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**

We envision a world where systems for integrating, storing, sharing and managing complex clinical data are made less complex through collaborative communities and open software.

**Mission**

To nurture, grow and sustain an open community of practice to discuss, document and design a shared health record as well as develop a reference software application that enables:

* + Storage of normalized data from disparate systems to eliminate redundancies and ensure data integrity;
	+ Integrated storage of a longitudinal, person-centric electronic health record ;
	+ Sharing of that data among disparate systems in order to support improved care delivery;
	+ Improved access to good quality information for reporting and decision-making purposes

**Values**

* We seek to understand and address the functional requirements of our user community
* We strive for simplicity over complexity in designing solutions
* We value open community processes, including collaboration and transparency
* We seek sustainable approaches to supporting both our community and the technology to ensure the longevity of our solutions
* We aim to leverage the most relevant, appropriate and current message exchange standards.
* We use the “adopt, adapt, develop” approach to inform 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, particularly in low-resource settings

**Vision Statement**

 We envision a world where systems for integrating, storing, sharing and managing complex clinical data are made less complex through collaborative communities and open software.

**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**

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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 statements could be improved? Why is each important?** |