

Organizational Structure Working Group November 21, 2006

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WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Hayes welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

THE VISION

The Organizational Structure working group meeting is the first of several work group meetings scheduled to help refine recommendations in the Roadmap document. The draft Roadmap was created and taken out to a series of meetings for feedback. The Roadmap was revised and a final copy is being distributed to legislators and HIT Summit attendees. Recommendations centered on adoption, exchange, interoperability, organizational structure, and workforce development are included in the Roadmap. Both campaigns did receive a draft copy of the Roadmap document during the election and the final Roadmap document will be shared with Governor-elect Strickland after Thanksgiving. The Organizational Structure Working Group will create a state-level organization that will coordinate HIT efforts in Ohio. This group will focus on what type of organization to create and the role(s) of the organization.

OHIO REVIEW of ROLES IN OTHER STATES

The group has several tools to use in this decision making process including research done by a national group who is looking at best practices of state level RHIOs and a worksheet prepared by the governance subgroup which compares several state RHIOs. States highlighted on this worksheet include NC, UT, and CA. Members of the Organizational Workgroup are welcome to research the RHIOs in these states to see what organizational structure would make sense in Ohio.

A subgroup of the HISPC Legal Working Group (LWG) was created to look at governance options for a state level organization. The Governance Subgroup would like to know in detail what type of state level organization Ohio wants before they recommend governance options for the organization. A decision on what type of state level organization and its role(s) should be made by December 15 in order to give the Governance Subgroup enough time to write a report. This report will help to make policy recommendations to the new governor and help translate policy into the state budget.

Bill Hayes gave several possible roles of a state level organization:

- 1) Coordinator, Educator, and Facilitator: hold a set of discussions and dialogues
- 2) Funder: obtain and putting funds together. Create a pool of money (private and public) for all types of providers. Create a series of regions in Ohio; possibly 6 regions. Many states have subsidy money to encourage local activities. Creation of regions will decrease competition. Allocate a certain amount of money for each region; RHIOs would have to work together. Need to manage monies that are available.
- 3) Remove barriers to health information exchange: look at remaining problems in state law. Setting statewide HIT/HIE policies and/or standards.

- 4) Have a state level exchange around admin data.
- 5) Technical Assistance organization. Coordinate training for workforce development
- 6) Bridge state and national activities

Other roles highlighted in the Roadmap include:

- 1) Engage in pooled purchasing; buy in bulk; discount from vendors
- 2) Create portals where people have access to certain data. Payers creating database off a claims data. In KY a payer based portal created by law
- 3) Creation of my health record will capture the uninsured and allow individuals to create their own health record

Members offered suggestions on other roles a state level organization could perform including providing disease alerts and data reports to providers (on a state level) and looking at population health on a state level. They would also like to know if the state has resources to develop a state level HIT organization and if the Governor is willing to support this initiative.

The creation of state HIT coordinator would also help to facilitate HIT activities of state agencies. The state coordinator would sit on the state level organization board. The HISPC Steering Committee is currently being used as a “board” to filter recommendations for the Roadmap. This committee includes representation from physicians, hospital associations, hospital CEOs, nurses association, pharmacy association, long term care, behavior health care providers, consumer, health benefits manager, anthem, CareSource, ODI, ODJFS, ODH, Medicaid, local public health commission, county board of health associations, and HPIO. The HISPC Steering Committee was created to oversee the work of the HISPC project in Ohio. More information about the project and the deliverables created under this project can be viewed at <http://hispc.pbwiki.com> . The Steering Committee does have broad based representation so they could be considered as the board for the state level organization. The Organizational Structure group will have to take into consideration what size they want the board to be, what representation they want on the board, and board membership fees. Funding for the organization also needs to be considered. Medicaid may be able to help fund a state level organization with funding allocated for operating costs, planning, and training at a one to one match. A detailed plan of assigned roles within the organization should be thought through and given a time frame.

It was also suggested that local RHIOs in Ohio have representation present at the Organizational Structure meetings. Their input on what a state level organization should look like would be valuable. HPIO has extended meeting invitations to all representatives of local RHIOs. The challenge in forming a state level organization will be deciding how a state level RHIO and local RHIOs will work together.

Members of the Columbus RHIO Initiative Task Force believe a state level organization will play a valuable role in keeping each local RHIO updated on what is happening at other local RHIOs across the state. This type of organization could also help with funding and identifying priority areas for local RHIOs that are in the beginning stages. Bill Hayes suggested hosting a small meeting with representatives from all local RHIOs actively engaged in exchange efforts

between institutions. These groups would come together in an initial meeting and then decide how they would like to continue to interact.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

State agencies are looking at how Roadmap will fit into their work plans so there is a need to make the Roadmap recommendations more detailed. The group will identify a set of activities that the state level organization will perform in order to help the governance group advise accordingly. We will also look at things the organization can accomplish quickly to obtain early wins. The Governance Subgroup will look at state RHIOs and talk to their CEOs and summarize information into a worksheet which will be sent out to Organizational Structure group members.

NEXT STEPS

The Governance Subgroup will provide a list of additional information needed from the Organizational Structure group. At the next meeting the group will walk through more precisely governance models of other states. An agenda for the local exchanges meeting will also be developed at this meeting. Bill Hayes will try to get representatives from local exchanges to attend the December 5 meeting, 2006.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2006 from 10am-12noon at HPIO.