to: OPENHIE INTEROPERABILITY LAYER Community (OHIE-IL)

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-IL 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 provide a clear understanding to individuals and organisations outside our 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 in which the exchange of health information improves health outcomes and helps to save lives

**Mission**

* Our mission is to develop an open community to discuss the challenges of interoperability between health information systems, as well as to design an architecture and develop a reference software application to enable easier interoperability between disparate health systems and components. We promote the use of appropriate standards to support best practices for health data exchange.

**Values**

* We hold the needs of our target community of users as our primary concern
* We are an open and collaborative community, valuing the inputs and respecting the contributions of every member
* We strive for elegantly simple solutions to complex problems
* We aim for ease of use to reduce barriers to adoption, especially in low-resource settings
* We are implementation-driven in our designs and requirements, valuing practical solutions to real problems and real needs

**Vision Statement**

* We envision a world in which the exchange of health information improves health outcomes

**Vision Criticism**

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