to: OPENHIE SHARED HEALTH RECORD Community (OHIE-SHR)

from: LINDA TAYLOR

subject: Creating vision, mission, & values

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The objective of this exercise is to define and agree a set of vision, mission and values for the OHIE-SHR community to provide a clear and concise explanation of the work we are doing and what we are aiming to achieve. These statements should also give a clear understanding to individuals and organisations outside our OHIE-SHR community of the purpose of our work and what we envision in our future.

We will use a one-text approach to reach a consensus. Below you will find preliminary vision, mission and values statements. Please criticize the attached statements in the space provided and **send criticisms back to ONLY Linda Taylor (linda@jembi.org)**.

As the replies come in the statements will be refined or revised based on your criticism and that of others. This process will continue until the statements cannot be improved on any further. At this final point, the one-text process will be stopped, and the final draft of the vision, mission and values statements will be submitted. With the final draft, everyone involved in the process will then be asked to accept or reject the statements.

Please list or describe your criticism (including your reasoning and key interests) in the space that follows. Although specific line edits or proposed revisions may not be that helpful, please mark particular edits you would like to suggest (especially for improved clarity, as opposed to changed terms) on the attached draft.

**Vision**

* A world in which the sharing of patients’ clinical information improves health outcomes, particularly in low to middle income countries.

**Mission**

* To nurture and grow an open community of practice to discuss, document, design and develop a reference application that enables:
  + normalization of data from disparate systems;
  + centralized storage of a longitudinal, person-centric electronic health record ;
  + sharing of that data among disparate systems in order to support improved care delivery;
  + greater access to good quality information for reporting and decision-making purposes

**Values**

* We hold the requirements of our user community as our primary concern
* We strive for simplicity over complexity in designing solutions
* We are an open community, valuing collaboration and transparency
* We value sustainability in supporting both our community and the technology to ensure the longevity of our solutions
* We aim to make use of the most relevant, appropriate and current message exchange standards.
* We use the “adopt, adapt, develop” approach to drive our decision-making process for standards and technology
* We strive to enable semantic interoperability
* We are implementation-driven and aim to provide real solutions to real problems

**Vision Statement**

* A world in which the sharing of patients’ clinical information improves health outcomes, particularly in low to middle income countries.

**Vision Criticism**

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| **Is this statement a clear representation of what you see as the future of your work with OHIE-SHR? What’s missing?** |
| **Do you see other areas where this statement could be improved? Why is each important?** |

**Mission Statement**

* To nurture and grow an open community of practice to discuss, document, design and develop a reference application that enables:
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**Mission Criticism**

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| **Is the purpose of you work reflected in the statement? What is missing?** |
| **What interests of yours are missing from this statement? What is their importance?** |
| **Do you see other areas where the statement could be improved? Why is each important? (These may not be of specific personal importance but are still important.)** |

**Values Statements**

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**Values Criticism**

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| **Are these statements a clear representation of what you see as priorities for your work with OHIE-SHR? What’s missing?** |
| **Do you see other areas where these statement could be improved? Why is each important?** |