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## **Lenexa-Based Browsersoft Selected to Build Open Source Medical Records Access System for Rural Community Health Clinics in California**

**Lenexa, KS** (June 22, 2004), — Browsersoft, Inc., a Kansas-based software application development firm and IBM authorized development partner, today announced that they have been selected to build a secure health records access system by the California-based Alliance for Rural Community Health (ARCH). The health records access system is the major technology component of ARCH's 3-year grant from the Healthy Communities Access Program (HCAP) administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Eighty four percent of the project's costs are being financed by ARCH's grant from HCAP.

The ARCH grant focuses on a collaborative effort to provide access to patient medical records for six community health clinics, three hospitals, the county departments of Public Health and Social Services, as well as the Consolidated Tribal Health project, in Mendocino County, California. Mendocino County's SHARE project (Securing Health Access and Records Exchange), is developing user specifications and providing oversight for the development of the health records access system.

According to John Walton, ARCH's Project Manager for the SHARE Project, "The SHARE health records access system will allow care providers, and eventually patients, easier access to their health information, and will form the basis for a more integrated and comprehensive health care system for our entire county."

The ultimate goal of SHARE is to develop and release as open source, a software solution that enables the secure exchange of health records between health systems nationwide. The solution solves interoperability barriers by combining a locally shared Master Patient Index system with a federated Health Records Exchange feature. The SHARE solution will model the Santa Barbara County Care Data Exchange solution, pioneered by Dr. David Brailer, who was recently named the United States' first national Health IT Coordinator.

Browsersoft was selected by SHARE from a field of 12 proposals from software development firms across the country. Will Ross, Chief Technology Officer for ARCH, cited Browsersoft's flexibility and depth of understanding of the project goals as key factors in the selection. "Browsersoft demonstrated a strong grasp of the intricacies and implications of developing an open source solution," he stated. "By developing an open source solution as opposed to purchasing or building on a third-party software solution, ARCH will be able to maximize the benefits of its grant dollars and make the software available to other rural community health organizations around the country." Joe Panther, Executive Vice President of Browsersoft, added, "The ARCH SHARE project represents an important development to expand patient information access for healthcare professionals nationwide, and will allow for the electronic delivery of lab, pharmacy and radiology records. Browsersoft is pleased to be developing a solution that could significantly and positively impact the quality and costs of national healthcare."

Browsersoft will build the open source health records exchange solution for SHARE, in collaboration with Dr. David Forslund of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Forslund's research at LANL provides a foundation for secure, distributed medical record systems.

### **About ARCH and SHARE**

The Alliance for Rural Community Health (ARCH), is a non-profit Corporation based in Ukiah, California. ARCH is a consortium of non-profit Community Health Centers operating in Mendocino and Lake Counties. More information on ARCH and the Mendocino SHARE project can be found on the web at <http://www.ruralcommunityhealth.org/projects/msp.html>.

### **About Browsersoft, Inc.**

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Founded in 1998 by a team of high-tech software and business development professionals, Browsersoft specializes in the design and development of web-based enterprise applications. Browsersoft's flagship product, eQ!™ Foundation, is a development foundation for quickly deploying applications and adapting them to changing business requirements. More information about Browsersoft is available at [www.browsersoft.com](http://www.browsersoft.com)

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