



RESEARCH INFORMATICS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 10, 2013

KCBD 10th Floor South Conference Room

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: R. Grossman (chair); S. Badlani, J. Cunningham, C. Gilliam, M. Hanzal, L. Ross, J. Solway, W. Stadler, S. Volchenbom, E. Yablonka *Ex Officio*: S. Birz, H. Lawrence, D. Saner

Approval of the Minutes

The November 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes were approved.

CRI Enterprise Resources

An important role of the Research Informatics Governance Committee is to evaluate and define which services to support and manage and to prioritize these services in accordance with the needs of BSD faculty. Enterprise informatics services have broad appeal and enable the research of a large subset of faculty; this committee has a responsibility to define which services qualify as enterprise services and which services are relevant only for specific faculty or smaller groups. The Clinical Research Data Warehouse (CRDW) is an example of an enterprise service which provides a useful resource to a broad range of faculty doing clinical and translational research.

Executive Session

Further topics were discussed in an Executive Session. A motion was made to uphold the recommendations of the Technical Policy Committee. It was agreed that the processes for becoming an Affiliated Datamart would remain in place and be applied to all databases requesting access to CRDW data. All present voted to confirm the motion. It was also requested that the results of any informatics related audits conducted by the Office of Clinical Research be shared with the Research Informatics Governance Committee.

Expanding the CRDW

Text documents including radiology, pathology, discharge summary, and clinic notes are currently being integrated into the CRDW. Additional data sources are being evaluated and prioritized based on technical feasibility determined by CBIS. In addition, the CRI requested input from the Committee as to which of these are priorities for the faculty. Dr. Stadler indicated that clinic notes as well as radiology and pathology discharges were a priority.

CRI Infrastructure

Dr. Grossman noted that when he and Dr. Volchenbom met with the Basic Science Chairs, the Chairs indicated that HIPAA compliance was not a priority for their research and asked whether there would be infrastructure with lower security available for those not working with PHI. Those present recommended that the CRI should endeavor to make its current compliant infrastructure simple and cheap enough to work for all researchers, rather than set up a parallel system for non-PHI research. Dr. Stadler noted the danger that researchers could move to the cheaper parallel system to save money and then use it for PHI without the CRI's knowledge. Dr. Volchenbom noted that sharing data with

colleagues and co-investigators around the country is also essential to research. Faculty require a point-and-click solution, and without this, data sharing may be done in a way that incurs risk. The CRI will continue to meet with departments and report to the Governance Committee on what issues are raised.

Trusted Partner Update

Dr. Grossman informed the Committee that the contract for the NIH Trusted Partner initiative was signed on December 21, 2012. The University is the second Trusted Partner, and the first to allow users to compute over data as well as to download it. The Bionimbus Protected Data Cloud will be jointly operated by the Center for Research Informatics and the Institute for Genomics and Systems Biology, with support from the ITM and the Cancer Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.