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FLORIDA AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION AND FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY HOST THE FLORIDA HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE KICKOFF MEETING

TALLAHASSEE – Senior officials from Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) and the Florida State University, College of Communication and Information will host the Florida Health Information Exchange Kickoff Meeting on Friday, June 4. Health care stakeholders across the state have been invited for the opportunity to discuss how to move health information exchange forward in Florida.

During the meeting, the Agency will share information with and gather input from health care providers and consumers, regional health information organizations, medical associations, regional extension centers, government agencies and other stakeholders for the development and implementation of the Florida State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program and the state's other health information exchange programs and activities.

Dr. David Blumenthal, the National Coordinator for Health Information Exchange, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Laura Adams, Chair of the National eHealth Collaborative, will serve as the keynote speakers and share the nationwide perspective on health information exchange and provide insight on programs available to help support states effectively and meaningfully implement statewide initiatives.

When: Friday, **June 4, 2010** from 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM (EST)

Who: **Thomas W. Arnold**, Secretary of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Dr. Lawrence Dennis, Dean, Florida State University College of Communication and Information
Dr. David Blumenthal, National Coordinator, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator
Laura Adams, Chair, National eHealth Collaborative
Christine Nye, Director, Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis, a division of the Agency for Health Care Administration

*Members of the media should contact Tiffany Vause, Press Secretary for the Agency, to schedule interviews with Agency representatives and guest speakers.



Where: Florida State University Turnbull Conference Center
555 West Pensacola Street
Tallahassee, FL 32306

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