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Health Information Technology Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
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Meeting Minutes

Committee Attendees: *Marie Smith, Co-chair; Alex Hutchinson, Co-chair; Jeffrey Asher; Ryan O'Connell*

SustiNet Consultant: *Linda Green, SustiNet Consultant*

Office of the Healthcare Advocate: *Africka S. Hinds-Ayala*

Absent: *Rob Aseltine; Jody Bishop-Pullan; Mark Boxer; John Brady; Angelo Carraba; Joel Cruz; Pam Cucinelli; Judith Fifield; Meg Hooper; Darlene Kish-Thompson; Jeffrey Kramer; Jamie Mooney; Steve O'Neill; Bob Tessier; Victor Villagra; Enrique Juncadella*

Marie Smith opened the meeting by welcoming all participants. She said the focus of today's meeting would be reviewing the draft final report.

Rob Aseltine had sent comments to the co-chairs although he was unable to attend today. He thought there could be an expansion of the use of HIT to better and more comprehensively understand the needs and healthcare deficits of the SustiNet population. Rob specifically mentioned data sharing and integration and the use of such data for rigorous planning and monitoring of the population.

Marie thanked Linda Green for her work on the report, and opened the discussion to comments. Ryan O'Connell asked for clarification about HITEAC, the Health Information Technology Exchange Advisory Committee. Marie said that SustiNet should have a key role on this advisory committee. An unidentified speaker said Health Information Technology Exchange of CT (HITECT) is the new authority for the Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO). There was discussion about the various committees and boards that are being formed and that are being dissolved.

Together the Committee reviewed the report, section by section, and fine-tuned it. There was positive feedback from Committee members.

Minutes from the June 11, 2010 meeting were approved with no changes.

Linda asked what was expected of the group upon completion of the final report. Marie said the Board of Directors will be reviewing all Committee and Task Force reports beginning July 1 and continuing until the end of the year. There may be a need to consult with Committees or Task Forces occasionally. Marie said this Committee will still receive relevant e-mails and continue to be a group, although more informally. Ryan said the group should continue to be proactive by reviewing new developments and offering suggestions where appropriate. Marie said she expects this group to be contacted for assistance on

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several topics, adding that members will be kept apprised of such contacts. She also suggested checking the SustiNet website frequently to learn of upcoming meetings and activities.

Marie thanked Committee members for generously giving their time to the SustiNet effort. She specifically thanked workgroup leaders and Linda for the work they have done, and said it had been a pleasure to lead this group. Marie asked Committee members involved in other groups pursuing similar topics to keep this group informed as to new developments. Ryan thanked the co-chairs, saying what a great job they had done.

Meeting was adjourned.