



OpenELIS Community Call Notes – 12Jun13

Held monthly on the second Wednesday of each month from 6am to 7am Arizona Mountain Time at 1-866-662-5102 #1646104

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1. Roll Call:

	Name	Organization	Email
1	Gary Jones	OpenELIS Foundation	gary.jones09@gmail.com
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3	Greg Fowler	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control	
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7	Shondra Johnson	Missouri State Public Health Laboratory	shondra.johnson@health.mo.gov
8	Reshma Kakkar	The St. John Group/OpenELIS Foundation	rkakkar@tsjg.com
9	Steve Davis	TSJG	sdavis@tsjg.com



2. Website discussion on content and improvements

Periodic Implementation Status Update: A suggestion was made to have website updates on implementation status periodically. These could be done monthly, quarterly, or as desired by providers of the updated information. There are currently release notes that are published on the global site maintained by U/Wash. Previously there was a blog on the global site but this activity has slowed. Gary will likely send email asking general questions for to receive update content. There was some concern on where the updates might appear on the website.

Documentation and Content Improvement: It was acknowledged that some work would need to be done on the site to make it obvious where things are, to accommodate documentation, and to move forward with meaningful content.

Meeting Announcement, Calendar, Details, and Minutes: Some discussion was had regarding the addition of an area to capture the minutes of meetings, including the Monthly Community Meeting. A calendar function could be used to publish the time, date, locations, and general invitees to regular OpenELIS meetings.

3. Update on OpenELIS presentation at the Zambia bidders conference

Background: The Zambia presentation feedback was received about two weeks ago. OpenELIS was represented in Zambia by Reshma Kakkar and Jan Flowers. The audience was impressed with the level of collaboration in the OpenELIS offering. 17 LIS solutions responded to the bid request, 4 were shortlisted to present in Zambia including OpenELIS. OpenELIS identified 4 local companies to select from for the implementation; these companies had the necessary skillsets to be successful. There was an audience of 25 asking some tough questions which were well-responded to by Jan Flowers. It seemed there was some skepticism and concern about open source solutions and there were more questions asked about this than anticipated. The presentation included a description of OpenELIS functionality.

Concerns: The audience expressed concern about the time that it may take OpenELIS to be configured and customized, that OpenELIS did not have already all the needed tests, and being able to include the tests on the timeline for completion. Jan and Reshma explained that that tests can be included in OpenELIS given an understanding of the workflow, which components to capture, and where to capture them. Through further post- presentation discussion the group reached a conclusion that control of the source code was not of interest to the audience and they would prefer to hire a vendor that would take ownership rather than having to oversee and manage the activities.

Artifact Capture, Future Approach: A demo was created specific to the presentation in Zambia. Both of these artifacts can be captured for future re-use in either OpenELIS drop box or the OpenELIS website. In retrospect and for future use the presentation could have focused more on data entry and reporting rather than on open source. Laboratory professionals were a major



decision influencer in the audience. The Zambia experience has raised the confidence of OpenELIS in competitions, and may consider looking at future similar opportunities.

Gap Analysis and Capability Expansion: It was suggested that a gap analysis of OpenELIS against the requested Zambian capabilities and winning demo capabilities (if possible) be conducted. The gap analysis can be used to write gap-filling requirements, adding them to a prioritized development roadmap for expansion of OpenELIS capabilities.

4. Mike Davisson Introduction

Mike Davisson was introduced as a new member of the OpenELIS community from U/Wash and ITECH. He is the project supervisor for OpenMRS in Kenya, OpenELIS in Haiti and Cote d'Ivoire. He has more than 20 years of experience in public health specializing in implementation of informatics solutions to reduce the time between laboratory identification of public health issues and local public health intervention.

5. Global Projects Update

Interoperability with ISante- Haiti: Paul Schwartz provided an update on Haiti and stated they were approaching interoperability with ISante and OpenELIS. When a lab request is sent to from ISante to OpenELIS much of the patient information needed is already present in OpenELIS. The lab managers have been asking for this feature and it is anticipated that adding the feature will increase the value of OpenELIS to the lab. The focus of the next major roll out of OpenELIS are regional laboratories, which are fairly similar to each other. Therefore it is not anticipated that there will be a lot of difference between these implementations.

Test Expansion and Catalogs: There is a desire to expand the tests that OpenELIS can handle and to move forward test reporting capabilities. Jerry Sable is working a test catalog for OpenELIS Global via the Vietnam tests. He is creating spreadsheets to feed into OpenELIS related to LOINC; this is helpful to both US and Global versions. The group requested the latest version be distributed to the group.

6. US Projects Update

Fresno is still seeking resources to continue implementation investigation.

Missouri has lost Mark Druthers, the IT shop is trying to move duties around for other developers to be made available. There are two positions that must be filled by Missouri state employees, a developer and PM position.

South Carolina is experiencing a change in leadership with a new lab director in place last Thursday and additional IT Management change. They hope to continue down the OpenELIS path citing LRN functionality and HL7 compatibility.



7. Conclusion:

Shondra will be unavailable for the July meeting.

Next meeting is 10July13 at the same time and virtual meeting space.

8. Actions:

#	Action Description	Follow-Up
1	Send email requesting implementation updates	Gary Jones
2	Send implementation Updates	Implementers
3	Publish implementation updates to website	Gary Jones
4	Add Monthly Meeting calendar and information to website	Gary Jones
5	Capture Zambian presentation and demo, publish to drop box or website	Reshma Kakkar
6	Conduct gap analysis of OpenELIS against Zambian ideal capabilities, add gap filling requirements to prioritized development roadmap	Steve Davis
7	Consider production and publication of OpenELIS community contacts including name, email, phone number, city, state, country, organization, organization role, OpenELIS role	Steve Davis
8	Distribution of Jerry Sable's test catalog in draft form	Reshma Kakkar