Meeting Minutes from Board of Directors of OpenMRS, Inc.

Held November 4, 2014 at 12:00p.m. EST
Via Audio Conferencing

The following directors were present/absent (* indicates absence)
Chris Bailey, Mitchell Baker, Joaquin Blaya, William Tierney, Aamir Khan

The following members of management were present: Paul Biondich

The following guest were present: Jasmine Forrester, Chris Seebregts, Jamie Thomas

Call to Order and Introductions
Paul Biondich, Executive Director called the meeting to order at 12:08pm EST and introduced the members of staff and guests in attendance.

Approval of Minutes
On motion made, seconded, and carried, the Board approved the previously distributed minutes of the meeting of the Board held 2014-07-20 & 2014-09-02.

Report of the Executive Officer
Paul Biondich, Executive Officer, reviewed and responded to director questions on the following matters:

I. Community Activity Updates (Paul Biondich) - 15 minutes
   - Development Updates
     - planned release of OpenMRS 1.11 (https://wiki.openmrs.org/display/RES/Testing+OpenMRS+Platform+1.11+Release+Tickets+Sprint+3+-+2014)
     - governance changes (https://wiki.openmrs.org/display/~bmamlin/OpenMRS+Community+Development+Best+Practices)
   - Planned release of OpenMRS 2.2 (https://groups.google.com/a/openmrs.org/forum/#!topic/implementers/dpCpEedq6WM)
     - Implementation Updates
       - Ebola Outbreak and OpenMRS (http://openmrs.org/2014/10/ebola-a-call-to-action-for-openmrs/)
       - Action Item: Paul Biondich will set up meeting between Chris Bailey and Hamish Fraser regarding an information sharing strategy between implementers in regards to Ebola response
       - Action Item: Paul Biondich to discuss with Michael Downey tracking implementations that have used OpenMRS for crisis response
       - RFPs for National EMR Implementation (Tanzania - http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=263935, Zimbabwe, etc)
     - Philanthropic / Outreach Updates
       - Skoll Foundation (http://www.skollfoundation.org/about/skoll-awards/)
       - OHDSI Initiative (http://ohdsi.org/)
   - Training and Certification Programs (Paul Biondich) - 15 minutes
     - What is needed:
       - nurture further expertise within the community, at all levels
       - software development
       - requirements analysis
       - implementation support
       - "leadership"
       - clearly identify this expertise, at all levels
       - as a way to communicate levels of expertise to those who are looking to implement OpenMRS
       - as a way to distribute responsibility / authority within OpenMRS
     - create potential? revenue opportunities for OpenMRS, Inc.
     - What we’ve looked at:
       - Linux Foundation’s certification / training programs (http://training.linuxfoundation.org/certification and http://eudyptula-challenge.org/)
       - MOOCs of all types (http://www.healthinformaticsforum.com/MOOC, etc)
       - AMIA 10x10 program (http://www.amia.org/education/10x10-courses)
Components of training / certification program
- Curriculum
- Interactive coursework for that curriculum
- Evaluations for that coursework
- Certification “tests”
- Certification program elements (what does certification “entitle” one to?)
- Marketplace
- Support personnel / administrative backend for all of the above

Thoughts?

IV. OpenMRS Strategic Partnerships Program (Chris Seebregts) - 45 minutes

The Executive Director introduced Chris Seebregts, OpenMRS Partnership Lead, who is responsible for the development and maintenance of relationship between OpenMRS and key partners, including funders, commercial partners, country users, and other open communities. Mr. Seebregts reported on the OpenMRS community’s history and recent approach to partnerships, including the responsibilities of the OpenMRS Partnership Lead (e.g. outreach, MOUs). He responded to director questions on current partnerships (e.g. Intelligent Medical Objects (IMO), SES Satcom, OpenHIE, OpenSRP, NextGenU) and how directors could aid in the development of new partnerships.

- slides: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1iWbA8joRkeUOpmhVes2HM5RbuRAfgb1DKMFDcwzWMq/edit?usp=sharing
- **Action Item:** Paul Biondich would like to set up a session with Mitchell Baker and Chris Seebregts to give her some examples of issues we are coming up against when it comes to partnerships.
- **Action Item:** Paul Biondich and Chris Seebregts will craft an email to get list of orgs that the Board is involved in to leverage those relationships.

V. Administrative Updates / AOB - 15 minutes

- Inc. staff growth strategy
- Financial update
  - Paul sent Board 2014 1st half profit/loss sheet, brief discussion confirmed that information provided was at an appropriate level of detail for board review
  - **Action Item:** Paul Biondich will let the Board know if there is any major issues but other than that he will send out a six month profit and loss statement to the Board

TODOS:

- **Action item:** Paul Biondich will set up meeting between Chris Bailey and Hamish Fraser regarding an information sharing strategy between implementers in regards to Ebola response
- **Action Item:** Paul Biondich to discuss with Michael Downey about how to track implementations that have used OpenMRS for crisis response
- **Action Item:** Paul Biondich will set up a session with Mitchell Baker and Chris Seebregts to brainstorm strategies for documenting partnerships with the open source community
- **Action Item:** Paul Biondich and Chris Seebregts will collect names of organizations that board members are associated with, as a strategy for extending future partnerships
- **Action Item:** Paul Biondich will present OpenMRS, Inc. profit and loss statements every six months, and will communicate with the board extenuating financial circumstances out of cycle

Meeting adjourned at: 1:35pm by Paul Biondich and Bill Tierney
Minutes submitted by: Jasmine Forrester & Jamie Thomas