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1 . . .Verbatim proceedings of a meeting in  
2 the matter of Connecticut Health Information Technology  
3 and Exchange, held at 101 East River Drive, East Hartford,  
4 Connecticut on October 15, 2012 at 4:38 P.M. . . . .

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9 CHAIRPERSON JEWEL MULLEN: Good afternoon  
10 everyone. Okay, so welcome to the most recent of the  
11 HITE/CT meetings with I being off the script already and  
12 off the agenda. Chris and John, thank you for everything  
13 you've been doing along side everything else. Just thank  
14 you in this month and a half of transition. Thank you  
15 very much.

16 Okay, so can we do the minutes from last  
17 month -- yes.

18 MR. STEVE CASEY: I'll so move and ask for  
19 a slight change on State agency representatives for Mark  
20 Raymond instead of DOIT. Could you put DAS best please?

21 MS. CHRISTINE KRAUS: DAS?

22 MR. CASEY: DAS best.

23 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Was that a request or  
24 an order?

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1 MS. KRAUS: That's an easy one.

2 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Okay.

3 DR. STEVEN THORNQUIST: I did note one  
4 correction, not to be nitpicky but you mentioned that --  
5 something about changing the Board constituency might  
6 require a stature which is probably true but --

7 MS. KRAUS: Maryanne caught that last  
8 meeting.

9 MS. MARIANNE HORN: We changed that to  
10 statutory.

11 DR. THORNQUIST: Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Okay, anything else?

13 MS. HORN: We did have --

14 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: We had a motion and a  
15 second, so modifications --

16 MS. KRAUS: Oh wait, did you find out  
17 Marianne what the section is on page 3?

18 MS. HORN: Yes, this was on the section  
19 going into executive session. It should be pursuant to  
20 Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-206(b).

21 MS. KRAUS: Okay, I have that. Thank you  
22 for it.

23 MS. HORN: Very good.

24 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Anything else? So

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1 then approved as amended.

2 MS. HORN: All in favor of the minutes as  
3 amended?

4 ALL VOICES: Aye.

5 MS. HORN: Opposed? Minutes passed.

6 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Thank you.

7 MS. KRAUS: So who seconded?

8 MR. DAN CARMODY: You can put me down.

9 MS. KRAUS: Dan, okay thanks.

10 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: So we have Board  
11 business, Treasurer's report.

12 MS. KRAUS: Okay, so I sent you a document  
13 that had three different sheets in it. The first is the  
14 revenue and expenses that begins with the fiscal year July  
15 1st and just runs till the end of the quarter September  
16 30th. We did not receive any grant payments but the good  
17 news is just this past week we have received our two grant  
18 payments of \$584,500. So the next time you see this it  
19 should look at little better.

20 Our total expenses for this time period is  
21 about \$2.2 million, which leaves us with a negative net  
22 income. Our balance sheet as of September 30th, because  
23 we had not yet received those two grant payments we had  
24 \$139,728.26 in the bank, and our total liabilities are

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1 about \$2.548 million leaving us with total liabilities and  
2 equity of \$433,081.06. Last meeting you asked for detail  
3 about our liability, so that is the third page, it's  
4 actually your unpaid bills/accounts payable. You'll see  
5 that predominantly the amount represents the unpaid Axway  
6 bills, which come to \$2.54 million. The Updike, Kelly &  
7 Spellacy bill we have paid since this was run September  
8 30th, so that gives you the detail about what we owe.

9 MR. CARMODY: Chris.

10 MS. KRAUS: Yes.

11 MR. CARMODY: I'm going to ask you for  
12 another exhibit in income next month.

13 MS. KRAUS: Okay.

14 MR. CARMODY: Can we get the projected cash  
15 flow --

16 MS. KRAUS: I wrote a note that I'm still  
17 working on that, so.

18 MR. CARMODY: Okay, it's just maybe we can  
19 do it by month as to -- one more thing.

20 MS. KRAUS: Right.

21 MR. CARMODY: -- so this cash flow within  
22 the month, which is going to show your change in balance  
23 sheet and income statement, which is good, but I'd like to  
24 see also a projected cash flow.

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1 MS. KRAUS: Right, yes, it's a work in  
2 progress so I'll have it for next time.

3 MR. CARMODY: Thank you.

4 MS. KRAUS: And that's it, any questions?  
5 So our current balance actually in the bank is  
6 \$708,290.96. And this is based on accrual, what you're  
7 seeing her, so it reports out all of our invoices.

8 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Thank you.

