

**NEHTA Clinical Terminology and Information Reference Group (CTIRG) Meeting 3****Christie Corporate, 3 Spring Street, Sydney****Monday 18 May 2009, 10:00 – 16:00****Meeting Summary 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Clinical Terminology and Information Reference Group was held in Sydney on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Christie Corporate, 3 Spring Street, Sydney.

**Representation at the meeting included:**

Andrew Singer	DOHA
Graeme Miller	RACGP
Julie Roediger	AIHW
Hayley Koberg	QLD Department of Health
Narelle Portakiewicz	SA Department of Health
Jo Foster	Nursing Informatics Australia
Ian Bull	ACT Health
Chris Williams	Sydney Adventist Hospital (Private Hospital CIO Group)
Rohan Martin	Ambulance Victoria
Proxy	NCCH
Paul Williams	NEHTA, Senior Manager
Tony Robertson	NEHTA, Program Manager
Karen Gibson	NEHTA (Presentation only)
John Barned	NEHTA (Presentation only)
Michelle Laing	NEHTA Engagement and Secretariat
Carla Glavonjic	Secretariat

**The Meeting was co-chaired by:**

Michael Legg	HISA
Mike Rillstone	NSW Health

**Apologies were received from:**

Sharmila Biswas	Clinical Lead
Tony Greville	Consumer Health Forum
Richard Madden	National Centre for Classification in Health (NCCH)

**The meeting had the following objectives:**

- Review the Terms of Reference and to determine the purpose of the CTIRG.
- Review the Operational Guidelines and Governance document.
- Provide an overview to better understand the SNOMED landscape and discuss the skills and education that are required to understand utilise SNOMED.
- Receive an update of where SNOMED is currently at and what work is planned for SNOMED.
- To receive a presentation of the "Terminology Services Review". Discuss objectives of this review, the strategy going forward, progress to date and the work plan.
- To view a presentation of an AMT Case Study. Presentation to cover the AMT approach, incident update, works to date and future plans, vendor engagement.
- To view a presentation by Cerner on AMT.

**Summary of Actions:**

- NEHTA understand what information regarding the collaboration agreement can be distributed and when available update the CTIRG.
- NEHTA to investigate what material and DH4 Consultancy Reports are available and if applicable issue to the group.
- Discuss around quality assurance of clinical terminology deliverables needs to be an agenda item at the next meeting.
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- Karen Gibson presented on IHTSDO. She is to provide “trip reports” to keep the group up to date on resolutions and outcomes.
- As a result of a discussion around implementation issues, compliance and conformance – the issue of versioning was raised. This is to be a future meeting topic along with quality assurance.
- NEHTA delivered a presentation around “Terminology Services Review”. The group discussed the need to know the benefit of each step of the work program and the need for this to be articulated. NEHTA to show the outcomes – The So What’s.
- The group discussed the need to understand the role of NEHTA and the work plan, progress to date, task lists, progress dates etc. Another case study with a demonstration of the terminology workbench was proposed for the next meeting.

#### Summary Outcomes:

- It was noted that the scope of this reference group should cover structured information and as such the CTIRG Co-Chair advocated a name change for the reference group to “Clinical Terminology and Information Reference Group”.
- There was discussion in regards to the need for governance to support clinical acceptance of standards.
- As a result of discussion around the purpose of the CTIRG, it was suggested that in addition to the statement ‘advise on appropriate stakeholder consultation and validation processes’, there should be a line that states: ‘Foster relationships with customers and collaborators’ to reflect the customer voice.
- Following the update on SNOMED, there was discussion around implementation issues, compliance and conformance. In particular, the difficulty of moving between versions was raised as a potential barrier. As a result of this discussion, it was determined that version control will be a future meeting topic along with quality assurance.
- NEHTA delivered a Technology Services Review presentation, discussion followed around implementation and it was agreed by the group there is a requirement to form ‘for purpose working groups’. An implementation working group was proposed, however, the group is awaiting the draft terminology services work program to provide feedback before moving forward with this.
- It was noted that it is important to distinguish between terminology for information models (packages) and terminology for ‘other’ (projects). A roadmap is being developed for terminology development including an opportunity assessment which will be distributed to the group upon completion.
- Following the presentation of the AMT case study and the tools being developed in a joint modelling collaboration with UK, Netherlands and Australia to ensure areas can communicate better. The discussion reiterated the need for a National Terminology Centre and role definition.