

Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut
Legal & Policy Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 5, 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
Marianne Horn, Dept. of Public Health
Phyllis Hyman, Dept. of Social Services
Moses Vargas, Robinson & Cole

By phone:

Marcia Petrillo, Qualidigm
Mark Laudenberg, Middlesex Hospital

Kelly Styles, CT Children's Medical Center

The meeting commenced at 8:40 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Committee approved the minutes for the March 1, 2011 meeting.

2. HIE Vendor RFP

The Board approved the HIE vendor RFP at its meeting on March 21, 2011. Release date is TBD. April 1st was the target date to issue the RFP.

3. Consent Policy Recommendation:

The HITE-CT Board voted to establish a Consent Committee to work on this issue. The Committee meets on April 12. There was discussion about whether Peter Courtway should have been named to the Committee. Ellen Andrews expressed her discomfort with being a member of the Legal and Policy Committee as she disagrees with the Consent Policy recommendation. She agreed to be on the L & P Committee with the caveat that she would recuse herself from discussions related to implementation of the current consent policy recommendation should that be the final consent model adopted by the Board.

4. Legal Consultant RFP

The Committee moved by unanimous vote to go into executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters related to the selection of a legal consultant. Discussion was held on matters related to the selection of a legal consultant.

5. Directors and Officers Insurance:

A motion was made and seconded that D & O insurance be a priority for the Board and all volunteers. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Workplan Development:

Legal needs were prioritized as follows:

- (1) Set-up quasi-public entity;
- (2) RFP negotiation/contracting with selected vendor;
- (3) Other policies related to the DURSA/BAA. This work will need to involve the Technical Committee.

It was also noted that there needs to be a statewide public relations plan (possibly a Public Relations Committee is needed?) and guidance from the Board for vetting policy decisions. These issues will be brought to the Executive Committee.

Next steps:

- Ellen Andrews will provide the list of questions sent in by stakeholders during the eHealth policy development process.
- Marcia Petrillo volunteered to reach out to other states to find out what were the major steps they had to take to develop HIE policies and agreements. Vermont, Maine, Delaware, a group in Ohio and a group in Indiana were mentioned.
- John Lynch will send out the Markle Foundation list from Brenda Kelley and a link to the Markle Foundation website.
- Lori Forquet mentioned that the Tech Committee is looking at the Affinity template on policies and it has 130 pages of policies. She will send these out.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.