9 MS. HORN: We have a motion to approve the  
10 Treasurer's report.

11 MS. BRENDA KELLY: So moved.

12 MS. HORN: Second?

13 MR. CASEY: Second.

14 MS. HORN: Any further discussion? All in  
15 favor?

16 ALL VOICES: Aye.

17 MS. HORN: Opposed? Motion carries.

18 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Alright. So Board  
19 vacancies and officers, I did talk with John Lynch and as  
20 some of you know he is not going to be renewing his  
21 position on the Board. And having had my own conversation  
22 with him, which any of you can compare to anything you've  
23 heard, it's not my impression that he's running and  
24 screaming from HITE/CT but that he has the rest of his

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1 life and work that he's dealing with. And so I did have  
2 the opportunity to thank him in general for all that he's  
3 done but -- and specifically to thank him for how far he  
4 pushed over the past year working with all of us and  
5 working with Dave Gilbertson and others to really try to  
6 move forward some of the work both with the Executive  
7 Committee and within the general Board.

8 So that is another vacancy that we will be  
9 refilling and I am happy to report that serving at this  
10 point as the -- until we appoint a Vice Chair as the  
11 Treasurer has not added any extra time measurably to all  
12 of the effort that I as the Commission of Public Health  
13 already devote to also being the Chair of the Board. So I  
14 have to let John and Chris corner me later if they think  
15 it's going to be a problem for them in some way, but I  
16 think we're okay so far. And we have \$700,000, so -- with  
17 my biggest priority at the moment that you get paid.

18 MS. KRAUS: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Alright, so -- and I  
20 think in terms -- you know, other people can weigh in.  
21 It's my feeling that the appointment of officers also  
22 should go along with continuing to refill some of the  
23 appointed positions. Now, I know for some of the other  
24 Boards and Commissions that DPH oversees we've just gotten

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1 to the point where we -- I think the Governor's office has  
2 been working very hard for the positions that actually are  
3 part of Boards and Commissions for Public Health that they  
4 now have, I think, just about finished the appointments  
5 of.

6 And I think Chris, it will be helpful maybe  
7 if you and I just spend a minute and talk about reaching  
8 out to our other legislators who are also in a bit of a  
9 transition time in this last month before the election and  
10 getting them to appoint some new people as well, so.

11 MS. BETTYE JO PAKULIS: Commissioner, how  
12 many vacancies are there now?

13 MS. HORN: There are --

14 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: It's really three plus  
15 one.

16 MS. HORN: One, two, three, four, five, and  
17 I'm not sure about Dr. Buckman. Have you talked to him?

18 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: I haven't talked to  
19 him and one of those -- the reason I say it's plus one is  
20 actually -- well it would be plus two, there are two that  
21 have not been filled for quite awhile.

22 MS. HORN: I have five with those included.

23 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Ahum, right. One is  
24 Speaker of the House, that's Peter's position I think --

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1 DR. THORNQUIST: Some of them have  
2 stipulations right?

3 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Excuse me?

4 DR. THORNQUIST: Some of them have  
5 stipulations, they represent specific constituencies?

6 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Right, exactly. For  
7 example the position that Peter Courtway was occupying as  
8 representing -- the CTO representative from hospitals.

9 DR. THORNQUIST: Right.

10 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: And we do have some  
11 names to work with.

12 DR. THORNQUIST: Ahum.

13 MS. HORN: The Governor has an appointment  
14 for an attorney with a background and experience in the  
15 field of privacy health data security or patient rights  
16 and we've had some difficulty coming up with names for  
17 somebody who's willing to fill that position, so.

18 MS. PAKULIS: That was never filled  
19 correct? It had not been --

20 MS. HORN: It was briefly.

21 MS. PAKULIS: -- it was?

22 MS. HORN: Yes, actually we had a woman  
23 from Robinson and Cole and it became a conflict.

24 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: It's been over a year

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1 now, so.

2 MS. HORN: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Alright, so that and I  
4 think Senator Looney's position were the two specifics.  
5 And then John Lynch is the representative of a large  
6 employer or representative of a business group. And you  
7 know, it's interesting because I have the pleasure and  
8 privilege and responsibility of serving on a lot of  
9 different things. I know how many meetings I go to where  
10 I meet different people but how many meetings I attend  
11 where it seems that we tap -- a lot of people get tapped  
12 for many different Boards and Commissions.

13 So I think that's -- you know, we're a  
14 small state. We have specific kind of subject matter  
15 expertise that we look to and people know who they know.  
16 So one of the other challenges for us is to always  
17 continue to help surface some new people as John was doing  
18 because it's also very hard to keep asking people who are  
19 serving in many different capacities to take on another  
20 thing because once again, they're doing that on top of  
21 their day jobs for the most part, so. Does anybody have  
22 any suggestions about what else we might do in terms of  
23 fielding some of these candidates for these positions on  
24 the Board?

