to: “OpenHiE” Group

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subject: Creating mission, vision & values

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The purpose of this exercise is to create the “OpenHIE” mission, vision, 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 “OpenHIE” 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 mission, vision and values statements. Please criticize the attached statements in the space provided and send these criticisms back to Jamie Thomas (jt48@regenstreif.org). As the replies come in the statements will be refined (or totally revised) based on your criticism and that of others. Then next week at the “OpenHIE” meeting in Indianapolis we will all take a look at these statements and make any additional revisions, if necessary. With the final draft, everyone involved in the process will then be asked to accept or reject the mission and vision 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 all countries are empowered to practically implement and sustain robust health information sharing architectures that fundamentally improve health provision.  
  
**Mission**  
Our mission is to measurably improve the health of the underserved through country driven, collaborative development and support of open technologies and processes which enable the large scale interoperable exchange of health information.  
  
**Values**

* We are open, honest, and transparent in both our processes and our software.
* We believe in the power of community, as the best ideas come from people with different backgrounds and talents
* We believe that creating a safe place to raise concerns, discuss failures, improve existing ideas, and solve problems allows us to harness the collective wisdom of our community.
* We believe it’s important to publicly document and share our knowledge, skills, experiences, and failures.
* We believe that design decisions are driven by real, not perceived needs.
* We believe it’s important to design technologies to work in the most challenging health care delivery environments.
* We create technologies and processes that are highly adaptable to the unique needs of our users around the world

**Vision Statement**

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**Vision Criticism**

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| **Is the purpose of you work reflected in the statement? What is missing?** |
| **What interests of yours is missing from this statement? Why is it important?** |
| **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 this statement a clear representation of what you see as the future of your work with “OpenHIE”? What’s missing?** |
| **Do you see other areas where this statement could be improved? Why is each important?** |
| **What is missing from this statement? Why is it important?** |

**Values Statements**

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**Values Criticism**

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| **Is this statement a clear representation of what you see as the future of your work with “OpenHIE”? What’s missing?** |
| **Do you see other areas where this statement could be improved? Why is each important?** |
| **What is missing from these values? Why is it important?** |