

Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc.



Board Minutes

Meeting Date: January 22, 2009

Location: Blue Cross Blue Shield Board Room

Attendees:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Higgins | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Harrington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gertrude Hodge | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Hester |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don George | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrea Lott | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Craig Jones | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bea Grause |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chuck Podesta (phone) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Ventriss (phone) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Reiss, MD | |

Others: Greg Farnum, Paul Forlenza, Steve Larose, Mike Berry, Noam Arzt

Topic	Presentation	Discussion and Action	By Whom
Consent Agenda	Don George opened the meeting with a call for approval of the minutes from the December 10, 2008 VITL Board meeting.	A motion was made to accept the minutes from the December 10, 2008 meeting	Motion – Lisa Ventriss, 2 nd – Judy Higgins, all approved.
Treasurer’s Update	In Paul Harrington’s absence, Greg Farnum gave this report: 1) The Board will review a final budget for FY 09 at the 2/19/09 meeting, 2) VITL is tracking on budget, 3) the contract with DII for the Health IT fund will be signed soon.	There was no discussion	
Update on a meeting with Legislators	Don George met again with the authors of the May 08 letter to the VITL Board. There were 2 issues discussed: 1) Progress in the CEO search and 2) the possible impact of the Obama stimulus package on Vermont and VITL. The authors asked what they could do to help.	<p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Evans as interim CEO • There was a motion to move forward with contracting John Evans of Strategic Alliance Advisors as interim CEO for 14 hours per week. • Obama stimulus could mean “a good source of funds into Vermont.” • Capacity of VITL to meet the requirements of the infusion of funds. • The need for a well-directed plan to meet spending and requirements. • Don George asked for volunteers to staff a Board level transition capacity committee to recommend how VITL can prepare to meet the requirements of 	<p>.</p> <p>Motion – Jim Hester, 2nd – Paul Reiss, none opposed.</p> <p>Volunteers include: Jim (chair), Craig, Bea, Judy, Andie, Chuck (and Don will ask Paul H.)</p>

		the stimulus package.	
Update on the ePrescribing Feasibility Study	Jim Hester and Steve Larose gave an update on key findings, a proposed model, a plan and finances proposed by Point of Care Partners.	Good discussion included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible ways to fund the project • Need for pharmacy readiness • Moving forward 	Jim and Steve will ask Point of Care Partners to prepare next steps
Update on the Vermont HIT Plan	Paul Forlenza gave a status report of the update to the Plan to be presented to Legislators in March. He reviewed legislative priorities and asked all Board members to alert VITL when staff are needed at the Statehouse.	Discussion included incorporating the work of the transition capacity review in the Moving Forward chapter	
Update from the Board Privacy Sub-Committee	In Paul Harrington's absence, Jim Hester gave the following update: 1) Recommendations to include a 2-document approach – a. the chapter in the Plan and b. operational policies and procedures; 2) Status – a. the Chapter is written and ready for Board approval and b. since the stimulus plan has a privacy and security portion, the sub-committee is waiting to incorporate federal requirements.	Jim thanked all members of the sub-committee, characterizing the work being done as good and emphasizing the balancing act to meet the needs of consumers and administrative burdens on providers. Jim reminded all that this is a good starting point and that we need to be prepared to adapt.	
Executive Session: Update to the CEO Search	There was no need of an Executive Session so Don adjourned the meeting reminding all that those who have not submitted signed Conflict of Interest forms need to get them to Norma.		Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Bea Grause, Secretary
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