



Policy Overview

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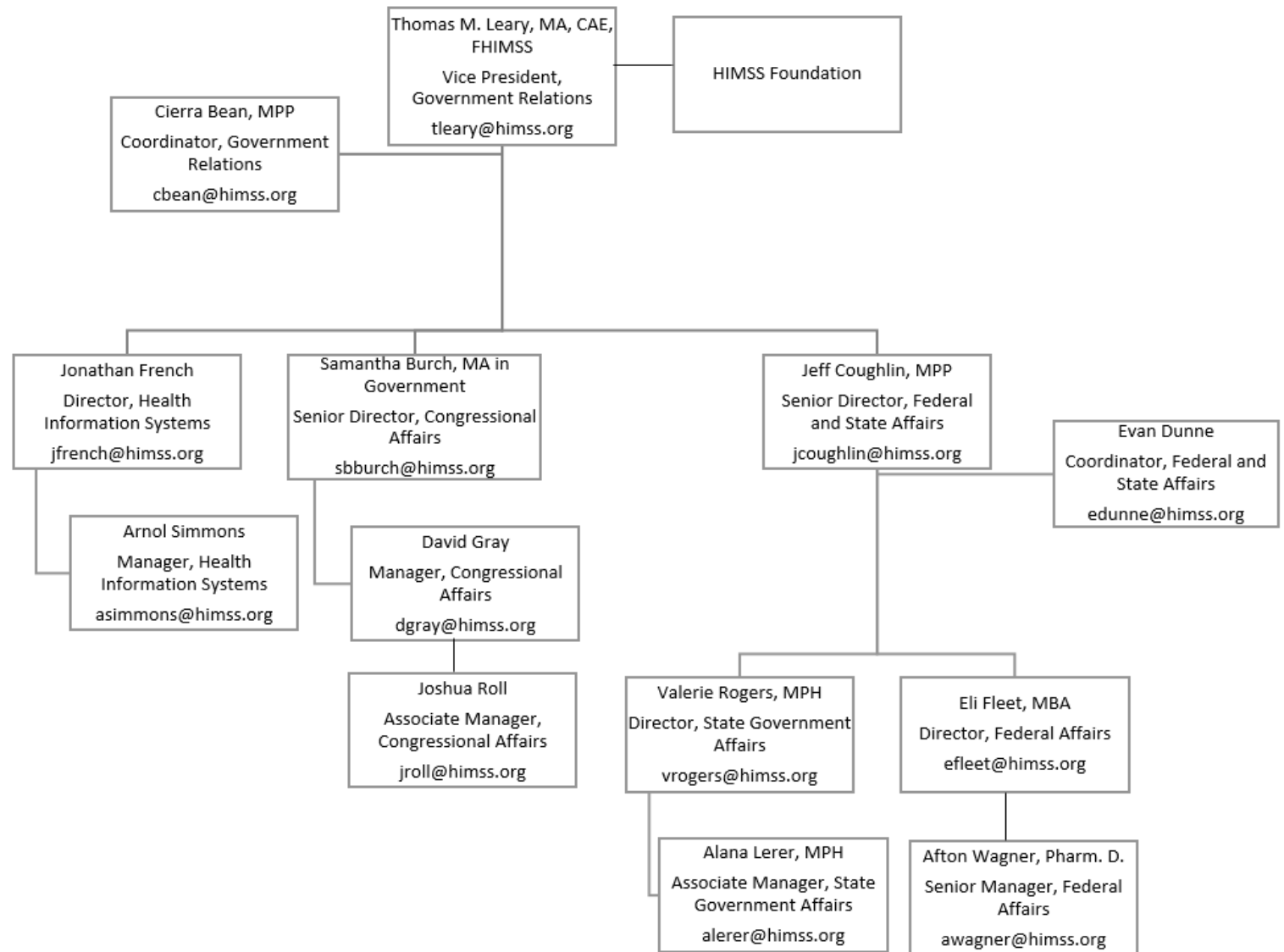


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Agenda

- GR Team
- Strategy Overview
- U.S. Policy Landscape and Forecast
- HIMSS Canada Strategy Update

Government Relations Team



MISSION:

- **Ensure** HIMSS is ***the trusted*** organization government policy leaders involve as thought leaders, collaborators and conveners on ***all policy matters*** where health information and technology advance healthcare transformation --
- **Leverage** diverse member and organizational resources, and coalition-building capabilities to ***influence*** government decision making
- **Foster** professional development and collaboration ***opportunities*** for HIMSS members

Strategy Pillars

- Harness the value of health information & technology to:
 - Supporting Healthcare Transformation
 - Expanding Access to High Quality Healthcare
 - Increasing Economic Opportunity
 - Making Communities Healthier

U.S. Policy Landscape Update



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Congressional Affairs Highlights:

- Opioids, Opioids, Opioids!
 - House and Senate advancing major HIMSS policy priorities.
 - Specifically – bills to require e-prior authorization and EPCS in Part D.
- Telehealth legislation moving (again) in House and Senate.
 - Champions leveraging opioid crisis to get additional provisions of CONNECT for Health over the finish line.
 - Additional flexibility/waived 1834(m) requirements for opioid treatment.

