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Commonwealth of Virginia
Health Information Technology Standards
Advisory Committee (HITSAC)
November 10, 2016

Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech
Conference Center Room 145
1015 Life Science Circle
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Dr. Marshall Ruffin, Chairman
Dr. Christopher Barrett
Mr. Rich Pollack

Commonwealth Agency Staff Present:

Joseph W. Grubbs, VITA/HITSAC Staff

Members Absent:

Dr. James Harrison
Mr. John Quinn

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ruffin called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m. in the Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech, Conference Center Room 145, Blacksburg, VA.

Note: The HITSAC meeting agenda packet including all of the presentation materials may be accessed on the VITA website at: <https://www.vita.virginia.gov/ITAC/default.aspx?id=6442474396>

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Ruffin called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2016, meeting. A motion was made then seconded, and the minutes were adopted without objection.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Ruffin closed the Old Business portion of the agenda and opened New Business. He recognized Dr. Grubbs to present on the HITSAC pharmacogenomics use case.

HITSAC Genomics Use Case and Pilot Project: Pharmacogenomics

Dr. Grubbs provided an update on the progress made in developing the pharmacogenomics use case framed by the HITSAC Genomics Working Group in 2014 then re-initiated by the HITSAC during its September 29, 2016, meeting. He went over the proposed work plan and schedule for the pharmacogenomics pilot project, which HITSAC initiated to “field test” the clinical genomics standards currently being balloted by Health Level 7 (HL7). Dr. Ruffin said the new HL7 standards were due to be released in November 2016 and asked staff to find out the status of the standards.

Chairman Ruffin asked HITSAC members for their input on the pilot project. Dr. Barrett raised several sets of requirements that would need to be added to the project scope. These included the integration challenges associated with exchanging pharmacogenomics information between disparate systems, the workflow challenges to implement pharmacogenomic test results within health care provider organizations, and the importance of analytics to advance the knowledge base around clinical care.

Mr. Pollack added that the most important dimension of the pilot project will be to ensure that the technology remains patient-centric, emphasizing the need for a web-based patient portal to allow patient access to the clinical information. He said giving patients access to the pharmacogenomics test results and related clinical data would enable patients to be more involved in their clinical care and make more informed decisions with their providers.

Following the discussion on the project scope, Chairman Ruffin called for a motion to support staff proceeding with proposed work plan and schedule for the pharmacogenomics pilot project. A motion was made then seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

HITRUST Common Security Framework Pilot Implementation

Chairman Ruffin then raised the agenda item for the status report on the proposed HITRUST Common Security Framework (CSF) pilot implementation. Dr. Grubbs said staff had prepared a work plan and schedule for the initiative and requested HITSAC to direct staff to proceed with engaging VDH on the implementation. Chairman Ruffin called for a motion on the staff request, the motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

COMMITTEE WORKING LUNCH & TOUR

Chairman Ruffin closed the morning session of New Business at 12:30 p.m. HITSAC convened for a working lunch, which was also open to the public. After lunch, HITSAC members toured the Biocomplexity Institute. Chairman Ruffin then called the HITSAC regular meeting back to order at 2:20 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech Overview

Chairman Ruffin asked Dr. Barrett to provide an overview of the Biocomplexity Institute of Virginia Tech, and Dr. Barrett presented on highlights of the institute's current initiatives. Due to the technical nature of Dr. Barrett's presentation, a copy of the presentation slide deck has been posted on the VITA website at:

<https://www.vita.virginia.gov/ITAC/default.aspx?id=6442474396>

Commonwealth Health IT Standards Update

Chairman Ruffin recognized Dr. Grubbs for the update on adopted health IT standards. Dr. Grubbs said staff had conducted a review of the 128 adopted health IT standards and identified a standard that required a formal update. He also said Virginia Department of Health had requested adoption of a new standard. The two standards:

- International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Revision 10 (ICD-10), Health Vocabulary Standard – UPDATE
- Health Level 7 (HL7) CDA® R2 Implementation Guide: Public Health Case Report, Release 2 (US Realm) Electronic Initial Case Report (eICR) – NEW

Dr. Grubbs requested HITSAC to take formal action to recommend the two standards for adoption. He said that upon HITSAC's recommendation, the two standards would be posted on the Commonwealth's Online Review and Comment Application (ORCA) for the required 30-day public comment period.

After a discussion on the proposed standards, Chairman Ruffin called for a motion to recommend adoption of the standards by the Chief Information Officer of the Commonwealth. A motion was made then seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

Resignation of Mr. John Quinn and Prospective Candidates

Chairman Ruffin notified HITSAC members that John Quinn had resigned from the committee, but a candidate to replace Mr. Quinn had been identified. Chairman Ruffin said that Michael Matthews, formerly the head of ConnectVirginia and MedVirginia and current chairman of the eHealth Exchange, had been endorsed by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, the Chairman of the Information Technology Advisory Council (ITAC), which has the statutory authority to appoint members to HITSAC, and other stakeholders of health IT in the Commonwealth. HITSAC members expressed their approval of Mr. Matthews, and the Chairman directed staff to take the required steps to complete the appointment by ITAC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Ruffin closed the New Business portion of the agenda and opened the floor to Public Comment. Hearing none, the Chairperson closed the Public Comment period.

ADJOURNMENT

Following public comment, Chairman Ruffin asked HITSAC members if they had any additional items for discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Ruffin asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made then seconded, and the meeting was adjourned without objection at 3:00 p.m.