

OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2006

Participants: Bill Hayes, Philip Powers, Nancy Gillette, Stephanie Jursek, Dennis Swartzlander, Marc Cloutier, Heidi Gordon, Rick Moore, David Schor, M.D. M.P.H.; *by phone*: Rick Sites and Emily Welebob

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 5, 2006 MINUTES

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

2006 PROJECT PLAN REVIEW

Bill Hayes reviewed with the committee the project plan proposal. The proposal described the findings of the Technology CEO Council report and the recommended seven-point program to address the problems that in part caused an inadequate health information system. Additionally, the proposal provided highlights of the action taken at the national level by the Bush Administration, the evolution of initiatives by other states, the strategic plan for the formation of the Health Information Community of Ohio, and potential funding through the HISPC grant. Bill requested from the committee recommended modifications by e-mail prior to the steering committee meeting on February 1.

With respect to the HISPC grant, Bill indicated that the focus of the grant is on privacy and security policies and the best practices for electronic health information exchange. There will be funding available for 40 individual states. Additionally, he advised that he had contacted the governor's office, expressing interest in applying for the grant to further implement the OHHIT project forward. The governor's office had Dr. Schor, Division Chief of Family and Community Health Services for the Ohio Department of Health contact Bill to discuss the specific requirements of the RFP in more depth. The grant proposal must be submitted by March 1. Announcements of the awards will be made on April 16. The time frame for the grant is one year. Bill asked Mary Crimmins to write the proposal, and she agreed. However, writing the proposal is contingent on HPIO being named as the offeror. Also, it was noted that the OHHIT project plan is broader in scope than the HISPC grant. As such, the OHHIT project plan may need to be modified to encompass the specific requirements of the HISPC RFP.

To that end, Dr. Schor commented that the HISPC grant is very prescriptive, especially regarding due dates. Proper management of the process will be needed for a successful outcome. There will be continued discussions on the selection of the offeror over the next week. Bill Hayes stated that he would like to work closely with the Ohio Department of Health on the HISPC grant.

Nancy Gillette added that the Ohio Bar Association, coupled with a group of Ohio attorneys from different law firms during the time of the HIPAA implementation, prepared a draft paper on preemption issues as it relates to Ohio privacy statutes/regulations and federal privacy statutes/ regulations. She indicated that she would send it to Bill Hayes and Stephanie Jursek for review, and this document could potentially serve as a resource in fulfilling the requirements of the HISPC grant. Dr. Schor concurred.

Marc Cloutier noted that the Wright Center of Innovation for Advanced Data Management and Analysis dba DataOne, a non-profit organization, has been funded through the Third Frontier and has extensive experience working with grant contracts. They may be helpful in collaborating with HPIO on the HISPC grant.

2006 'INVITATION ONLY' MEETING UPDATE

Stephanie Jursek engaged the committee in an additional discussion regarding the format for the afternoon session of the Invitation Only meeting agenda and provided an update on securing national and Ohio speakers. Bill Hayes reported on obtaining a keynote speaker. There was a good exchange of ideas.

Keynote Speaker

Bill Hayes indicated to the committee that he had spoken with Leah Pappas, a lobbyist for the NCR Corporation, concerning having William Nuti or another NCR representative be the keynote speaker. Leah responded that she would inquire and Bill would follow up.

National Speakers

Stephanie Jursek remarked that Janet Marchibroda, Rachel Block and Vicki Estrin are confirmed to serve as presenters. Emily Welebob added that Marty LaVenture is also confirmed.

Ohio HIT Panel

Stephanie Jursek stated that Dr. Harris would not be able to attend the meeting. With that in mind, it was decided not to find a replacement for Dr. Harris, since it would not be necessary to have two hospitals represented on the panel. As to the representative for a rural hospital, Rick Sites recommended contacting Pat Martin of Fisher-Titus Medical Center. Bill Hayes is in the process of inviting Brian Phillips and Bob Steffel to present. Dr. Bachtel agreed to serve on the panel on behalf of small physician practices. For large physician practices, Dr. McClure noted he may not be able to present because of a scheduling conflict. Stephanie Jursek was going to follow up with him the next week. If Dr. McClure is not available, Nancy Gillette noted that she would contact Pamela Coyle-Toerner. Pamela is a physician practice administrator for a large physician practice. Additionally, it was decided to have representation from a health plan on the panel and to consider inviting John Jesser.

Break Out Session

Bill Hayes reiterated the objective of the break out session, which is to have the invitees engaged in moving the initiative forward, committed to participating in workgroups or having a designee do so, and offering financial support. To meet that objective, the committee suggested having four breakout groups, which would address the same questions. As to key topics for the questions, there were several ideas noted by the committee, including having the invitees respond to the proposal, provide any necessary modifications, and determining the types of workgroups. Bill Hayes recommended reviewing the different suggestions and providing a recommendation at the next steering committee meeting. Further, Nancy Gillette commented that a question for the invitees to consider is whether there should be a state level organization for promoting effective adoption of health information technology and exchange.

Reaction Panel

In light of seeking proactive commitment from the invitees for implementation of the Project Plan, Bill Hayes recommended eliminating the reaction panel and allocate more time for the break out session and general discussion, regarding outcomes of the breakout groups. The committee agreed with Bill Hayes' recommendation.

STAKEHOLDER GROUP SESSIONS

Stephanie Jursek reported to the committee that William Fitzgibbon advised that the Ohio Chamber may not be participating with the implementation of the OHHIT initiative. She also informed the committee that a meeting was held with long-term care stakeholders. They are interested in the use of health information technology, especially with the development of continuity of care records.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Hayes informed the committee of a new contract with e-Health Initiative and securing 7 more interviews. In that regard, Bill requested names of potential interviewees from the government, business and health care sector.

NEXT MEETING

Stephanie Jursek advised that the next meeting is on February 1, 2006.