

## MINUTES

Ad hoc eMR Working Group Meeting

November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011

College of Family Physicians of Canada; Family Medicine Forum

Montreal QC Canada

1. Assembled attendees were greeted by Dr Hughes who invited each person to identify themselves and their professional relations.
2. Attendees identified themselves. (see Appendix 1: Attendance List)
3. Due to teleconference difficulties Dr Hughes stepped in for Dr Singer with an introduction statement pointing out that many family medicine centers were confronting similar problems when introducing eMR's. Dr Singer rejoined the conference and continued with introduction statement pointing out that we were looking to find a consensus amongst the attendees that the CFPC should become involved in helping set standards for the eMR to promote information sharing, research and training.
4. Dr Hughes asks attendees if they would agree to have Alain Pavilanis chair the meeting, which was agreed and Alain Pavilanis accepts.
5. Hughes proposed a resolution (see Appendix 2: Original Resolution) seconded by Ray Simkus.
6. The resolution was debated and amendments were proposed by Morgan Price, Dennis Giokas and Heather Leslie.
7. After discussion of the amendments, and agreement upon them, they were drafted into the original resolution, the amended resolution was read.
8. Amended resolution was carried unanimously (see appendix 3: Amended Resolution)
9. Francine Lemire requested a 'port parole' for the group, the group agreed Dr Hughes would be that liaison.
10. A request was made that Dr Hughes would prepare a definition of the computable record for Francine Lemire.
11. Dr. Hughes informed the meeting that; the amended resolution would be circulated for confirmation before insertion in the minutes and that the meeting transcript and minutes would be posted at <http://hiriresearch.wordpress.com/>
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:05am

## Appendix I

Alain Pavilanis	present	Director Family Medicine Center St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal
Alex Singer	call	Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of Manitoba
Carol Styles	present	Academic and Clinical Practice Coordinator, Family Medicine / Primary Care Program, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority
David Barber	present	Assistant professor Family Medicine Queens University
David Chan	call	Associate Professor and Director of Information Technology with the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University
Dennis Giokas	present	Chief Technology Officer Canada Health Infoway
Donna Manca	present	Director of Research, Associate Professor University Of Alberta
Francine Lemire	present	Associate Executive Director, Professional Affairs, CFPC
Heather Leslie	call	Director of Clinical Modelling, Ocean Informatics
Hugh Leslie	call	Clinical Director, Ocean Informatics
Jamie Boyd	present	Chair Department of Family Medicine University of Manitoba
John Hughes	present	Assistant Professor McGill University, HIRI Research St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal
Martin Dawes	present	Chair Department of Family Medicine, University of British Columbia
Michel Lortie	present	HIRI Research St. Mary's Hospital
Morgan Price	present	Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia Family Practice, Primary Care Informatics L.E.A.D. Lab
Nikki shore	call	Health Informatics Institute Scientific Director, Algoma University
Noah Vale	present	HIRI research St. Mary's Hospital, Montreal
Noah Walman	present	
Ray Sinkus	present	Family Physician, Langley British Columbia
Tunji Fatoye	present	Unit Director Seven Oaks General Hospital, University of Manitoba

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- WHEREAS; To achieve higher level eMR functionality and usability the eMR must be semantically machine computable and hence a “computable patient record”.
- WHEREAS; Physicians must show leadership in the process of defining the clinical information and process content of the eMR in a semantically machine computable manor.
- WHEREAS; The skills necessary to define the clinical content and use of eMRs to the benefit of our patients must be taught to medical students and residents in training if we are to produce sophisticated physician consumers and users of eMRs.
- WHEREAS; Our national accreditation bodies, as the auditors of the standards for teaching clinical medicine, are in a unique position to advance the necessary standards for the clinical content of the medical record at a national level and make a pivotal contribution to the successful adoption and meaningful use of the eMR as a “computable patient record”.
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Amended Resolution (R001\_2011.11.03\_V01)

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