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WISHIN Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

Conference call – 8:00-8:30am



AGENDA ITEMS	END RESULT
Contract(s) with UW Survey Center	Mr. Kachelski and Ms. Doeringsfeld presented the parameters of the UW Survey Center Laboratory Assessment Mail Survey Contract. Mr. Kachelski explained that there would be a similar agreement covering a planned clinic survey. Ms. Syth made a motion to approve both survey contracts. Mr. Brenton seconded. Motion approved.
Contract with Hiebing Group, Inc.	Mr. Kachelski and Ms. Johnston presented the draft of the working agreement between WISHIN and Hiebing Group, Inc. Mr. Brenton made a motion to approve a contract with the Hiebing Group that conforms with the working agreement. Mr. Queram seconded the motion. Motion approved.
<p><u>Operational Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 2 Meaningful Use Rules • Program Information Notice/Update of Strategic and Operational Plan • Phase II Technical-Services Procurement • Appointment of Workgroups • NORC'S Wisconsin Site Visit • Dr. Mostashari's Wisconsin Visit 	<p>Mr. Kachelski provided a brief summary and update on several current WISHIN operational issues.</p> <p><u>Stage 2 Meaningful Use Rules/2014 Standards & Certification Criteria</u> The key issues for WISHIN relate to the extent to which the rules “raise the bar” on the HIE aspects of Meaningful Use and the extent to which certification standards for EHR systems support or enable HIE. WISHIN’s initial review leads us to believe that the rules do not materially raise the bar on the HIE aspects of meaningful use. There is a requirement that providers transitioning or referring patients to another setting of care electronically transmit a summary of care record using Certified EHR technology to a non-affiliated recipient using a different Certified EHR technology in at least 10 percent of such situations. It appears this criterion could be satisfied using Direct secure messaging. The proposed EHR certification standards require Direct capability to be integrated into EHR systems. This could address one of the major barriers to Direct adoption – the fact that using Direct today often requires a modification of existing clinical workflow — but since the new standards on EHR vendors do not come into effect until 2014, they do little to encourage Direct adoption in the near future.</p> <p>This requirement brings into focus one of the major barriers to widespread adoption of Direct. The new EHR certification standard is a tacit acknowledgement that no current EHR systems are capable of sending and/or digesting structured data from/to the EHR system itself. Until that time, Direct messages will always involve some level of manual intervention and therefore require a separate workflow process.</p> <p><u>Program Information Notice (PIN)</u> The long-awaited PIN was released on February 8. It covers four main areas related to the update of states’ Strategic and Operational Plans (SOPs):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress on July 2010 PIN priorities 2. Direct Adoption 3. Sustainability Plan 4. Evaluation Plan

- July 2010 PIN Priorities

In July 2010, ONC listed three areas of emphasis that were to be addressed in every SOP:

1. Electronic exchange of clinical summaries
2. Electronic delivery of lab results
3. E-prescribing

The Board is well-acquainted with these priorities. Although WISHIN achieved its initial goals in these areas, ONC has asked us to do more work in the area of lab results and has strongly encouraged WISHIN to promote the use of Direct as a vehicle for delivery of lab results.

We will report on our 2012 strategy, as approved by ONC, to measure the extent to which labs and/or clinics are seeking an alternative means of electronically delivering or receiving lab results, and the extent to which Direct is perceived as a workable or desirable solution.

- Direct Adoption

Although ONC told WISHIN in late October that there would be no specific Direct adoption target applied to states, the PIN in fact establishes specific adoption targets for each state that must be achieved in order to proceed to the next phase of HIE functionality (query-based system). (WISHIN will have no trouble achieving the target of 435 Direct addresses.)

- Sustainability Plan

The PIN provides guidance on the development of a formal sustainability plan. ONC expects grantees to “create the conditions for the sustainability of health information exchange” and “outline viable business plans for the sustainability of services they are directly providing or funding.” Further, “the primary focus of sustainability should be on sustaining information sharing efforts, and not necessarily the persistence of government-sponsored health information exchange entities.”

ONC expects that sustainability plans will address “policy levers” that advance HIE, and suggests that these could include (1) state Medicaid programs “encouraging” participating providers to electronically share visit summaries with primary-care providers and patients or (2) state employee health insurance programs creating an expectation that participating payers will encourage or require provider participation in HIE.

- Evaluation Plan

Grantees are expected to arrange and pay for an annual independent evaluation of their program. Our SOP update will outline our plan to meet this requirement.

Phase II Technical-Services Procurement

WISHIN received seven proposals, three of which passed our initial screening criteria. The evaluation team will meet for three all-day sessions March 6 – 8 to complete the scoring process and prepare for finalist demonstrations scheduled for the first week of April, at

	<p>which time we expect to identify our preferred vendor. Please keep all information related to the procurement confidential.</p> <p><u>NORC's Wisconsin Site Visit</u></p> <p>WISHIN staff met with representatives of the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) on February 27, 2012. NORC representatives also met with other key HIE stakeholders, including two focus groups of small and large clinical practices, during their site visit. Wisconsin was one of five states chosen for a site visit as part of NORC's evaluation of ONC's HIE program. In our February 27 meeting, NORC representatives asserted that Wisconsin has made more progress than most states. They also indicated that WISHIN's perspectives on the limited demand for Direct services are consistent with what they have been hearing in other contexts.</p> <p><u>Dr. Mostashari's Wisconsin Visit</u></p> <p>We have been informed by ONC that the National Coordinator for Health IT, Dr. Farzad Mostashari, will visit Wisconsin April 24 and 25. Details of the visit are still being determined. Dr. Mostashari plans to visit Epic's offices in Verona on April 24. WISHIN and WHITEC representatives are working on plans for a multi-stakeholder event on the 25th.</p>
Other Business	There was no other business
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.