – 33 %

Inventing part of the future beats
inheriting all of it.

The Outcome

Two Solid Interim Reports
before us today

They are:

“Toward a national health
information infrastructure”

and

“Shaping a vision for 21st century
health statistics”?

NCVHS / 2000

- A new name linking the two:

“The National ‘Information for Health’ Strategy”?

- 2 Components:

National Health Information Infrastructure

New Vision for Health Statistics

Washington Post Headline

June 21

"NCVHS 50th Anniversary: US

"Information for Health" will bring the right information to all the right places at the right time"

**IfH*: Name of DHHS/ USA Health Information Infrastructure & *reVitalized* Statistics Program

*Washington Post headline,
June 21*

“NCVHS 50th Anniversary Program
opts for better living through really
vital statistics.”

And the one we've all been
waiting years for...

*Washington Post headline,
June 21*

"Sec. Shalala reports: Great health
privacy law signed by the President."

*So what really is
"Information for Health"?*

- Personal Health Records for individuals to tend their own health (linked with)
- Patient Care Team Records within the care delivery system when folks need help (linked with)
- Community health record so we all enjoy healthy, safe environments

What are these Unifying Attributes of Care?

- **Accessible**
- **Evidence-based**
- **Focused on health & disease care**
- **Patient - centered**
- **Safe**
- **Secure, yet transparent data**
- **Timely**

How will it happen?

- Trusting, interactive people working together as individuals, patients, and communities
- Global health standards (vocabulary, definitions, codes, etc.)
- System monitoring with solid statistical analysis

**This looks great;
what is holding us up?**

- A Road Map to get us there
- A Budget
- A Designated driver(s)

Similar Actions in other Nations

- U. K. -building a Route Map
- Canada -building a Road Map
- Australia - building a national plan
- Others

U S A needs an 'Information for
Health' Road Map

for our...

Information Superhighway

Budget

- U.K. – \$1.5 B new money planned
- U.S. – \$ 100 Million?
\$ 750 Million?
\$10 Billion?

U S A must invest directly into the
'Information for Health'
Strategy.

\$7 Billion new money over 7 years? –
one time

Privacy Advocates

One in White House

One in Secretary's Office

Where should the “Information for Health” driver be?

- **U. K.** – Information Policy Unit and Information Authority
- **Canada** – National office
- **Australia** – National office

USA "Information for Health" driver's location?

- Data Council (no budget)?
- AHRQ? Or NLM?
- Secretary's Office?
- PITAC / White House?
- Elsewhere?
- New agency?

So, how about a program with a clear name, a road map, a budget, global collaboration, and a agency that moves the agenda?

So, a very HAPPY Anniversary,
NCVHS and all best wishes for
continued success!!

Thank you for this opportunity to be
together again.