

OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2006

Participants: Bill Hayes, Stephanie Jursek, Philip Powers, Rick Sites, , Dennis Swartzlander, Nancy Gillette, Marc Cloutier, Socrates Tuch , *by phone*: Jon Wills, Jayme Moore, Meghan Harris, Rick Moore, and Heidi Gordon

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2006 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

OHHIT INITIATIVE AND HISPC CONTRACT

Invitation Only Meeting Evaluation Results

Philip Powers remarked that the evaluation reflected that the participants thought that the meeting was well done. The speakers were given high ratings on their presentations. Participants commented that from the National speakers that good information was provided for the Ohio initiative to move forward.

OHHIT Initiative

Bill Hayes informed the committee of his vision for the implementation of the OHHIT initiative. He noted that the initiative is comprised of two projects. Each project complements the other. The two projects are the Ohio Health Information Strategic Plan (OHISP) and the Health Information Security and Privacy Contract (HISPC). The distinction between the two projects is described in the OHHIT Project Plan Update. The update is to provide further clarity to the participants at the invitation-only meeting and would be distributed next week. Additionally, he noted that the work groups for the OHHIT Initiative would address issues related to both projects. Bill also commented that further revisions are being made to the more extensive project plan, including a new timeline and budget. Bill reviewed with the committee prepared responses to issues raised during the breakout groups. Bill requested feedback from the committee. An in-depth discussion occurred.

The committee overall liked the material. They had a few recommended changes. They suggested further modifications of the vision statement noted in OHISP and more narrative on the goal of OHISP. Additionally, it was suggested that an education work group be added to the plan. Bill Hayes concurred.

Funding

Bill Hayes indicated to the committee that some funding request letters were sent out, and he plans to send additional letters. Bill estimated that the amount of needed resources to secure contractors, have stakeholder group sessions, and move forward on the pre-planning phase of the HISPC work will be \$40,000. He also noted that to complete the OHISP implementation process, he estimates needing funding of \$110,000. Rick Moore advised that the Ohio for EDI Board approved an undisclosed amount of resources for the OHHIT Initiative. Bill offered to send a request letter to the Ohio for EDI Board for their records.

Stakeholder and Ad Hoc Working Groups

Bill Hayes informed the committee of his plan to have stakeholder group sessions. There would be pre-set questions, seeking input on variety of areas, including barriers/challenges for adoption, exchange, interoperability, policy options, and benefits of HIT/HIE. The length of the meeting is estimated to be 3 hours and he will consider having a second meeting if necessary with each of these groups. He also envisioned having ad hoc groups covering topics of common interest among several stakeholder groups, such as behavioral health, e-prescribing, public health, and long-term care. Rick Sites offered to host a

stakeholder group session. The input obtained from these sessions would be given to the formal working groups.

Steering Committee and Work Groups

Stephanie Jursek reiterated to the committee the need for referrals for the steering committee and working groups. The committee inquired as to who has already noted interest on serving on the steering committee and working groups. Philip stated that he would provide a list of those participants who have already signed up.

OTHER BUSINESS

Stephanie Jursek shared highlights of Frank Carsonie's presentation at the CBA Health Law Committee, regarding regulations impacting HIT and HIE.

Additionally, Stephanie Jursek requested feedback from the steering committee on their future role with the OHHIT Initiative and meetings. Stephanie shared with the committee that it was thought that the committee would be treated as an ad hoc group wherein Mary Crimmins would lead. Additionally, Stephanie inquired if they wanted to continue to meet prior to the announcement of the HISPC awards. It was suggested that the HPIO team should make that determination. Bill responded that it would be necessary to meet on March 30. Additionally, it would be decided at that time if future meetings would be necessary.

NEXT MEETING

Stephanie Jursek advised that the next meeting is on March 30, 2006.