



PHIX

El Paso's Health
Information Exchange

2017
Annual Report

Message from our Board Chair

2017 was a year of tremendous growth for PHIX. We continued to grow our data exchange network and celebrated a number of accomplishments.

Several organizations joined The Hospitals of Providence as data contributors, including:

- University Medical Center of El Paso
- El Paso Children's Hospital
- Veterans Administration

We are particularly proud that our connection with the VA is national. Not only do our users have access to health records from the El Paso VA, but from any VA nationally where their patients have received care.



We look forward to continuing to grow our data exchange network in 2018. This year we have already started the process of integrating the following organizations into the health information exchange:

- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center of El Paso
- Emergence Health Network
- Department of Defense

Similar to the VA, our connection with the Department of Defense will be national. Users will have access to records from William Beaumont Army Medical Center as well as all military health facilities nationwide.

Our community is benefiting in many ways from these data exchange collaborations. For example, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health is using PHIX to improve preventative screening rates. Physicians and nurses also report that they repeat fewer lab and imaging studies when they have access to the health information that they need at the point of care through PHIX.

The success of a health information exchange is shared. Thank you to all of our partners and volunteer committee members as well as the physicians, nurses, and IT team members who make this all possible.

Sally Hurt-Deitch

2017 Board Chair

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Who we are

PHIX is a non-profit, regional health information exchange (HIE) with the mission to improve health through collaboration and data technology.

PHIX centralizes health information from different hospitals and providers to create an electronic community health record for each patient. This community health record enables providers and care managers to see the full picture of patient's health history from across the continuum. Patient data shared through the HIE includes:

- Diagnoses and treatment
- Imaging reports
- Lab results
- Discharge summaries and other clinical reports

Users query the HIE to access their patients' integrated clinical records.

Our impact

Providers in El Paso have demonstrated the significant potential to improve the efficiency, quality, and safety of patient care through secure, electronic access to essential medical information at the point of care.

- Hospitalist reported that querying PHIX prevented one of his patients from having an unnecessary cardiac catheterization.
- Emergency Medicine physician had a patient in cardiac arrest who could not speak. The physician queried PHIX and found her cardiac conditions and medications from other health organizations and was able to adjust her treatment accordingly.

Governance

PHIX's Board of Directors is composed of health leaders from across the El Paso region.

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2017 Highlights

PDN HIE is now PHIX

In order to better identify ourselves with patients and health care providers across the region, PDN HIE underwent a re-branding in March of 2017.



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Expanding Data Exchange Partnerships

PHIX expanded our data exchange partnerships significantly in 2017 to include the Veteran's Administration, University Medical Center of El Paso, and El Paso Children's Hospital. These organizations join The Hospitals of Providence, who lead the way toward regional data exchange with their PHIX integration in 2016. PHIX is proud that our Veteran's Administration connection is national, so that it includes the El Paso VA as well as all other VA facilities nationwide.

Additionally, PHIX has finalized agreements with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center of El Paso and Emergence Health Network to further expand data exchange in the years to come. PHIX is also working towards the integration of data from the Department of Defense to better the flow of information between military and community health providers.

Improving Screening Rates

The City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is using PHIX to help increase preventative screenings. The DPH team queries their patients through PHIX to see if they may be eligible for additional preventive screenings through the Medicaid 1115 waiver project. Eligible patients are then referred to community providers for these free or reduced cost screenings.

Helping Physicians with Federal Reporting

In 2017, most physicians were required to participate in a new federal program called MACRA. MACRA requires physicians to report on quality measures, how their electronic health record is used, their efforts to improve care, and their costs. Participating physicians are then scored on their performance and can receive a financial bonus or penalty.

PHIX's experts are working with local physicians to help maximize their MACRA scores. For the 2017 reporting year, PHIX helped eleven local physician practices and one hospital system with MACRA reporting.

New Mission and Vision Statement

PHIX adopted a new mission and vision statement to reflect our commitment to the region.

- **Mission Statement:** To improve health through collaboration and data technology.
- **Vision Statement:** Our communities will be leaders in the collaborative usage of HIT toward improved health care delivery.

New Executive Director

Emily Hartmann transitioned from the role of Deputy Director of PHIX to Executive Director in June 2017.

Financials

Statement of Activities for Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Revenues			
Membership dues	\$470,000	-	\$470,000
Service subscription revenue	59,864	-	59,864
Contributions	25,005	-	25,005
In-kind contributions	28,232	-	28,232
Interest and dividend income	2,612	-	2,612
Total revenues	585,713	-	585,713
Net assets released from restrictions			
	54,407	(54,407)	
Total revenues	640,120	(54,407)	585,713
Expenses			
Program	549,655	-	549,655
Management	243,781	-	243,781
Total expenses	793,436	-	793,436
Change in net assets	(153,316)	(54,407)	(207,723)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,072,979	54,407	1,127,386
Net assets, end of year	\$919,663	-	\$919.663

Financials

Statement of Financial Position Ended December 31, 2017

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$349,072
Accounts receivable	50
Subscriptions receivable	250
Prepaid expense	60,533
Total current assets	409,905

Fixed assets, net	17,448
Licensed software	557,650
Total assets	\$985,003

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$30,355
Deferred subscription revenue	34,985
Total current liabilities	65,340

Net Assets

Unrestricted	919,663
Total net assets	919,663

Total liabilities and net assets	985,003
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