

## **OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 30, 2006**

Participants: Stephanie Jursek, Philip Powers, Rick Sites, Dennis Swartzlander, Rick Moore, Nancy Gillette, Marc Cloutier, Socrates Tuch , *by phone*: Bill Hayes, Jayme Moore, and Bonnie Hollopeter

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

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

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

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

### **OHISP AND HISPC UPDATE**

#### *OHHIT Initiative*

Bill Hayes remarked that he has prepared a revised draft of the OHHIT project update. He noted that an education committee was added to the list of committees and a more extensive narrative of the OHHIT vision, including a scenario. Philip Powers will incorporate a timeline to the update as well.

#### *Stakeholder Group Sessions*

Bill Hayes informed the committee that he had met with John Jesser and Lisa Bateson of Anthem to discuss their interest level in supporting the effective adoption of HIT and HIE. They indicated they were interested but wanted other health plans to be involved, as well. A suggestion was made to form a funding pool wherein physicians could obtain low interest loans for securing equipment. Additionally, they discussed how electronic medical records may be a means to address current fraud issues related to billing and reimbursement. John and Lisa mentioned that Anthem is considering supporting an e-prescribing pilot project. If that project is implemented, there may be opportunity for it to be made part of the OHHIT Initiative. With that in mind, Bill inquired about potential funding from Anthem. They responded that the Anthem Foundation may have interest in supporting the OHHIT Initiative. Further discussions will be held at a second meeting that will be scheduled in the near future. Bill also reported he met with public health stakeholders and discussed barriers from their perspective, regarding HIT and HIE.

Stephanie Jursek noted to the committee that Marc Cloutier facilitated a meeting for HPIO to meet with John Pestian of the Computational Medicine Center in Cincinnati. This center has obtained funding through the Third Frontier. Marc Cloutier advised that there may be opportunity to secure funding through the Computational Medicine Center's coalition partners. Bill Hayes added that there may be an opportunity to have indirect access to Third Frontier resources through the tobacco fund. Marc Cloutier responded that to be eligible for those resources the project must have an economic development focus coupled with a focus on the health of Ohioans. There will be a request for proposals next Fall. It is important to be developing key ideas currently in preparation for the RFPs.

#### *UHIN*

Bill Hayes advised that we have discussed having UHIN present how they have implemented their RHIO, involving exchange of administrative data and the economic benefits, resulting from that effort. Rick Sites suggested having another public education event and having a UHIN representative speak at that event. Rick Sites and Rick Moore agreed to begin the planning process.

#### *RHIOs*

Bill Hayes indicated that Dennis Swartzlander invited HPIO to meet with the Central Ohio collaborative to discuss potential involvement in their initiative. The Northeast Ohio RHIO has requested HPIO's involvement, as well.

*Funding*

Bill Hayes commented that he had not received any formal responses to his requests for funding. Nancy Gillette advised that the OSMA board meeting would be held on March 31, and there would be discussions, regarding supporting the OHHIT initiative.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business addressed in the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Stephanie Jursek advised that the next scheduled meeting is on April 20, 2006.