



Priority Project 3 – Healthcare Broadband Access and Electronic Medical Records

Vision

Ensure all healthcare providers have the appropriate Broadband access and electronic medical records capabilities in order to provide highest quality patient care.

Mission

Establish Broadband access and electronic medical records at all physician offices and

Actions

- Identify current Broadband connectivity needs, including where connectivity between providers would be beneficial.
- Conduct gap analysis to determine what locations are not using electronic medical records.
- Explore sources of funding in order establish required Broadband connectivity and electronic medical record capabilities at all locations.
- Develop communication plan to support this initiative.
- Leverage all similar local and regional initiatives currently underway.

Measurement

To be determined during project planning –estimated completion 12/31/2009.

Timeline

To be determined during project planning –estimated completion 12/31/2009.

Implementation Team

Project Leaders: Gary Robinson, Lake Hospital System – VP of Government and Community Affairs; Jerry Peters, Lake Hospital System – Chief Information Officer

Project Team: Additional team members from the healthcare community will be engaged as needed by the project leaders.

In selecting the Priority Projects, above, Connect Ohio convened a core leadership team, comprised of local leaders from nine specific sectors. These sectors include Agriculture, Business and Industry, Community Organizations, Government, HealthCare, Higher Education, K-12, Libraries, and Recreation & Tourism. Each sector team examined the status and opportunities within their own realm of the community and determined a vision for the Broadband-enabled future. Each sector then worked to produce a list of meaningful projects which would benefit them.

The sector projects were then rolled up to help in prioritizing larger community-wide projects and scored to determine their value to the community as a whole. The end result is a slate of three different types of projects:

- Community-wide Priority Projects – These are listed above, and are deemed to be the most meaningful projects, with the largest impact on Lake County as a whole,
- Sector Priority Projects – Listed below and identified as the most impactful projects that can be undertaken within their specific sector of the community, and
- Sector Project Ideas – upgrades and ideas that can be put into play to help the specific sector of the community enhance its offerings.

On the following pages, you will find an analysis and vision for each sector of the community, complete with its self-assessment and the priority projects identified for its own advancement. Sector-level projects have been incorporated into the community-wide projects above, which deal with the larger issues of Broadband availability, adoption, affordability, awareness, and the applications that drive its use.