

UT-NEDSS UPDATE

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CSI TECHNICAL SITE VISIT

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH), Collaborative Software Initiative (CSI) and Utah's 12 Local Health Departments (LHDs) have begun a collaborative project to develop a modern, web-based surveillance information system compatible with national standards (i.e., Public Health Information Network (PHIN), National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS), etc.) to support state and local public health needs in Utah.

CSI conducted a technical site visit at UDOH November 28-30. They discussed the UT-NEDSS project approach (slides for which are found here: <https://www.csinitiative.net/files/documents/11/45/sme-intro-slides-v2.pdf>) and conducted focused requirements sessions with LHDs, UDOH and the Utah Department of Technical Services (DTS) regarding the following areas: business requirements; rural LHD needs; urban LHD needs; UDOH epidemiology; sexually transmitted diseases; tuberculosis; HIV/AIDS; and analysis, reporting and dissemination of infectious disease data. CSI's wrap-up report for the site visit is found here: <https://www.csinitiative.net/files/documents/11/54/>

[report-out-30-nov-2007-final.pdf](#). Additionally, the UT-NEDSS project home page is found at the following URL: <https://ut-nedss.csinitiative.net/> (contact Mike Herrick at mike@csinitiative.com if you do not have access to the project site by December 7, 2007).

A more formal communication plan is forthcoming, but the following two mechanisms have been agreed upon to ensure communication regarding project status reports and next steps is provided to all stakeholders:

1. A bi-weekly UT-NEDSS newsletter will be distributed to stakeholders
2. A project dashboard will be developed and maintained at the following URL: <https://ut-nedss.csinitiative.net/>



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SITE VISIT A SUCCESS!
- REGULAR UPDATES AVAILABLE
- PLEASE REGISTER AT THE PROJECT WEB SITE
- NEXT STEPS IDENTIFIED

WEEKLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

UT-NEDSS stakeholders and CSI achieved the following accomplishments during the past week:

- CSI had a successful site visit with stakeholders from which the vision and context of the UT-NEDSS project was captured, early user deliverables were identified, data requirements were defined and a collaborative development process was discussed

- CSI created a project web page
- UT-NEDSS Steering Committee members, Core Team members and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) have been proposed.
- DTS collaborated with CSI to determine server specifications needed to host the project.

NEXT STEPS

The following items are the next steps identified for the UT-NEDSS development:

- Finalize the UT-NEDSS Steering Committee, Core Team and SMEs
- CSI will ensure that Steering Committee, Core Team and SMEs have access to the project web site
- Core Team members will draft the UT-NEDSS “Project Charter” and “Project Plan”
- CSI’s Chuck Kelley will draft the UT-NEDSS “Data Model” and “Information Model”
- CSI will add development staff to the project in preparation for the development of “Release 1”
- CSI will return to Salt Lake City December 17-18 to present/discuss their 18-month Release Plan and Release 1 Plan
- The focus of the April release (“Release 1”) is the “Confidential Morbidity Report”

“The common variable among successful projects is a pre-existing commitment between the contractor and the end user.”

-Evan Bauer, CSI

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