



Indiana Health Information Exchange

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Harold J. Apple Named Chief Executive Officer of the Indiana Health Information Exchange

Apple brings extensive entrepreneurial expertise leading technology, process outsourcing companies to nation's largest health information exchange.

Indianapolis, Indiana (January 28, 2011) — The Indiana Health Information Exchange (IHIE) announced today that Harold J. Apple has joined the organization effective January 24, 2011 as Chief Executive Officer and President. Apple will lead the organization in a time of unprecedented focus and opportunity for the health and medical information technology sector. He will lead the organization's overall strategy and direction and examine new growth opportunities.

"IHIE continues to be the leader in developing and supporting innovative solutions to address the most difficult issues in healthcare," said Vincent Caponi, Chairman of the IHIE board of directors and CEO, St. Vincent Health. "Harold brings with him the kind of skills and experience that will allow IHIE to further refine, and expand, its service offerings so that we can be even stronger partners to our customers and help support better outcomes for all patients."

J. Marc Overhage, MD, PhD, IHIE's founding President and CEO, will remain with the organization as its Chief Strategic Officer and National Policy Advisor. Dr. Overhage will focus on using his extraordinary expertise to influence policy making for health care technology at the national level. He will continue to provide his expertise to IHIE at the intersection of technology and its clinical applications. He is also the Director of Medical Informatics at the Regenstrief Institute and Regenstrief Professor of Medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Apple was formerly the majority owner, CEO and President of Vector Technologies, Inc., a business process outsourcer, consulting, and software development company in the life insurance sector. In 2003 a minority interest in one of Vector's subsidiaries was sold to a major international reinsurance company in order to form the basis for establishing a "paperless straight through processing" outsourcing business. The businesses were sold to a publicly traded international technology company in Mumbai, India. Several major life insurance companies in the United States, Canada, Japan and Hong Kong continue to use Vector's primary product, a complex policy administration system.

Additionally, he was one of the founders of Indiana Software Association and the Indiana Information Technology Association, both predecessors of TechPoint.

“I look forward to this new challenge in an ever-evolving industry,” said Apple. “The Indiana Health Information Exchange is the brightest spot in the nation in a very difficult industry that has an intricate web of stakeholders, from patients to providers and health insurers to public health. I’m eager to lead IHIE in this next phase of its growth.”

About the Indiana Health Information Exchange

Indiana Health Information Exchange, Inc. (IHIE) is a non-profit corporation formed in 2004 by the Regenstrief Institute, private hospitals, local and state health departments, BioCrossroads and other prominent organizations in Indiana. IHIE is the nation's largest health information exchange organization, delivering clinical information to providers securely and efficiently, along with providing information to assist providers as they care for patients needing preventive care and management of chronic diseases. The IHIE network includes 19,000 physicians and over 80 hospitals and other healthcare organizations. An IHIE-led collaboration (Central Indiana Beacon Community) is one of 17 national cooperatives to help advance healthcare quality and efficiency. This collaboration will help communities in Indiana identify opportunities to measurably improve patient care. To learn more, visit www.ihie.org.