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CHS Advisory Committee

Minutes February 17, 2010

Conference Call

10:00am – 12:00pm

Members in Attendance: Sheri Altepeter, Dan Jensen, Fran Dosh, John Melville, Ann Samuelson, Sue Sheridan, Mary Thompson, Bonnie Paulson, Kathy McKay, Karen Main, Karen Nelson, Deb Castellanos, Ann Steen

1. Call to Order by Bonnie Paulson. Quorum established
2. Approval of Agenda. Under item 6—add 2 bullets: Pher IV master client index and Pher IV funding for MICC. Kathy M. made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions, second by Karen N. Motion carried.
3. Approval of CHS Advisory Minutes 11-11-09. Dan made a motion to approve with a second by Karen Main. Motion carried.
4. CHS User Group Financial Statement - no report
5. CHS hours/usage. John reported on activities. Only 3 agencies are over hours but overall we are on target for the just the month of Jan. There were 35.42 hours over the total for last year. The agencies that went over would pay a percentage of the overage. Bonnie will email Lisa to get those bills out. Hour's usage is 805 with 797 allocated to training, QA, outcomes, enhancements and demos.
6. E-Health Status Update:

Dan Jensen reported on The PH-Doc Beacon Grant Proposal which was submitted February 1, 2010. We should hear about the awards the first week of March. Contracts would be negotiated by the first week of April. Dan expressed his thanks to Mary T., Deb C. and others at ACS for the extra efforts with the proposal. Dan reviewed the proposal handout with the LPH objectives. Strategies, interventions etc. The focus is to build Health Information Exchange capacity between 11 Health Systems in SE MN. \$3.4 million dollars will be coming in to local public health with this project. Getting the system to exchange data was critical and funding was important as well. The technical review portion of the Beacon grant is with an open source system. We will need to consider the possibility of transitioning PH Doc to Open Source.

Dan reviewed medications, contact notes, asthma action plan and diabetes; registering clients with MN HIE which will only store demographics, develop message service adaptor, Program CCD creation/interface, annual MN HIE fee with 3 tier pricing for small, medium and large agencies, ACOM translator replacement, and 4-Column charting.

All Users need to consider making a request for 10% of PHER IV to allow us to have real time exchange between PH Doc and MICC and to keep current with immunizations status of clients and provide the best recommendations for clients (forecasting).

Also, \$10,000 allotted with PHER IV for Phase 3 includes improving our PH Doc software system for billing for clinical billing of immunizations. Information will be sent to all Users to apply for PHER IV funding to help with software enhancements etc.

Master Client Index---\$200,000 was written in for PHER IV.

Dan reported on the proposal by RCTC and letter of support from Olmstead to establish and expand medical health informatics education programs. (See handout) This would be coordinated in partnerships with colleges and other entities.

7. Committee Reports

Training—No report

QA—Elements from all agencies received and will be reviewed later.

Immunization focus group—Deb reported that Todd County agreed to run an early conversion for Phase 2 and they will send a live HL7 to MICC for testing. Focus group will meet in April.

PH Doc Update—Mary provided an update on EDI committee (AR billing staff) and reviewed HIPPA EDI billing and statement of work for Phase 3. Medicare screens reviewed. Steering committee will hear the results at the March meeting.

8. PH Doc Pricing

Steele County—Dan Jensen reported. They relayed that to move from Symphony to Nightingale, the conversion will cost them around \$100,000.

Champs charges per system and so the support is comparable to PH Doc. Champ also relayed that if they don't convert to Nightingale, their annual support will double. We may have opportunities for other counties that are in this same system.

Annual support discussion—Dan Jensen reported. We have large, small and mid-size agencies that are paying the same. We should review this process with the support payments. Dan worked with Mike Fox at MCCC with even distribution which becomes difficult. Dividing fees based on the population seems to be the most fair. Dan proposed the change and we could make it happen over 5 years. Top 1/3 agencies would pay \$1000 more each year and bottom 1/3 agencies would subtract \$1000/year. The middle 1/3 would remain unchanged. Dan made a motion to bring this proposal to the Full User Group with a second by Karen Nelson. Motion carried.

9. Open Source Discussion—Dan Jensen

If the Beacon Grant is awarded then this discussion will have to occur. Deb mentioned that there may be barriers with PH Doc and Open Source for various reasons. Deb explained that Open Source means that someone could have the system available and it would be free. This discussion will be tabled for now.

Motion made by Karen N. with a second by Kathy M to accept the Beacon Grant proposal. This will also be placed on the Full User Group Agenda.

10. Agenda for 3/26 meeting discussed
11. Other Business--none
12. Ann S. motion to adjourn with a second by Kathy M.

Next Meeting: CHS User Group—March 26th at MCIT in St. Paul.