

## **OHHIT Steering Committee Minutes August 3, 2005**

Participants: Bill Hayes, Alice Petrusis, Philip Powers, Nancy Pekkanen Gillette, Richard K. Moore, Stephanie Jursek, Mary Crimmins, Dennis Swartzlander; *by phone*: Jim Smith, Chris Knisely, Brian Phillips and Emily Welebob

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Stephanie Jursek, Project Manager of the OHHIT Project, welcomed the group, and all attendees introduced themselves.

### **APPROVAL OF JUNE 21, 2005 MINUTES**

Rick Moore requested the minutes be corrected with respect to the ONCHIT contract. The minutes were to reflect that Utah was considering pursuing a federal grant, regarding development of Health Information networks. Bill Hayes made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2005 OHHIT SYMPOSIUM STRUCTURE OPTIONS:**

Emily Welebob on behalf of eHealth Initiative outlined the development of a state wide symposium and preparation of a briefing paper for review by the Committee. She included in her presentation the anticipated symposium implementation time line, potential symposium dates, symposium structure with corresponding agendas, briefing paper outline, and the interview process of stakeholders to obtain information for the paper. She described a plausible symposium structure for consideration. This would be a two day event conducted simultaneously at multiple sites. The first day would be a state public meeting and the second day an "Invite Only" meeting. She used the term "State" and "Regional" interchangeably in her presentation, and both are making reference to stakeholders within Ohio. Attendees of the "Invite Only" meeting will include the committee and Ohio stakeholders the committee determines are actively involved in the discourse of eHealth. Emily further noted necessary areas of support by the committee for developing the briefing paper, e.g. the interviewing process, Ohio market environment, statewide developments and Ohio legal/regulatory environment. Discussion ensued.

#### *Symposium Date*

Bill Hayes advised that HPIO had retained the services of eHealth Initiative and explained the conflict with the October 24 date for the symposium. He suggested October 17 as an alternative date. He also indicated that eHealth Initiative on October 25 was planning a regional multi-state event for health information technology. The committee expressed broad consensus on having the symposium on October 17.

#### *Public and "Invite Only" Meeting Agendas*

Bill Hayes explained the benefit of having an "Invite Only" meeting for proactive discussion of strategic visioning for a coordinated state effort to promote electronic health information in Ohio.

Committee members expressed concern about stakeholder attendance with agendas solely focused on statewide policy goals for health information technology. They recommended, as part of the public meeting, a session reviewing current initiatives with corresponding abstracts/posters and having a key note speaker with an Ohio connection. Possible choices included Dr. Keaton or Dr.

Brailer. In response, Bill Hayes remarked that a possibility would be to provide updates on regional initiatives through a lunch program.

#### *Interviews*

Committee members commented that to obtain a comprehensive assessment of the policy issues related to the use of health information technology, it would be necessary to conduct more than 20 interviews. In that regard, committee members offered to conduct additional interviews and to provide a listing of prospective interviewees after reviewing an interview template to be furnished by eHealth Initiative.

#### 2005 OHHIT SYMPOSIUM LOCATION OPTIONS

Rick More explained the potential of creating a multi-site symposium through teleconferencing at the Quest Business Centers coupled with the related costs and the success of prior multi-site conferences. There was a good discussion. It was decided that the symposium should be centrally located at one site, and that following the symposium, HPIO would make presentations on a regional basis. (Quest Business Centers has been contacted with respect to October 17. There is availability for the entire day on that date and contract discussions are in process.)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Rick Moore and Dennis Swartzlander provided an update on the HTP for Ohio proposal for an ONCHIT UHIN contract. Awards will be announced on October 1, 2005.

Stephanie Jursek recommended to the committee to consider expansion of the committee composition based on research of other RHIOs.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

Stephanie Jursek announced that the next meeting for the OHHIT Steering Committee will be held on August 18, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the HPIO office.