

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wisconsin Hospital Association

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Lundal (Chair)
Ken Letkeman (Vice-Chair) (phone)
Nancy Birschbach
Elise Braun
Sandy Butschli (phone)
Jay Klock (phone)
Scott Hansfield, MD
Dan Peterson
Garrett Peterson
Gary Plank (phone)
Vinay Pandey (phone)
Karl Stebbins (phone)
Linda Syth
Denise Webb
Louis Wenzlow

GUESTS PRESENT

Kim Pemble (phone)

STAFF PRESENT

Joseph Kachelski
Jean Doeringsfeld
Kim Drone

MEMBERS ABSENT

Oskar Anderson
Kevin Cross
Jim Grant
Theresa Guilbert, MD
John Hartman, MD
Tim Patrick
Will Weider

CALL TO ORDER

Technical Advisory Committee Chair Mr. Lundal called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the June 2011 Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VENDOR SELECTION WORK GROUP UPDATE

Ms. Syth provided an update on the Vendor Selection Work Group. WISHIN received eight proposals prior to the June 27 RFP response deadline. The subcommittee used a scoring mechanism to review the proposals and select two finalists. The committee selected Ability as the top choice and GSI was the second option.

Mr. Pemble said the work group will be assessing the selected vendor's venture capital funding for the future since both organizations are striving toward fully sustainable business models. A finalist will be selected this week.

Mr. Plank asked how WISHIN will manage Ability. Mr. Pemble said we have asked Ability to include the impact of service-level agreements vs. service-level objectives in the contracts.

Mr. Kachelski said WISHIN plans to have an early-bird registration before September 6. Direct secure messaging service should be in place for registered entities before the end of the federal fiscal year. The WISHIN website should be live this week and will eventually contain a link that allows organizations to register for Direct. If participants sign up for a year, they will receive the rest of 2011 free. Ms. Doeringsfeld said she is hopeful the early-bird registration will speed up the certification process.

VENDOR FAIR WORK GROUP UPDATE

Mr. Pemble said the Vendor Fair work group met on July 7 and discussed goals and potential vendors. The audience, dates, and location are still to be determined. The summary questionnaire from 2010 was edited and sent to the committee for review. The event would last two days. There would be a reception after the first day with an exhibit area for vendors.

Mr. Pemble said WISHIN is seeking information on vendors' current implementations, experience in multi-regional and state initiatives, and their full HIE solutions. The work group will review their responses and can forward the information to the entire committee.

PHASE 1 RAPID IMPLEMENTATION CROSS-COLLABORATION WORK GROUP

Ms. Webb gave an update on the Phase 1 Rapid Implementation Cross-Collaboration work group. This work group was charged with creating a vendor evaluation agreement. The work group customized Rhode Island's vendor evaluation agreement for Wisconsin. WISHIN Connect qualifies HISP vendors, and WISHIN Direct is secure messaging services for participants in the exchange. Potential WISHIN Connect vendors will fill out an application, become certified, and share their directory. The work group will be providing the agreement for the application to the committee for review. Mr. Kachelski said WISHIN's legal counsel is currently working on this.

Ms. Doeringsfeld said she didn't see specific requirements in the document about vendors sharing their directories. She also noticed it says "vendors are required to provide a web-based email client," but a HISP vendor wouldn't need to do this. Ms. Webb said changes can be made to the document.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGE WORK GROUP

Ms. Birschbach gave an update on the Interstate Exchange work group. The group reviewed the charter, goals, and a presentation on the Upper Midwest HIE group's draft report. Mr. Kachelski said there is a conference call scheduled this month for final input on that document.

Mr. Kachelski said the vendor fair would be an ideal time to discuss the consent management process since that could be a part of Phase 2 services.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Doeringsfeld said an update on white space will be provided at the next meeting. A standards and adoption plan needs to be created for evaluating standards. She created a draft that Ms. Braun and Mr. Repka will review.

Ms. Syth said at the eHealth Initiative last week there was discussion regarding integrating HIE and insurance exchange, and supporting ACOs. Ms. Webb said there was a meeting with the Project Director for the Affordable Care Act Initiative to review with the state HIE and insurance exchange. Ms. Syth said Wisconsin Medical Society has the capability to add a health information exchange, but liability is a concern.

Ms. Birschbach said Cerner representatives had stated they would require Agnesian to use Cerner as a HISP. Ms. Doeringsfeld said it sounds as if Cerner will modify its EMR to work with the Cerner HISP, which is not consistent with the national standard. Ms. Doeringsfeld said that this scenario could mean information that is initiated within a Cerner EMR has to use a Cerner-defined Direct address in order to be sent. This information needs further clarification.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.