

OpenELIS Subcommittee Monthly Conference Call

February 13, 2013

Participants:

Gary Jones – OpenELIS Foundation
Dari Shirazi – Iowa Public Health Lab
Travis Schmidt – Iowa Public Health Lab
Shondra Johnson – Missouri Public Health Lab
Paul Schwartz – ITECH, Univ of Washington
Tien Dang Han – Global Cybersoft, Vietnam
Steve Davis - TSJG
Reshma Kakkar – TSJG

1. TSJG (Reshma) made a presentation on community support for OpenELIS to be provided by TSJG staff. Requested feedback from those on the call
 - a. Dari stated that the community could use help. He was very much in favor. Developer code-a-thon may not be useful. Instead we could share type of technology the different implementations are using, discuss marketing strategies, and pull community together. This will help a lot.
 - b. Paul Schwatrz seconded what was said and the importance of community. Darius from OpenMRS was on a joint panel for how to create a community. They have gone through this process. Darius seems to be willing to share. He was very forthcoming. Would be useful to talk to him to avoid going down same path. Look at them as a resource
 - c. Shondra stated they would like to get assistance on the business side of things. Have some discussions on work processes. Possibly develop new business workflows or make system integrate with current workflow in Missouri.
2. Question about what the next steps are going to be. TSJG suggested meeting with the community members individually and documenting their needs and priorities in order to come up with an overall plan. Gary asked if these meetings would include laboratory staff and TSJG affirmed that they would be key in terms of identifying gaps.
3. Question about whether a developer meeting is good idea. All agreed that having the meeting is a good idea. However since there is no common code base, coding together at the meeting would not be possible. Paul Schwatrz suggested including implementers. This would help answer questions about design which are also needed.
4. Question about how to respond to RFP's. Gary suggested using the same approach suggested by Paul earlier and engaging OpenMRS to share their experience
5. Discussion on interest from South Carolina and Fresno county. Dari has done demo's and walked them through some presentations. This is an area where the community needs help i.e. responding to groups that are interested in exploring OpenELIS. TSJG stated they would put this on the top of the list of needs.

6. Gary also requested ongoing support for the website from TSJG. Question about why the website could not be improved sooner. Gary stated it was due to having to move everything from development server to current server. TSJG (Russell) was working on this and Gary would have an update for the community soon on time required to have it completed.
7. TSJG said they would work on the plan and try to have it done before next monthly call