

## **OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 5, 2006**

Participants: Philip Powers, Nancy Gillette, Stephanie Jursek, Dennis Swartzlander, Rick Sites, Marc Cloutier, Heidi Gordon, Rick Moore; *by phone*: Bill Hayes and Mary Crimmins

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

### **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 8, 2005 MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2006 'INVITATION ONLY' MEETING UPDATE**

Stephanie Jursek discussed with the committee each segment of the 'Invitation Only' meeting agenda. A productive discussion ensued, and significant feedback was obtained.

#### *Introduction*

The committee decided that the focus of this portion of the agenda would be to outline the compelling reasons for attendance of the invitees and to captivate their interest for wanting to create a health information network. It was suggested the introduction be along the lines of a keynote address and have an evangelistic approach to it. In the same vein, Rick Sites noted that hospitals are paying \$3 billion a year to billing companies. This cost could be significantly reduced with the use of Health Information Technology and Health Information Exchange. Bill Hayes concurred and described how claims administration costs had been successfully lowered through the use of a health information network in Utah. In the same vein, Bill indicated his interest in having William Nuti, President and Chief Executive Officer of NCR Corporation, attend the meeting and potentially serve as the keynote speaker. Marc Cloutier also advised of a new e-Health initiative with OSU Medical Center and the National Cancer Institute. Additionally, there was a discussion on shortening this session from 30 minutes to 15 minutes and to have the review of the project plan proposal moved to the afternoon session.

#### *National Speakers*

Stephanie Jursek reported that from the outcome of the steering committee meeting on November 10, 2005 in this portion of the agenda, there would be a presenter from New York, Minnesota and Tennessee. The presenters would provide details of their respective health information networks. They are Rachael Black, Marty LaVenture and Mark Frisse, MD. In that regard, Stephanie stated that Emily Welebob advised recently that Mark Frisse could not attend and Vicki Estrin, who is the Program Manager for the Vanderbilt Center for Better Health, would be coming in his place. Additionally, Marty LaVenture may not be able to present. The committee responded that with the limited time of 45 minutes for this part of the meeting, it would be better to have only one or two presenters. It was further suggested that if Marty LaVenture could present at the meeting anyone of these individuals could serve as a resource in other sessions of the meeting.

#### *Ohio HIT Panel*

Stephanie Jursek outlined the format for the panel discussion and recommended that the focus of the presentations should be addressing specific questions rather than informing the invitees as to the details of the panelists' respective e-Health initiatives. Bill Hayes suggested that the committee work collaboratively to form the questions. The committee noted important areas for the panelists to comment on would be lessons learned, notable successes, current barriers, opportunities and fulfillment of current needs for successful adoption.

There will be diverse representation on the panel, including metro and rural hospitals, physicians from large and small practices, and exchanges. In addition, the committee noted potential representation on the

panel by a health plan and a consumer. As to the particular panelists, the committee concurred on inviting Dr. Harris and Brian Phillips to present. With respect to representation of a small physician practice, Nancy Gillette and Heidi Gordon suggested Dr. Bachtel and would contact him. The committee also is considering Dr. Bertka. In terms of representation from a rural hospital, Rick Sites noted Fisher-Titus Medical Center and Union Hospital. There was also a suggestion made for having a presenter from Adena Hospital. With large physician practices, Nancy Gillette mentioned a group in Cincinnati that works with Health Bridge. Stephanie Jursek mentioned Dr. McClure may be a possibility as well. He is the Associate Medical Director/Medical Director of Informatics for the Medical Group of Ohio and in that capacity understands the issues for both large and small physician practices. Further, Bill Hayes requested feedback from the committee on having representation on the panel by a physician practice administrator. He reported that the Utah health information network found physician practice administrators to be quite valuable. The committee noted that a physician practice administrator could be of value. Nancy Gillette recommended Pamela Coyle-Toerner.

As to consumer representation, Rick Moore informed the committee about the Citizens Health Care Working Group and advised he had contacted them to discuss opportunity for potential collaboration. Their objective is to obtain health care that works for all Americans. Bill Hayes inquired on the composition of the group. Rick Sites suggested Cathy Levine.

#### *Displays*

Stephanie Jursek reviewed with the committee of having displays of current initiatives from presenters during lunch. Many ideas were expressed about the best method for providing material on current initiatives. The committee saw potential value in displays. Philip Powers suggested displaying particular slides from a given presentation for conversation purposes. Another suggestion was to disseminate this information on CDs. Others recommended not depicting displays and that the emphasis should be on networking. Heidi Gordon mentioned the use of conversation starter cards at each table during this time. This may be beneficial for stimulating dialogue amongst stakeholders.

#### *Break Out Session/Reaction Panel*

From feedback at the November 10, 2005 meeting, Stephanie Jursek recommended the committee consider revising the format of the afternoon session. She commented that a key objective for the afternoon session is to engage the invitees to proactively implement the OHHIT project initiative forward, commit to serving on workgroups or appointing designees, and securing funding sources. The current agenda may not achieve that result. Many ideas were exchanged. The committee concurred that the goal of the afternoon sessions would be to obtain a commitment from the invitees to move forward through a collaborative effort. To that end, the committee indicated that there should be the review of the project plan, coupled with seeking the input of the invitees on the plan, making any necessary modifications and then beginning the implementation process. As to the specifics for achieving that objective, it was decided that further discussion on this segment of the agenda would be addressed at the next meeting.

### **STAKEHOLDER GROUP SESSIONS**

Stephanie Jursek reported to the committee that she and Bill Hayes had met with William Fitzgibbon, and William offered to provide contacts for some large employers. Additionally, a meeting is scheduled to take place with long-term care stakeholders on January 11, 2006.

A meeting was held with representatives from UHIN, which was very productive. The focus areas for UHIN are eligibility and claims administration. They are planning on expanding into the clinical area.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no additional business introduced at the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING**

Stephanie Jursek advised that the next meeting is on January 19, 2006.