

**Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut
Legal & Policy Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting
March 1, 2011**

Present:

In person:

Ellen Andrews, CT Health Policy Project
Lisa Boyle, Robinson & Cole
Charlie Covin, ECHN
Michelle DeBarge, Wiggin and Dana
Lori Reed-Fourquet, eHealthSign
Helen George, Nexxus Resources, Inc.

Marianne Horn, Department of Public Health
Phyllis Hyman, Department of Social Services
Kitty Ing, Verizon Business
Edwin Kane, CA Technologies
Brenda Kelley, AARP
Moses Vargas, Robinson & Cole

By phone:

Peter Courtway, Western Connecticut Healthcare (joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.)
Ken Dardick, M.D.
Mark Laudemberger, Middlesex Hospital
Kelly Styles, Connecticut Children's

The meeting commenced at 8:40 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes for the January 11, 2011 meeting.

2. HIE Vendor RFP

The Board endorsed an HIE vendor RFP at its meeting on February 15, 2011. The RFP seeks proposals that will support the development of a full HIE over time, while focusing more immediately on meeting meaningful use goals. April 1st is the target date to issue the RFP. The Technical Committee is in the process of commenting on and modifying the RFP. Peter shared the RFP with the CHA CIO group for input. DO-IT will help facilitate development of the final RFP.

The plan is for the Technical Committee to finalize changes to the RFP. DO-IT will then put the document into the proper RFP format. A Committee subgroup will convene to provide non-technical/legal input on the RFP once the document is in the proper RFP format.

Concerns were raised as to whether the RFP will accommodate different consent models. The consensus was that the RFP should be drafted to ensure that the right questions are presented and answered to address other models in the event that the Board decides to adopt a different consent model and/or that the legislature enacts legislation that changes the available consent options.

The Committee discussed management of conflicts of interest. The Committee will ask the Ethics Commission for advice regarding development of and deliberation concerning the RFP and any votes on approval of the RFP and/or an RFP vendor. The importance of obtaining guidance soon was stressed, in particular with regard to determining who can serve on the RFP subcommittee.

The Plan is for the Technical Committee to review vendors' proposals and make recommendations to the Executive Committee, which will in turn make a recommendation to the Board.

3. Legal Consultant RFP

Several law firms responded to the legal consultant RFP. Marianne will set up a meeting as soon as possible for review and selection of the legal consultant.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.