Congressional Affairs Highlights:

- FY2019 Appropriations process in full swing. HIMSS continuing to leverage partnership with Coalition for Health Funding.
- Continued focus on VA/DoD EHR implementation, rural broadband and oversight of 21st Century Cures Implementation.

U.S. Federal and State Themes

- Interoperability
 - 21st Century Cures Act Requirements
 - TEFCA
 - CMS: MyHealthEData/Provider Burden/Reimagining MU
 - Information Blocking
 - DoD/VA/CG/Community EHR Implementation
- Cybersecurity
 - Section 405 of Cybersecurity Act
 - Defense Health Agency CIO – Impact on Interoperability
- Telehealth/ Public health crises
 - Response to Opioids

Feds/Community EHR Implementation

- DoD deployment at 4 Military Treatment Facilities in Pacific NW complete
- Work that incorporates lessons learned continues
 - Fairchild Air Force Base – moved from Stage 2 in January 2017 to Stage 6 in September 2017
- Cerner contract with VA signed May 17
 - DoD-VA interoperability concerns held up final deal
 - Achieving interoperability is essential to the DoD and VA's ability to efficiently improve healthcare
 - HIMSS informed VA's thinking
 - HIMSS is monitoring DoD implementation and movement on VA EHR implementation
- DoD and Coast Guard agreeing to common approach

VA Interoperability Initiatives

- VA Open API Pledge & Lighthouse Lab announced at HIMSS18
 - HIMSS signed the pledge
 - Focus is on accelerating the mapping of health data to industry standards
 - VA is committed to providing API access to developers
 - Offers developers access to tools for creating mobile and web applications that will help Veterans better manage their care, services, and benefits

U.S. Federal and State Themes

- Cybersecurity
 - Section 405 of Cybersecurity Act
 - Defense Health Agency CIO – Impact on Interoperability

Cybersecurity Work Underway

- HHS 405d Task Force has been building a “Guidebook” for all types of providers and will be releasing the draft for comment in the coming weeks
- HIMSS will circulate widely amongst membership and offer comments back to HHS
- HIMSS has become a member of the newly re-formed Healthcare Sector Coordinating Council
 - One of 16 critical infrastructure sectors created to facilitate interagency and cross-jurisdictional cooperation
 - HIMSS participating on the Cybersecurity Working Group

U.S. Federal and State Themes

- Telehealth
 - CHRONIC Care Act
 - Budget Reconciliation and Omnibus
- Preparedness and Response
- Federal/State Response to Opioids
- Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs)

State-Local Emergency Preparedness and Response Increasingly Critical

- HHS ASPR creating a Regional Disaster Health Response System (RDHRS) for States
- Need to leverage or re-channel existing funding streams, interoperability, and integration of governmental services
- HIMSS supportive of building modern, robust community-based solutions reinforcing emergency preparedness and response
 - We're collecting and sharing policy and practice recommendations from Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands and Gulf Coast states
 - Opportunity for HIMSS members to weigh-in with feedback and continue dialogue

Engaging our Neighbors to the North

- Completing a **public policy environmental scan** and developing a **strategy to establish HIMSS as a trusted advisor** and thought leader on policy matters associated with health information and technology.
- The strategy will include recommendations for prioritizing strategic engagement with federal, provincial, and/or local governments and representatives.
 - Prioritizing individuals, governments, topics, and themes.
 - Assist Government Relations in review of Public Policy Principles to ensure appropriate language to address both US and Canadian priorities

Alignment across HIMSS

- Cross-SBU Thought Leadership/Strategic Alignment
 - Check-ins with HIMSS staff coordinating efforts with Canada Health Infoway, Cross-Border Healthcare Foundation, and provincial initiatives
 - Forum on Opioid Crisis
- Public Policy Principles
 - Coordinating with Public Policy Committee
 - Ensuring involvement of Canadian voices from HIMSS membership
 - First steps toward ensuring cross-HIMSS alignment on public policy strategies

Conclusion

- HIMSS and our members are actively engaged, and welcomed into, public policy development
- We are seeing results in legislative and regulatory change
- Progress on Canada Public Policy Initiative with presentation scheduled for June 2018 HNA Board meeting
- HIMSS18 served as an excellent launching pad for U.S. federal announcements, which confirmed HIMSS has earned a seat at the table through our content and active engagement
- 2018 has started well – still more work to be done in an uncertain political environment