

## **OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 2, 2006**

Participants: Bill Hayes, Stephanie Jursek, Rick Sites, Jon Wills, Dennis Swartzlander, Mary Crimmins, Nancy Gillette, Kim Keiser; *by phone*: Michele Shuster, Bonnie Hollopeter, Chris Knisely, Rick Moore, and Anita Samarth

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 16, 2006 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Rick Moore requested the minutes be corrected, concerning the reference to the HISPC contract. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2006 INVITATION-ONLY MEETING REVIEW**

Stephanie Jursek sought feedback from the committee, regarding the invitation-only meeting in four main areas: logistics, national speaker panel, Ohio HIT panel, and breakout sessions:

#### *Logistics*

The committee remarked that overall the logistics for the meeting went well. They particularly liked the limited use of PowerPoint slides for the national and Ohio panel discussions. To have more proactive participation from the audience, they suggested that the moderator have preset follow-up questions in response to the comments made by the panelists.

#### *National Speaker Panel*

The committee noted that the panel provided key information for the implementation of the OHHIT Initiative and Janet Marchibroda was very effective in ensuring that all of the assigned topics were covered in the time allotted for this segment of the meeting.

#### *Ohio HIT Panel*

With the diverse representation on the panel, the committee indicated that interesting perspectives were obtained during the discussion, regarding the barriers/challenges, value proposition, and private/public policy changes for the effective adoption of Health Information Technology and Exchange in Ohio. It was suggested a summary be provided on the panel discussion.

#### *Breakout Sessions*

In Stephanie Jursek's review of the consolidated report for the breakout groups, the committee gave extensive feedback on key areas. Those areas included expansion of stakeholder representation, development of a more compelling OHHIT Initiative vision, greater distinction between the OHHIT Initiative and HISPC contract, and clarification of the role of state level efforts.

With respect to the stakeholder representation, it was decided that in the process of implementing the OHHIT Initiative and the HISPC contract there will be broader inclusion of additional stakeholder groups.

As to the modification of the OHHIT Initiative vision, Rick Sites stated that the Ohio Hospital Association would provide assistance. Additionally, the committee noted that the vision should reflect the integral role of HIT and HIE in Ohio's future and the importance of having universal access to it for improving health care delivery in Ohio.

In seeking further clarification of the differences between the OHHIT Initiative and the HISPC contract, the committee recommended preparing a summary of the invitation-only meeting and FAQs. Bill Hayes responded that a draft document would be prepared for review by the committee.

In terms of determining the relationship between a state level initiative and regional efforts, Bill Hayes noted that multi-stakeholder groups will need to collaborate to define that relationship. The purpose of the OHHIT Initiative is to accomplish that objective.

#### HISPC CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Stephanie Jursek reviewed with the committee the requirements for forming the HISPC steering committee and working groups. Bill Hayes also shared with the committee the need for additional funding sources to implement key aspects of the OHHIT Initiative and pre-planning activities for the HISPC contract. In that regard, he advised he would send out communications, outlining the specifics on the amount of the funding request.

With respect to the composition of the HISPC steering committee, Stephanie Jursek requested steering committee referrals. All members must be approved by the Governor. Additionally, there must be a representative on behalf of each stakeholder group, the legal group, state government, and the subcontractor.

As to the working groups, Rick Sites and Kim Keiser offered to seek hospital representatives. Bill Hayes reiterated the need for referrals to participate on the working groups.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

#### NEXT MEETING

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