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1 DR. THORNQUIST: Are any of them slotted  
2 physician seats? I mean, I know Buckman's is if he  
3 doesn't decide to reup, but.

4 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: What position --  
5 right, Senator Looney's primary care physician whose  
6 practice utilizes EHRs.

7 DR. THORNQUIST: I can try to come up with  
8 some. Any other physicians?

9 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Not specifically.

10 DR. THORNQUIST: And Jewel, I only ask  
11 because like I said there are some that are slotted.

12 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Ahum.

13 DR. THORNQUIST: I can probably work on the  
14 physicians.

15 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Okay. Alright, agency  
16 business.

17 MR. JOHN DeSTEFANO: Just a couple of  
18 things to report. I will ask that we table the  
19 inoperability working group participation discussion until  
20 we have a chance to go up to the Executive Committee and  
21 discuss it a little bit further.

22 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Ahum, great.

23 MR. DeSTEFANO: Other business, we continue  
24 to make some progress on our pilot sites to bring our

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1 version of Direct live hopefully within the next couple of  
2 weeks. We had a scheduling issue last Friday very late so  
3 we didn't get to finish the testing, but we expect to  
4 finish it this Friday and hopefully the two organizations  
5 that are participating will agree to go live in some  
6 limited pilot fashion the week after. So we continue to  
7 make some progress there.

8 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Okay.

9 MR. DeSTEFANO: That's really all I have to  
10 report.

11 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: At the moment.

12 MR. DeSTEFANO: At the moment, yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Fine. Yes?

14 MS. KELLY: I noticed in the minutes that  
15 we just approved that at our last meeting we talked about  
16 the 100 Directs and we said we were going to get a list of  
17 who's signed up to do that 100 plus providers. Do we have  
18 that?

19 MR. DeSTEFANO: We have two pilot sites who  
20 have over 100 providers but one of our --

21 MS. KELLY: So these 100 providers are in  
22 the pilot sites?

23 MR. DeSTEFANO: -- right, coming from those  
24 two pilot sites.

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1 MS. KELLY: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: So based on what you  
3 said, if things go according to plan by the next meeting  
4 we will have that?

5 MR. DeSTEFANO: We would have it live,  
6 yeah. And we would have it up --

7 MS. KELLY: And that's what it means by  
8 going live, we're not going live with everything we're  
9 going live with Direct?

10 MR. DeSTEFANO: Just -- right, just those  
11 two pilot sites right now.

12 MS. KELLY: Okay.

13 MR. CARMODY: And John, that's with the  
14 functionality from Axway or not?

15 MR. DeSTEFANO: Yup.

16 MR. CARMODY: It is.

17 MR. DeSTEFANO: Right, yes, it's just with  
18 -- it's with the Axway mail gate product.

19 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Barbara.

20 MS. BARBARA WOLF: Does that affect our  
21 timeline with the Feds? Are we within their boundaries?

22 MR. DeSTEFANO: Well, we said by the end of  
23 September.

24 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Right, we had by

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1 September 28th.

2 MR. DeSTEFANO: Right, so we're a week, two  
3 weeks off. But we still -- the important thing I think is  
4 to meet the December timeline around having data actually  
5 flowing between those participants. So we -- you know, if  
6 all goes well we'll have data flowing in a couple of weeks  
7 so we should be fine.

8 MS. WOLF: Thanks.

9 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: I think I would say  
10 the Feds are continuing to pay very close attention to us,  
11 so -- checking. Okay.

12 MS. KRAUS: I only have one thing to add.

13 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Ahum.

14 MS. KRAUS: It's something to think about.  
15 We don't have any meetings scheduled beyond the end of  
16 December so you need to reserve rooms far in advance, so  
17 just something to think about. Do you want to keep it the  
18 same day, same time?

19 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Shall we send that out  
20 in an e-mail --

21 MS. KRAUS: Sure.

22 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: -- as a quick survey  
23 monkey or something to people?

24 MS. KRAUS: Sure, I'll do that.

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1 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Thanks. Are you all  
2 on the phone able to hear the conversation?

3 MS. KAREN BUFFKIN: Not entirely, but most  
4 of it.

5 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Okay. Okay so  
6 Committee updates, Executive Committee. Well, our last  
7 Executive Committee was pretty much in executive session  
8 so I guess we'll talk about that in executive session, the  
9 Executive Committee update. Business and Operations?

