

## **OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 20, 2006**

Participants: Stephanie Jursek, Philip Powers, Rick Sites, Dennis Swartzlander, Rick Moore, Marc Cloutier, Socrates Tuch, Jerry Friedman, Greg Moody, Ann Spicer, Magan Langell, Bonnie Hollipeter, Kim Keiser, Mary Crimmins; *by phone*: Bill Hayes, Angela Hammond, Chris Knisely, and Nancy Gillette.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 30, 2006 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

### **OHISP AND HISPC UPDATES**

#### *OHHIT Initiative*

Bill Hayes informed the committee that RTI International noted that there were 43 applications submitted and they anticipated notification, regarding the contract awards would be held April 28. He also mentioned that a Memorandum of Understanding had been agreed upon by HPIO and the Ohio Department of Health.

#### *WIKI*

Bill Hayes indicated that the Project Plan update would be posted on Wiki, an interactive website that was set up by Philip Powers. Philip added that the website would include the prior meeting minutes and FAQs. The documents found on the website were not to be used for public distribution. In the near future, there would be an opportunity for stakeholders to post information on the website. The website address is <http://ohhit.pbwiki.com>.

#### *Funding*

Bill Hayes announced that he had received funding commitments from the OSMA, Ohio Osteopathic Association and e-Health Ohio (formerly known as Ohio for EDI). for a total amount of \$15,000. Kim Keiser stated that the Ohio Hospital Association would be providing funding as well. Other inquiries that remain pending are from the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians and Anthem.

#### *Physician Survey*

Philip Powers stated that the survey produced more than 400 responses. The feed back reflected that the physicians did not fully understand the meaning of the information technology acronyms. Another round of the survey questions will be sent to those qualifying physicians who did not respond or had not received the survey to date. Analysis of the results will be prepared by HPIO Intern Nan Bozzollo.

#### *Education*

Rick Moore commented that e-Health Ohio is interested in being part of the education effort. They would like to know more of what is intended to be accomplished. With that in mind, Bill Hayes inquired from the committee if they were in favor of having a summer conference. Rick Sites stated that he believed a summer conference would be beneficial to have with multi-stakeholders and suggested having UHIN present at the conference. Bill commented that he envisioned having UHIN to present to smaller targeted or multi-stakeholder groups. The intent would be to have these groups meet for 2-3 hours to seek their input on barriers for adoption, interoperability and exchange, and policy options along with learning more about a successful RHIO. The additional funding that is obtained could be used to support that effort. It was also mentioned that if CEUs were given to this type of programming, it would be attractive to providers. A proactive discussion was held on the requirements for implementing a CEU accredited seminar. Kim Keiser remarked that the OHA annual meeting is scheduled for June 12, and this

may be a good opportunity to promote the OHHIT Initiative. Mary Crimmins inquired about the requirements. Kim Keiser stated that she would send an e-mail outlining them.

Bill informed the committee that the Ohio Managed Care Association requested that HPIO provided information be provided about health information exchanges for the May conference. It was suggested by the committee that committee members work together and produce an abstract for that event.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Crimmins reported that she had responded to the Third Frontier's RFI. In that regard, she commented that the idea submitted entailed having a mega center for HIE exchange. She also noted that the RFP will be published in mid May.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is on May 4, 2006.