

OHHIT Planning Committee Minutes

June 21, 2005

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INTRODUCTIONS:

Bill Hayes, President of Health Policy Institute of Ohio, welcomed the group, and all attendees introduced themselves.

EHEALTH INITIATIVE COLLABORATION IN OHIO

Janet Marchibroda, Chief Executive Officer of eHealth Initiative, gave an overview of eHealth Initiative's mission. They are currently in five states and look forward to working in Ohio. Janet noted eHI provides an array of services, including supporting states in increasing community sharing of information on the issues impacting the use of health information technology within the state. There was a good exchange of information and discussion.

OHHIT SYMPOSIUM AND VISION FOR FUTURE DIRECTION OF OHHIT PLANNING COMMITTEE

In an effort to increase community sharing of information on issues impacting the use of health information technology in Ohio, Bill suggested the Committee take an active role. He recommended that the Committee work collaboratively in creating a symposium this fall and utilizing eHealth to assist the Committee. Bill then shared his vision that the Committee have a future beyond the formation of the symposium and be self-sustaining. Discussion ensued.

There was broad consensus that the key focus of the Committee should be in community sharing of information on health information technology rather than in the development of interoperable capabilities for collection of medical data.

Mary Crimmins noted the opportunity for organizations to provide in-kind services, such as data analysis through the medical schools to support the Committee. Nancy Gillette, who is on the Board of Directors for Ohio for EDI, added that potentially Ohio for EDI could broaden its mission statement to incorporate the goals and objectives of the Committee.

EXPECTED HPIO CONTRACT PROJECT MANAGER

Bill announced that HPIO had selected Stephanie Jursek as the Contract Project Manager on a part time basis. Finalization of the contract terms remains pending.

ONCHIT

Bill reported that Utah was awarded a federal grant regarding development of Health Information networks. HPIO may have opportunity to obtain grant funding in partnership with Utah. The deadline for submission of the grant proposal is July 7. Discussion ensued.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Crimmins made a motion that the Committee work with eHealth and be formed as ORHIO. The motion was unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING

Bill requested information on dates in July that would not be good for the next meeting. Based on the information received, he will advise of the next meeting date. [see above]