

## **OHHIT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**May 4, 2006**

Participants: William Hayes Stephanie Jursek, Philip Powers, Rick Moore, Socrates Tuch, Megan Smith, Kim Keiser, Bill Hayes, Nancy Gillette, Jon Wills, Mary Crimmins, *by phone*: Angela Hammond and Margie White

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

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

### **APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2006 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

### **OHISP AND HISPC UPDATE**

#### *HISPC*

Bill Hayes informed the committee that the announcement of the subcontract awards has been postponed until May 5. In anticipation of receiving the HISPC award, Bill indicated that draft consulting agreements were being prepared, and the Project Management Team would be meeting the week of May 8.

Additionally, the status of HISPC, the OHHIT Project Plan Update, and Responses to Issues Raised in General Discussion Breakout Groups at The Health Information Community of Ohio Advisory Group Meeting of February 24, 2006 would be e-mailed to all of the invitation-only participants and other interested parties. There also will be information included in the e-mail, regarding the posting of material on the new WIKI web site for HISPC and OHISP efforts.

#### *Funding*

Bill Hayes indicated that he has received commitments for \$25,000 to serve as an additional budget for HPIO in the implementation of the OHISP and HISPC.

#### *Stakeholder Groups*

Bill Hayes reported that he has had discussions with Lorin Ranbom, the new Assistant Deputy Director for Ohio Medicaid. He is very interested in the potential of working with exchanges and promoting the adoption of Health Information Technology and Health Information Exchange. Bill further commented that he envisioned having targeted stakeholder meetings or multi-stakeholder groups, regarding HIT and HIE issues in May and June. The information gained from these meetings will be given to the formal HISPC working groups. HPIO plans to convene on May 23 the leadership of the current Ohio exchanges to seek their input on the extent of developing collaborative relationships between regional and state efforts for the effective adoption of HIT and HIE.

#### *Steering Committee*

Bill Hayes remarked that the final composition of the steering committee needed to be completed. He reviewed with the committee the stakeholders that are required to be represented on the committee. In terms of long-term care, Margie White offered to serve as the representative. Gene King, an attorney representing the underserved population, agreed to be on the steering committee. Mary Crimmins added that the Community Action Partnership is proactively involved with protecting consumer interests.

### **EDUCATION and PRESENTATION**

Bill Hayes advised the committee of the plan to focus on stakeholder education. At the Ohio Association of Health Plans meeting, HPIO will have a booth with a poster display of the current exchanges. This display will also be available at the Ohio Public Health Association meeting. Nancy Gillette suggested that the display be used at the OSMA annual meeting as well. Bill Hayes further noted that at the OHA annual meeting on June 12-13, there is opportunity to present at the event and proactively promote the OHHIT Initiative. It was decided that UHIN would be invited to share with the participants the successful development of their exchange and the beneficial use of a RHIO for administrative data. UHIN would present on both June 12 and 13 in the afternoon. Beverages and snacks may be provided. Potential options for funding this event were discussed as well. In that regard, Kim Keiser suggested

having sponsors for the event. Those participants who did not want to attend the other programs offered at the OHA annual meeting would not be required to pay the registration fee for the annual meeting.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Crimmins added that on May 11 there would be a meeting with exchanges to discuss the possibility of a collaborative relationship with proposed Mega Centers.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is on May 18, 2006.