10 MS. KRAUS: I think Kevin is on the phone.

11 MS. HORN: Oh that's right, Kevin. Kevin,  
12 are you still --

13 MR. KEVIN CARR: Yeah sorry, I was just --  
14 I don't have a significant update on the Business and  
15 Operations Committee. I've been spending most of my time  
16 supporting John DeStefano on other initiatives that he's  
17 been working on so I'll let him give an update on those.  
18 But no, there's no meetings on the Business and Operations  
19 Committee.

20 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Okay, thank you. And  
21 you've already --

22 MR. DeSTEFANO: We -- I don't actually  
23 think I can speak about it -- I will have some topics for  
24 discussion in executive session.

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1 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: In executive session,  
2 okay. Finance?

3 MR. CARMODY: No updates, we haven't called  
4 any meetings. I think we need to get to the update after  
5 the Axway conversation.

6 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Ahum. Legal and  
7 Policy?

8 MS. KRAUS: Oh, so John's not here.

9 MR. DeSTEFANO: John's not here, no, and I  
10 don't believe we had a meeting --

11 MS. KRAUS: He cancelled it.

12 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Yup. Technical  
13 Infrastructure.

14 MR. DeSTEFANO: Technical, we also  
15 cancelled the meeting. We didn't have enough participants  
16 that responded.

17 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Yup, okay.

18 MS. KELLY: No meeting for Special Pops.

19 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Yup.

20 MR. DAMIAN FONTANELLA: Same for Privacy  
21 and Security.

22 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Fine. Okay, well I  
23 knew a lot of what we needed to talk about today was going  
24 to be in executive session and I think we've gone on

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1 record for how quickly we managed to get to executive  
2 session in the course of one of our Monday night meetings.  
3 No, you don't think so?

4 MR. CARMODY: I do.

5 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Yeah.

6 DR. THORNQUIST: Do you want to do public  
7 comment if there's public here because otherwise they're  
8 going to have to wait and come back?

9 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Yes, that's -- yup.

10 MR. BRUCE CHUDWICK: A motion and second to  
11 amend the agenda to move public comment to this point of  
12 the meeting.

13 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Yes.

14 DR. THORNQUIST: I second.

15 MS. KRAUS: Who was the first?

16 MR. FONTANELLA: Oh, me.

17 MS. HORN: All in favor?

18 ALL VOICES: Aye.

19 MS. HORN: Okay, is there any public  
20 comment? Okay, hearing none then we need a motion to go  
21 into executive session pursuant to Connecticut General  
22 Statutes Section 1-206(b), strategy and negotiations with  
23 respect to the Axway contract.

24 DR. THORNQUIST: So moved.

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1 MR. CARMODY: Second.

2 MS. HORN: All in favor?

3 ALL VOICES: Aye.

4 MS. HORN: And opposed? And then we have a  
5 two-thirds majority so we can go into executive session.

6 DR. THORNQUIST: Any the invited --

7 MS. HORN: Any invited -- Karen Buffkin and  
8 Joan Soulsby from OPM, can we have that included as part  
9 of the motion?

10 DR. THORNQUIST: And you and I?

11 MS. HORN: And if you would like to stay  
12 that's fine too. So consider that part of the motion.  
13 John and Chris.

14 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Yes.

15 MS. HORN: Okay, so --

16 DR. THORNQUIST: Yeah, I'll remake the  
17 motion to go into executive session with the various  
18 invitees that you named because I don't know if I can do  
19 it successfully.

20 MS. HORN: Very good, and Dan second?

21 MR. CARMODY: Second.

22 MS. HORN: Very good, thank you. All in  
23 favor?

24 ALL VOICES: Aye.

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1 MS. HORN: And anybody opposed? Okay,  
2 thank you.

3 (off the record -- executive session)

4 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Back on the record.

5 MS. HORN: Okay, we're back on. I believe  
6 the only item left on --

7 MR. CARMODY: Motion to adjourn.

8 MS. HORN: Second?

9 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: That was Dan Carmody.  
10 Who seconded it?

11 DR. THORNQUIST: If there's no other  
12 discussion sure, I'll second it. I don't want to shut  
13 somebody down.

14 CHAIRPERSON MULLEN: Right, is there  
15 anything else? Okay.

16 DR. THORNQUIST: Then I'll be on time to my  
17 next meeting.

18 MS. HORN: I know it, oh my gosh. So all  
19 in favor?

20 ALL VOICES: Aye.

21 MS. HORN: Opposed? We are adjourned.

22 (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at  
23 6:14 p.m.)