

Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting March 15, 2007

Participants: Philip Powers, Bill Mitchin, Stephanie Jursek, Ayeshia Ellington, Bill Hayes, Mary Crimmins

Phone: John DeBruyne, Megan Smith, Margie White, Bonnie Hollopetter, Rick Sites, Rick Moore, Nancy Gillette

Welcome and Introductions

Margie White welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of February 15, 2007 Minutes

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

OHISP and HISPC Update

Bill Hayes reported that the HISPC contract was extended until April 30, 2007. The project team members' contracts will also be extended to this date to allow them to continue to work on the project. The project team submitted the Interim Solutions Report and Interim Implementation Plan Report on January 16 and February 14 respectively. Final reports for the HISPC project are due March 30 and April 16. RTI's Interim Assessment of Variation roll-up report was forwarded to workgroup members on March 14, 2007. Please do not share with others outside of the HISPC working groups due to the OMB clearance expiration. Steering Committee members have agreed to serve until June 30, 2007 and will hold a working retreat on April 27-28, 2007. During the retreat members will work on developing recommendations outlined in the Implementation Plan and Roadmap.

Bill Hayes submitted a draft HIT Executive Order to the Governor's Office and is awaiting a response. HPIO has been working with the Governor's Office on an FCC application which is due on May 7, 2007. The FCC workgroup will hold its next meeting on March 30 at 11:30am. HPIO is trying to figure out a private/public mix of money to continue to support the work on HIT efforts.

Four members of the project team attended the HISPC National Meeting. Bill Mitchin reported that the National Meeting had valuable breakout sessions. Each state is developing its own infrastructure, guidelines, and exchange principals and then trying to figure out how to exchange data with other states. At the National Meeting there was an announcement that funds may be available to help states further carryout implementation plans. Presentation materials from the meeting are available here <http://hispc.pbwiki.com/>. Philip Powers suggested that AWG members pay special attention to Session A-2 on consent.

Review of Roadmap Joint Working Group Meeting

Two meetings of the Roadmap Joint Working Group were held in January and February. Members can review the summary document located here <http://hispc.pbwiki.com/JointWG> and submit feedback and recommended changes.

Consent: Barrier 5 of Implementation Plan

Mary Crimmins reported that the Legal Working Group and Implementation Working Group have been reviewing the issue of consent. The IPWG and Steering Committee have been clear that HIPAA should be the floor as well as the ceiling, thus providing no special provision to obtain consent for treatment. Philip Powers reported that conversations at the national meeting noted that HIPAA was the ceiling in some situations. He also suggested that we include Bill Braithwaite in the conversation about HIPAA. The IPWG and LWG have concern about Medicaid rules and regulations. Medicaid can only share information with others only if it's for the administration of the Medicaid program.

New York has developed a contract form that includes the purpose of the treatment and purpose of request. Rhode Island is also working on the issue and Indiana believes they have this resolved but has not released details. ODJFS has a link on their website under Legal that discusses Public Records and Confidentiality Law as relates to public welfare programs. Mary Crimmins suggested that we continue to have CMS and information standards as a standing agenda item.

Education and Presentations

Members discussed planning ideas for the 4th Annual HIT Summit scheduled for October 2007. Philip Powers noted that at the Community Meeting held in Cincinnati individuals wanted educational courses that would prepare provider office staff for the implementation of electronic health records. These courses, offered in the form of continuing education credits, can look at what adoption is, what to look for, and how to be successful. It was suggested that the education committee look at the University of Cincinnati's health informatics website (<http://www.uc.edu/chi/>) as a resource. Bonnie Hollopeter has developed a curriculum for provider offices and is willing to share lessons learned. Margie White offered to give a presentation on personal health records from a consumer perspective. Is there a need to present on the status of OHHIT? Give an overview of grant opportunities and new legislation surrounding HIT. Maybe give an update on state level organization. Margie White and Bonnie Hollopeter volunteered to help Rick Sites and Rick Moore begin organizing the October HIT Summit. There will be opportunities to hold open meetings before October if the Governor signs off on the Executive Order. National Webinars are also opportunities to bring people together. There is one scheduled for March 28 entitled *A National Web conference on the Socio-technical Aspects of Health IT*. The web conference will be held from 12:30pm – 2:00pm and those interested can come to HPIO to view the conference. Rick Sites suggested that we table the discussion on education and presentations until the next meeting to see what happens with the Executive Order.

New Business

Mary Crimmins would like to return to the discussion about the future of the AWG/OHHIT at the next meeting. The AWG members should consider if they want to continue to meet about OHHIT and if they want to be an advisory group to the state level Steering Committee.

Bill Hayes reported that there are two grants available; a FFC grant for rural area connectivity and a HIE grant that will focus on supporting state level/regional level efforts.

Chair for the next Meeting

Rick Moore volunteered to chair the next meeting on April 19, 2007. Mary Crimmins and Philip Powers are substitutes in case Rick Moore can not attend the meeting.