

OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2006

Participants: Bill Hayes, Stephanie Jursek, Rick Sites, Jon Wills, Heidi Gordon, Dennis Swartzlander, Angela Hammond, Randy Cebul; *by phone*: Nancy Gillette, Michele Shuster and Mary Crimmins

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 unanimously.

2006 OHHIT PROJECT PLAN REVIEW

Bill Hayes reviewed briefly the parameters of the HISPC contract with the committee. As part of that review, Bill noted the need for match funding and the requirements for the formation of the HISPC steering committee. Proactive dialogue ensued.

As to funding, Bill commented that he has made inquiries, regarding Third Frontier funding, but those resources are obtained through competitive bidding. The total budget for the OHHIT Initiative that Bill estimates will be \$500,000. The scope of the OHHIT initiative is broader than the HISPC contract. He would like to secure \$30,000 before approaching foundations for funding. The committee suggested asking potential donors for initial “seed” money and requesting additional contributions if certain contingencies were met. Other potential sources are recipients of Third Frontier funding and the bioterrorism funding through the Ohio Department of Health. Another suggestion was to have a vendor’s fair.

With respect to the selection of the HISPC steering committee, Bill indicated that the governor has to approve the selection of the committee members. Bill reviewed his ideas for prospective members for the committee. The committee noted that even though there is a requirement for approval of members of the HISPC steering committee by the governor, the meetings, however, are open to the public.

2006 ‘INVITATION ONLY’ MEETING UPDATE

Stephanie Jursek gave an in-depth update of the meeting agenda. There was a good exchange of ideas.

Keynote Speaker

Bill Hayes reiterated that Frank Samuel would provide welcoming remarks and that he would also make some introductory comments. He confirmed that Sandra Morris would serve as the keynote speaker and set the stage for the meeting.

National Speakers

Stephanie Jursek indicated that that the committee’s suggestions were incorporated in this segment of the agenda. The national speakers will have limited PowerPoint slides. They will briefly describe their RHOs and then delve into obtaining stakeholder buy-in, lessons learned, barriers, and the value proposition for moving forward with a RHIO. Janet Marchibroda would be the moderator for the panel.

Ohio HIT Panel

Stephanie Jursek reported that Dr. Bachtel could not attend the meeting because of office conflicts. Dr. Bertka would take his place. The selection of a hospital representative was still pending. Stephanie noted that she was to follow up with Jim Albin to determine his availability to serve on the panel. As an alternative she requested that Jon Wills discuss this opportunity with Dr. Juhasz. As to a health plan representative, Peter Voitko from SummaCare Health Plan agreed to participate on the panel. Stephanie reviewed with the committee the panelist questions, and the committee concurred with the approach.

Invitation List

Stephanie Jursek and Bill Hayes provided updates on the status of having key state legislatures at the meeting.

Break Out Sessions

Stephanie Jursek reviewed with the committee the breakout questions. The committee suggested there be a question, regarding the envisioned relationship between state and regional efforts. Bill Hayes remarked that we would have that question addressed in the breakout sessions.

Break Out Session Volunteers

Stephanie Jursek reviewed with the committee the names of selected facilitators and recorders.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

NEXT MEETING

Stephanie Jursek advised that the next meeting is on March 2, 2006.