

## **OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 1, 2006**

Participants: Bill Hayes, Philip Powers, Nancy Gillette, Stephanie Jursek, Margie White, Rick Sites, Jon Wills, Heidi Gordon, Rick Moore, Mary Crimmins; *by phone*: Michele Shuster and Chris Knisley.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2006 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made. The motion passed by a majority vote.

### **2006 OHHIT PROJECT PLAN REVIEW**

Stephanie Jursek shared with the committee the current status on revisions for the draft OHHIT Project Plan proposal. Bill Hayes remarked that some committee members provided him with suggestions verbally.

Bill reviewed with the committee the structure of the HISPC grant in depth and compared it to the structure of the OHHIT Project Plan proposal. There were quite a few areas of overlap. Bill further noted that HPIO had received permission from the Governor's office to serve as the offeror for the Ohio HISPC RFP response and remarked that he is in the process of finalizing some logistics for the RFP response. He also reported that letters of support need to be part of the RFP response. Rick Sites commented that the Ohio Hospital Association, the Foundation for Healthy Communities, the Research and Educational Foundation and the Ohio Patient Safety Institute would provide support letters. Mary Crimmins suggested preparing a petition of support to be signed by the invitees because of the page limitation for the RFP response. The committee concurred on that approach. RTI is encouraging applicants to seek matching funds. Bill Hayes indicated there may be opportunity to receive matching funds through the Third Frontier. Additionally, Bill asked Chris Knisely to determine the cost for holding work group meetings via video conferencing. Chris Knisely indicated that she would advise on the cost for video conferencing.

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

Stephanie Jursek reviewed with the committee changes that were made to the agenda based on the suggestions that were presented at the January 19 meeting and obtained further feedback on format and content for the agenda.

#### *Keynote Speaker*

Bill Hayes indicated that he is still in the process of securing William Nuti or another NCR representative to be the keynote speaker. He also added that Frank Samuel will speak on behalf of the Governor during the first segment of the agenda to engage the attendees.

#### *National Speakers*

Stephanie Jursek reminded the committee that currently there are three national speakers scheduled to present. They are Rachel Block, Vicki Estrin, and Marty LaVenture. Additionally, Stephanie Jursek sought the committee's input, regarding the presentation content for the speakers. There was broad consensus by the committee that the focus should be on how 'buy-in' by stakeholders is secured for the development of a RHIO in each state and the documentation of the value proposition for RHIOs.

#### *Ohio HIT Panel*

Stephanie Jursek discussed with the committee the current status in securing panelists along with the format for the panel discussion. There was in depth exchange of suggestions for this portion of the meeting. With respect to securing panelists, Bill Hayes reported that Bob Steffel was confirmed and Brian Phillips' confirmation was still pending. Stephanie Jursek indicated that Dr. Bachtel agreed to present on behalf of small physician practices. However, with large physician practices, Stephanie Jursek indicated that Dr. McClure cleared his schedule but still may not be able to present because of other issues.

Stephanie Jursek was going to follow up with him later in the week to make a final determination. If Dr. McClure is not available, Stephanie Jursek asked Nancy Gillette to make preliminary inquiries as to Pamela Coyle Toerner's availability. With respect to the small hospital representative, Rick Sites commented that Pat Martin indicated that he would not be available but wished to discuss more with Rick Sites, regarding the meeting. Rick offered to seek an alternative presenter for Pat Martin. John Jesser told Bill Hayes that he would not be able to attend the meeting because of another company obligation. He did advise, however, that there may be opportunity for payers to work in collaboration, regarding the effective adoption of health information technology and exchange. Bill further remarked that he would continue to seek a substitute for John Jesser.

As to the format of the panel discussion, it was decided that the presenters would not make formal presentations with PowerPoint slides. Instead, the moderator would present a question to the entire panel and solicit answers from the appropriate panelists, based on the nature of the question, to create a proactive dialogue. The time allotted for the panel discussion is 45 minutes. The remaining 30 minutes would be for questions by the attendees. Margie White offered to share questions she has prepared for another panel for an upcoming conference that is similarly structured to this one.

#### *Break Out Sessions*

Stephanie Jursek reviewed with the committee the suggested focus areas for the break out session. The committee concurred with the recommendations.

#### *Break Out Session Volunteers*

Stephanie Jursek sought recommendations from the committee for facilitators who are from Ohio. They suggested Dr. Cauley, Reed Fraley, Marc Cloutier, Dr. Bertka, and Jean Scholz. They also advised consulting with Chris Knisely, regarding potential facilitators from the University. As to recorders, Rick Moore, Margie White, Heidi Gordon, and Nancy Gillette agreed to assume that role.

#### *General Discussion*

Stephanie Jursek engaged the committee about the format of the general discussion, which would be led by Bill Hayes following the break out sessions. It was decided that Bill Hayes would seek comments from one of the groups and then have other groups respond if they had different conclusions. Each group would not be asked to give a summary.

#### *Invitation List*

Bill Hayes noted that the invitation list was being finalized and that all of the steering committee members were invited. The committee inquired if any state legislators were going to be invited to the invitation-only meeting. Bill Hayes responded that he was willing to send invitations to state legislators and to meet with them. Michele Shuster offered her assistance and suggested Stephanie Jursek contact her to set up a conference call with Elise Spriggs, a lawyer for Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter, to discuss state legislators to consider inviting to the invitation-only meeting.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Heidi Gordon shared with the committee a starter kit that the Ohio Association of Family Physicians recently received, concerning EHR implementation.

#### NEXT MEETING

Stephanie Jursek advised that the next meeting is on Thursday, February 16, 2006.