

## **LWG Consent Subgroup Meeting Minutes August 1, 2007**

*Participants:* Jim Skidmore, Stephanie Jursek, Terri-Lynne Smiles, Rick Sites, Nancy Gillette, Janice Franke, Pete Mihaly., Karen Smith, Bill Mitchin  
*Phone:* April Smith, Sue Yoder, Jeff Kapp, Keith Hepp, Socrates Tuch

### *Introductions*

Nancy Gillette welcomed the group. All attendees introduced themselves.

### *Approval of July 11, 2007 Minutes*

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

### *HISPC Update*

Stephanie Jursek reported that the HISPC Phase 3 contract was approved. April Smith from Kentucky will be joining the Ohio consent workgroup. RTI will provide a portal to facilitate collaborative discussions with other states.

With respect to the OHHIT initiative, a proposed executive order was submitted to the Governor's office. In the order, the Steering Committee would be appointed as an advisory group to the OHIP (Ohio Health Information Partnership). HPIO held a meeting with health plans and RHIOs on July 12 where participants learned of a new RHIO developing in Northwest Ohio. Other meetings around the state include 5 statewide meetings held by Representative Raussen, Chair of the House Healthcare, Access, and Affordability Committee, to reform healthcare in Ohio, the Ohio Department of Insurance's healthcare advisory group, and the Business Roundtable's in depth look at the healthcare reform in the state of Ohio. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual HIT Summit will be held on October 29, 2007 at Quest Business Centers.

April Smith reported that Kentucky is working on standardizing (*government?*) forms at all points of intake. They are also working with HealthBridge and KePRO to implement a portal. Nancy Gillette reported that Senator Kennedy introduced a bill that proposes changes to HIPAA that would require specific consent for treatment. Members would like to know if any other group is working on model state legislation. It was suggested that the group look into activities in Florida by reviewing the State Alliance for e-Health website.

The goal of the LWG Consent Subgroup is to produce an Ohio model permission form by the end of the year. Members would like to have input from other states, so that the form can be applicable to states bordering Ohio. Kentucky would like to look at the Medicaid consent form and wants to share information and findings.

Socrates Tuch remarked that the Ohio Department of Health Director, Dr. Jackson, has commented that electronic health records and HIE are one of his highest priorities. A number of healthcare bills are being introduced. Legislators are likely to support the HIT initiative because it is not headed by a government agency but instead by a private public initiative.

### *Revised Work Plan*

The revised work plan was reviewed and members were given assignments. Consumer feedback is important, so that the group will develop a presentation for consumer meetings throughout Ohio. In order to make sure the form is user friendly for consumers, the group will have it reviewed by experts at the Ohio Department of Health, the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

### *Draft Model Permission Form*

Terri-Lynne Smiles went over the draft permission form for use and disclosure of patient information that she prepared as a starting point for discussion. Smiles reported that segments of forms submitted by members were incorporated into the draft form. Members discussed the need for further clarification of language, regarding various sections of the form. One of those areas pertained to re-disclosure of information. Keep in mind that the permission process will eventually be electronic. Keith Hepp noted that the data elements eventually need to be consistent with how data is displayed in electronic form using HL7. Members should also think about how the form will be used with different types of exchanges. Implementation of the form is expected to occur in 2008. The group is reviewing legal requirements for exchange of information. The target audience for the form is providers.

### *Committee Assignments*

Nancy Gillette went over committee assignments. Terri-Lynne Smiles will lead the Topical Area Restrictions Subcommittee and Nancy Gillette will lead the General Restrictions Subcommittee. Subcommittee chairs will send out meeting information by e-mail. Keith Hepp volunteered to join both subcommittees. Susan Yoder volunteered to join the Topical Area Restrictions subcommittee. Socrates Tuch was requested to serve on the Topical Area restrictions Subcommittee in addition to serving on the General Restrictions Subcommittee.

### *Next Meeting*

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the HPIO office.