

## **Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting November 16, 2006**

Attending: Philip Powers, Stephanie Jursek, Bonnie Hollopeter, Jon Wills, Ayeshia Ellington

By phone: Rick Sites, Megan Smith, Margie White, Mary Crimmins, Jim Pearsol, Nancy Gillette

Prior to the start of the meeting informal discussion resulted in Philip volunteering to call into the NGA webinar.

Stephanie called the meeting to order and introductions were completed. Minutes for November 2, 2006 were approved.

Stephanie Jursek reported on OHISP and HISPC. The Assessment of Variations Report was submitted to RTI on time. The Legal Working Group (LWG) is meeting to discuss governance model options. A discussion ensued regarding questions about how governance could be determined with out knowing what a state-level RHIO in Ohio would do. Stephanie reported that the LWG would work with the Organizational Structure Working Group to determine the role of the state-level RHIO in Ohio.

Mary Crimmins gave a brief report on the Solutions Working Group. She indicated that the SWG has reviewed all 6 primary points from the Variations Working Group (VWG) and several additional barriers that are not legal barriers.

Stephanie Jursek reported on the regional HISPC RTI meeting that was attended by representatives from IL, IN, MI, OH, and KY. The common themes were problems with behavioral health law and lack of standards. Nancy reported that there was consensus that there needs to be clarity around national standard for privacy and security, either by making HIPAA the standard or to adopt national standards to address restrictive state practices in behavioral health, AIDS, etc.

Stephanie Jursek reported that RTI is considering extending deadlines for reports.

Mary reported that the SWG has agreed to stay on schedule and to use any extra time to solicit stakeholder input on the report. Stephanie thanked Jim Pearsol for making an excellent presentation for Ohio at the regional RTI meeting.

The Roadmap has been revised based on the input from the October 23 Summit. The group discussed upcoming meetings on Organizational Structure, Local RHIO Development, Workforce Development, HIE with a focus on payer based & personal health records, Communication Infrastructure, HIT Adoption Subsidy Pool, and Development of Return On Investments (ROIs). There was discussion about stakeholder confusion regarding who has the authority or directive to make specific recommendations. The number of meetings and timing of meetings was questioned in terms of asking for a tremendous amount time in a limited pool of volunteers. The group recognizes the need to be aggressive to get initiatives into the budget cycle, while not appearing to sacrifice inclusion for speed. Jon Wills reported on a legislative effort

around broadband. Mary Crimmins shared the content of the Tri-Rivers news letter regarding the published Strickland proposals on HIT that focus on broadband access expanded use of EHRs, telemedicine and communication innovations. The group wanted to be sure not to be spamming people around this topic. Jim Pearsol stated that all of these points are well taken and he had to sign off.

Next was the State RHIO Conversation and Mary Crimmins questioned the purpose of such a group, expressing that she thought we had agreed to the Utah model for administrative transactions with an oversight function for local efforts. Philip suggested the inclusion of an education function. Nancy Gillette and Megan Smith were not comfortable with a specific recommendation without a lot more broad communication. Jon agreed with Mary's view and suggested that the bio-terrorism efforts showed that the efforts and action was primarily local and the state structure hoped to guide the development almost post facto. Nancy recommended more communication with legislators and communities. Margie suggested adding a bulletin board to the wiki for this topic.

Rick Sites reported that the annual OHA meeting will be held June 18 and 19, 2007 and may present an opportunity for further education. His group has been discussing a spring EDI focused educational session. Nancy Gillette expressed concern that the state Roadmap and plan are not generally well known. Rick suggested a statehouse atrium presentation as a possibility. Jon Wills asked for clarification of the intended audience and further suggested that US Mail be used (instead of e-mail) in communicating to the intended audience. All agreed that promotion is important. Philip Powers reported on other sessions HPIO was doing with legislators and echoed concern that communicating about two projects (OHHIT and HISPC) will result in confusion because it splits attention of volunteers and audience. Perhaps we need to find a way to merge the two projects under one rubric.

Ayeshia Ellington reported that 5 community meetings have been scheduled in December and the Athens meeting is the only one that does not have a date set yet. No other meetings will be scheduled until January. Mary Crimmins discussed the announcement she had sent to the Dayton community, which included a discussion of the Roadmap, local efforts and HISPC. She suggested that anyone was free to use that document as a template. She also suggested that one focus is garnering letters of support for the Roadmap. The group asked about a standard format, none is prescribed but we would like some quotable sound bytes in the letters.

Under New Business Stephanie Jursek asked Margie White to discuss the OHIMA annual meeting scheduled March 28. During the 2:30 time Margie is organizing a panel presentation on legal issues surrounding hospital based privacy and confidentiality breaches. Rick Sites was suggested as a resource. The group decided to start meeting only once per month and the next meeting will be held December 12 at 10:00AM to noon. Bonnie Hollopeter will chair the next meeting.