

E-Mail from Dr. Lee Chien Earn

PHI / Asia – Pacific Network Meeting

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I do not have much to report regarding the activities of my working group. I am still struggling to see how best to fit the working group into the various streams of ongoing work eg PHI, ICD etc. My current thinking with regards to the value-add of the workgroup on health information systems (HIS) is in leveraging on the work done by the mortality and morbidity workgroups to come up with recommendations on developing an integrated HIS . The two main areas of work would be:

a) develop use cases ie a vision of how the integrated HIS would be able to improve patient safety and quality while managing cost increases b) identifying key enablers beyond IT systems (eg standards, governance and data protection)

The first part seems to have been addressed by the PHI efforts, in particular the PHI survey and country reports and the sharing on 4 Nov. The working group may then wish to focus on best practices for the enablers. I should have scoped out the work more clearly and apologize for the lost time. My proposal is, rather than embarking on new work at this stage to monitor the developments in PHI and discuss our response at the network meeting on 5 Nov. We could make this an agenda item, starting with a brief summary for the benefit of those who did not attend the PHI Conference after which members would have an opportunity to share their views and discuss the best way forward. We could then reconstitute the workgroup with clearer terms of reference and deliverables

I regret to inform that I am unable to attend the Network meeting (although I would very much wish to do so) because of other commitments. I will however be glad to assist in any way possible in terms of follow-up actions and give my full support to whoever is chosen to lead the group. Apologies again for the lack of progress on my end. Thanks

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