

OHHIT Steering Committee Minutes

September 1, 2005

Participants: Bill Hayes, Philip Powers, Nancy Gillette, Richard Moore, Stephanie Jursek, Mary Crimmins, Rick Sites, Jon Wills, Heidi Gordon, Amy Rohling, Dennis Swartzlander; *by phone*: Alice Petrusis, Chris Knisely, Brian Phillips, Jeff Biehl and David Barber.

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

APPROVAL OF August 18, 2005 MINUTES

Jon Wills made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Chris Knisley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERVIEW UPDATE

Stephanie Jursek informed the committee that eHealth Initiative had begun the interviews process. Two of the committee members have already been interviewed.

2005 OHHIT SYMPOSIUM AGENDA DISCUSSION

OHHIT Project

Bill Hayes gave a detailed overview of the three phases of the OHHIT project. He explained that the first phase would be implementation of a public meeting, and the second phase would be having an "Invitation Only" meeting. With respect to these two phases, he outlined the differences. As such, he remarked that the purpose of the public meeting is to unveil the results of stakeholder input on

e-health activities and policy issues in Ohio, present opportunity for continued stakeholder dialogue on these areas, have updates on current health information technology activities and an opportunity for statewide networking.

The purpose of the "Invitation Only" meeting would be to analyze the information obtained from the public meeting and to have the invitees identify the state level issues for the adoption of e-health public and private policy. The invitees to this meeting would consist of the steering committee and selected stakeholders by the committee.

After the "Invitation Only" meeting, he advised the third phase of this project would commence. During the third phase, the steering committee would form a self-sustaining organization, which would provide multi-faceted services. Key responsibilities of the steering committee in creating the self-sustaining organization would be to seek funding for staffing coupled with program development.

eHealth Initiative Regional Event

Bill Hayes reminded the steering committee that eHealth Initiative would be sponsoring a multi-state regional meeting on October 18 in Columbus for states surrounding Ohio.

OHHIT Symposium Agenda

Stephanie Jursek reviewed the symposium agenda with the committee. She also indicated to the committee of current challenges in retaining a national key note speaker. Dr. Brailer, Carolyn Clancy, Scott Young and Dr. Harris are not available. Emily Welebob has contacted Lori Evans, Jon White, Carol Cain, Susan Christenson and Claude Allen and is waiting for a response. It was noted by the committee that Lori Evans would be a good choice.

Ohio Speakers

Stephanie Jursek gave an update on obtaining speakers for the reaction panel. Rick Sites secured Reed Fraley to represent the interests of the hospitals. He also contacted Jim Pearsol from the Ohio Department of Health. Jim Pearsol indicated they would be interested in having someone within the department to represent the public health interest on the panel. Bill Hayes will follow up with Jim Pearsol to discuss more of the specifics. Heidi Gordon spoke with Dr. Bertka and he expressed interest in serving on the panel. Sharron DiMario told Bill Hayes that a member of the Cincinnati region of the Employer Health Care Alliance could potentially be on the panel. Mary Crimmins stated that another alternative for an employer representative would be Tom Hickey of Tri-Rivers Health Care Initiative in Dayton. Stephanie Jursek further discussed with the committee selection of a representative for health plans, and suggestions were given. Bill recommended that there be an additional panelist for Medicaid. It was determined that there would not be enough time for 6 presentations, and the Medicaid interests would be addressed elsewhere during the symposium.

Invitations

Philip Powers informed the committee that it was anticipated he would be e-mailing invitations out the week of September 5. On the invitation there will be links for the poster session and Quest Business Centers. There will be online registration on the HPIO website. The registration fee will be \$50.00. Scholarships will be offered if necessary. There are currently five breakout rooms reserved. Dennis Swartzlander offered the use of his offices for any additional breakout sessions. Amy Rohling suggested that a save the date card be sent out before the e-mailing of invitations and that on the invitation a distinction be made between the OHHIT Symposium and the eHealth Initiative multi-state regional meeting on October 18.

Poster Session

Philip reported that the poster session information will be on the invitation and will be noted on the save the date card, which will be sent out week of September 5. He further commented that there has already been an inquiry on poster submission. Mary Crimmins added that eHealth Initiative was interested in having the posters displayed for their event on October 18.

Supporter Acknowledgement

Bill Hayes addressed with the steering committee the need for acknowledging supporters. There was a good exchange of information among the committee members. Suggestions included having text links for the different organizations on the invitation, list all of the supporters at the bottom of the electronic invitation or have an opt in process. On the day of the event, there will be a page in the program that will list all of the supporters.

Committee Composition

Stephanie Jursek reported on her research on the composition of the steering committee of other RHIOs in comparison with the current steering committee. She then asked for recommendations, regarding the expansion of the committee. Bill Hayes provided additional input on the current interests represented on the committee. Discussion ensued. Dennis Swartzlander indicated there should be representation on behalf of the dental and mental health interests. Rick Sites mentioned the Department of Insurance and the Ohio Business Roundtable. Rick Moore added that the Ohio Manufacturers Association should be included on the committee and noted he would contact this association. Rick Sites indicated he would contact the Ohio Business Roundtable and the Department of Insurance. Bill Hayes recommended licensing boards such as the medical board. Nancy Gillette commented on the prominent role of the nurses association with health information technology and also stated she would contact the nursing and medical boards. Other organizations

that were named included the Veterans Administration and Ohio United Way. There was broad concurrence on the recommendations by the committee.

Based on this discussion, committee members then made inquiries on the overall purpose of the steering committee. Bill Hayes responded and elaborated that the purpose of the committee would be finalized through the "Invitation Only" meeting. He stated that talking points would be developed to assist committee members in generating attendance for the October 17 meeting.

Other Business

There was no additional business addressed in the meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Stephanie Jursek announced that the next meeting date will be September 15.