

## **HISPC Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting September 7, 2006**

Participants: Margie White, Megan Smith, Ayeshia Ellington, Stephanie Jursek, Rick Sites, Philip Powers, Nancy Gillette, Bill Hayes, and Mary Crimmins  
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### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mary Crimmins welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2006 MINUTES**

The August 10 minutes were amended to add that the discussion on an Ohio RHIO would be a standing agenda item. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made. The motion passed unanimously.

### **HISPC UPDATE**

Bill Hayes reported that stakeholders can visit the wiki on Monday to review the 18 scenarios and provide feedback on the scenarios and scenario analysis. Directions on how to make comments are listed on the top of the webpage. The project team will send out a broadcast e-mail to remind individuals about the HISPC project on September 11 and request their feedback. The e-mail will also invite them to share this information with others. There will be a two week comment period.

The August topical meetings varied in attendance from a high of 30 participants at the behavioral health meeting to a low of 1 participant. Participants appreciated the opportunity to voice their opinions. Another topical area meeting specific to persons with disabilities will be held on September 8. The project team worked with Beverly Johnson to notify persons in this community and to help subsidize the costs associated with their being able to participate in the meeting. Costs are being paid for with HISPC funds. Ayeshia Ellington will post the minutes from all meetings on the wiki at <http://hispc.pbwiki.com/TopicalEventMeetings> for individuals to review and comment on. The notes from the topical area meetings will help to draft a state roadmap. The roadmap will look at the vision for HIT and HIE in Ohio, barriers to HIT adoption and HIE, policy solutions to address these barriers, and an overview of what other states are doing. The Steering Committee will have an opportunity to look at a draft of the roadmap at their meeting on September 18. The roadmap should be completed by the end of October.

Several health plan representatives attended the topical area meeting that was specific to health plans. Humana informed the group that they are piloting a project called Availity in Florida. This is a real time claims adjustment payer based record. The web portal allows providers to submit prior authorizations and receive answers quickly. The information is available to providers, hospitals, labs, and urgent care centers. For more information on Availity, visit <http://www.availity.com/index.html>.

The project team has been notified that the regional conferences will be held from October 22 through November 16. They do not have a specific date for Ohio, as yet, but would like 4 people to attend the conference. Two contract modifications are expected to

occur, one to reflect the change in the Interim Assessment of Variations report due date from September to October and another to reflect the change of the October date. The project team is still waiting for the announcement of new deliverable dates.

The August 28 Steering Committee meeting was canceled due to no new information being available to share with the committee. The Steering Committee will meet on September 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to discuss the draft of the state roadmap, review the highlights from the topical area meetings, and provide feedback on the scenarios and scenario analysis.

Stephanie Jursek reported that the LWG is completing their review of the scenarios 9-18. After they complete their analysis, they will provide their findings to the VWG, who will meet on September 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to go over the analysis and revised scenarios. Additional inquiries were made as to the process following the review by the VWG. Stephanie Jursek commented that the data would be incorporated into an assessment tool, and a narrative would be prepared. Stephanie also noted that some of the information that was pertinent to the scenarios did not relate to a specific business practice. As such, this was problematic in terms of entering the data in the assessment tool. Stephanie indicated that she and the VWG coordinator were making some further inquiries and provided the LWG/VWG findings for review.

#### STATE RHIO CONVERSATION

An in-depth discussion ensued on the prospective role of a state level RHIO in Ohio. Rick Sites suggested a potential RHIO would involve a private and public partnership and be led by a neutral party. Nancy Gillette outlined key stakeholder categories, such as the public good, clinical, and administration/eligibility to take into consideration for the role of the RHIO.

#### EDUCATION/PRESENTATIONS

Bill Hayes and Philip Powers will be presenting on HIT efforts in Ohio at several conferences including AOPHA and behavioral health.

Regional Meetings will be scheduled for November through January. The group discussed holding five to seven meetings across the state. Several areas, including Dayton, Lima, Cambridge, Mansfield, Youngstown, Canton, Cleveland, Athens, and Cincinnati, were suggested meeting locations. Planning for the regional meetings should begin soon.

Save the date card for October 23 conference will be sent out. The conference will lay out the state roadmap and give people an opportunity to discuss how a RHIO would coordinate HIT and HIE efforts in Ohio. Breakout sessions will be held to help refine the state roadmap.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business introduced at the meeting.

#### CHAIR FOR NEXT MEETING

Megan Smith agreed to chair the September 21 meeting.