

DOHCS 2009 Conference a Hit! Wildly Exceeds Attendance Expectations

Los Angeles, CA - February 20, 2009 – The third appearance of the DOHCS (Demonstrating Open-Source Health Care Solutions) conference showed a stunning demand for open-source healthcare technologies. With the nation in the midst of a healthcare crisis, nearly 300 attendees learned how open-source alternatives to proprietary health technologies can offer the transparency and collaboration necessary for quality patient care.

The event, which is affiliated with the Southern California Linux Expo (SCaLE), could not have taken place at a more appropriate time. Days earlier, President Obama signed into law a federal stimulus package including nearly \$20 billion in healthcare information technology spending. Just a week after the conference, the White House released an outline of the federal budget that included setting aside over \$600 billion for healthcare reform in the coming years.

DOHCS featured presentations by some of the top names in open-source healthcare, including Fred Trotter, Roger Maduro and Neil Cowles, Guy Fisher, Tim Elywell, K.S. Bhaskar and Jon Tai, and executives from leading open-source healthcare businesses held a panel discussion. Open-source offers a tangible solution to a number of the problems plaguing healthcare today by reducing costs, increasing the ability to share information, connecting patients and improving care. The industry's top companies, including ClearHealth, Medsphere, and WebReach, were platinum sponsors of the event.

DOHCS organizer and ClearHealth CEO David Uhlman commented, “Now in its third year, the DOHCS conference's overwhelming attendance shows a deep-seated interest in open-source solutions that break the proprietary stranglehold on healthcare information technology. Recent events in the healthcare field, including President Obama's signing of the stimulus bill and the unveiling of his proposed budget, have brought healthcare reform to the forefront of America's consciousness, and we feel open-source solutions are the ideal pathway to effective reform.”

DOHCS organizers look forward to holding the fourth installment of the successful conference next year. The presentations and audio of the event can be found at the events main website at www.dohcs.org . To reach someone regarding information about the event please email: info@clear-health.com .