



October 26, 2008 – The Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) is a collaboration of organizations that enables a unified voice for nursing informatics. Today this voice was demonstrated in the prepared response to AHIC Successor, Inc on the AHIC Successor, Inc Draft Bylaws.

The response identified nursing as the largest single group of healthcare workers, including experts that serve on interoperability initiatives focused on standards development, standards harmonization, and EHR adoption, as well as certification of EHR systems. Further, this profession is active in the education, implementation and integration of information systems throughout the healthcare system. In that spirit ANI offered comments on the vision, guiding principles, membership criteria and selection processes.

Joyce Sensmeier MS, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, ANI Co-Chair stated this “is a great opportunity to demonstrate our leadership for the nursing community and we look forward to our ongoing conversation, and to working with the AHIC Successor to engage the nursing community in realizing the AHIC Successor’s vision.”

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October 24, 2008

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Dear Ms. Miller,

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Article II Vision and Guiding Principles:

Purpose

- Expand on the purpose and add more specifics to clarify the scope and intent
- Incorporate the concepts of quality, safety, and accessibility of healthcare
- Address the need for the flow of reliable health information across the continuum of care

General

- Define interoperability
- More fully describe the relationship of the AHIC Successor, Inc. organization with HITSP and the standards harmonization efforts

Article V Members

- What is the intended application process for membership?
- What is the intended dues structure?
- Answers to these two questions should be made readily available to interested organizations for planning purposes
- Clarify the role of the Board of Directors relative to membership – Are they the sole decision makers in determining the categories of membership?
- Add a membership eligibility statement
- To demonstrate inclusiveness, will membership be open to federations and alliances like ANI?
- What is the intended length of terms for committee membership?



- To demonstrate openness, accountability and transparency, will the recording of meeting minutes or summary notes be made publicly available?
- We applaud your effort to support meeting attendance via remote communication and the intent to allow the Board of Directors reimbursement for expenses.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments. We look forward to our ongoing conversation, and to working with you to engage the nursing community in realizing the AHIC Successor's vision.

Thank you for your consideration.

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- Alabama Society for Clinical Informatics (ASCI)
- Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN)
- Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)
 - CARING
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 - Cerner Nursing Advisory Board (Cerner Corporation)
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