to: OPENHIE CLIENT registry Community (OHIE-CR)

from: JAmie Thomas

subject: Creating vision, mission, & values

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The purpose of this exercise is to create the OHIE-CR vision, mission and values. These statements should be a clear and concise explanation of the work we are doing and what we are proud of. These statements should also give a clear understanding to individuals outside of the OHIE-CR group 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 Jamie Thomas (jt48@regenstrief.org)**. As the replies come in the statements will be refined (or totally 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**  
To provide an Open Source Master Patient Index designed for use as part of an Open Source HIE that supports the needs of resource constrained environments.

**Mission**  
The Mission of the Client Registry Community is to promote and support the accurate and effective capture and unique identification of patients. Our efforts include the documentation of principles, processes, interfaces and tools that support the mission.  
  
**Values**

* Create flexibility in the data model to support the identity management of any entity and meet the needs of the countries participating in the community
* Develop a load testing framework to determine the scalability limits and develop an improvement plan to ensure the need are met for one or more reference implementation
* Improve documentation and expand the understanding of an MPI along with overall communications within the broader HIE community
* Enhance algorithms that identify patients
* Serve as a focal gathering point for stakeholders who seek to develop technical strategies and solutions for uniquely identifying patients.
* Serve as an opportunity to gain and share practical knowledge about real-world implementations.

**Vision Statement**

**To provide an Open Source Master Patient Index designed for use as part of an Open Source HIE that supports the needs of resource constrained environments.**

**Vision Criticism**

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| **Is this statement a clear representation of what you see as the future of your work with OHIE-CR? What’s missing?**  Being an organization focused around an open source product means more than just providing the product (the master patient index); I think we want to also provide support for an international community of users and developers of the product. |
| **Do you see other areas where this statement could be improved? Why is each important?**  I mentioned community above, and think we should consider whether it belongs in the vision or not. I vote for including it. |

**Mission Statement**

**The Mission of the Client Registry Community is to promote and support the accurate and effective capture and unique identification of patients. Our efforts include the documentation of principles, processes, interfaces and tools that support the mission.**

**Mission Criticism**

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| **Is the purpose of you work reflected in the statement? What is missing?**  Are we saying that our efforts include the *documentation* of all those things, or the actual things (e.g. documentation of tools vs the tools themselves)? Perhaps we need to refine the wording. I think the actual tools are what I work on, but I don’t know if the CR community is meant for the building of the tools or building the documentation. |
| **What interests of yours are missing from this statement? What is their importance?**  Using innovative (existing or new) technology to accomplish those goals, with a focus on resource constrained environments. |
| **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.)**  Providing the documentation to resource constrained areas. The vision makes this stipulation, but we do not indicate it in the mission. |

**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-CR? What’s missing?**  Again, I think one of my priorities will be participating in a developer and implementer community, and that is not part of the values. |
| **Do you see other areas where these statement could be improved? Why is each important?**  I would expect to see a line about interoperability with other systems (e.g. OpenHIM, OpenMRS, etc) since we are ultimately hoping to hook into those.  Also, I think a brief line about participating in community forums, irc, etc will fit my goals. |