As part of our operational plan objectives, the OpenMRS Community committed to developing and providing a community report to the OpenMRS Inc. Board of Directors on a quarterly basis. These communications are designed to improve knowledge and information about the OpenMRS community status and concerns.

This is our CY 2016 third quarter submission to the OpenMRS Inc. Board of Directors.

**Community Status**

The OpenMRS Community has continued to have active participation and forward movement. Our community continues to engage with our work and mission through OpenMRS Talk, our communication hub, as well as ongoing technical volunteer contributions. OpenMRS has been downloaded by over 19,277 users and we’ve had 1,888 commits by 54 committers, as well as 5,343 Talk posts this quarter.

Our major release of 2.0 has been published on [Open Health News](http://openhealthnews.org/).
Dr. Biondich continues to function as the OpenMRS executive leader. As you know, our OpenMRS community manager left the community in June. We are back-filling this work through other volunteers but we will need to rehire this critical position in the near future.

The external OpenMRS Advisory Team, established in the new governance model, was established and conducted its first meeting in May 2016 and has been having regular meetings since then. This team is designed to provide insight and guidance into a multitude of questions that confront the community. In the next few months, they will be assisting us in a review of the community functions as well as the technical roadmap.

Late breaking news: OpenMRS has produced a tech radar report available here; we will be updating this on a quarterly basis (October 27, 2016)

https://openmrs.github.io/openmrs-contrib-radar/

**Fiscal Status**

The Leadership Team continues to be increasingly concerned about funding for OpenMRS. Our community fundraiser has been working with OpenMRS since June. While the Leadership Team (and the preceding leadership group) has been working to develop fundraising models as well as partnership models, we are still in the early stages of the implementation of a comprehensive fundraising plan. The OpenMRS operational plan is predicated upon our ability to raise fiscal resources to do essential platform work, as well as build implementer support and improve operational efficiencies. This continued lack of core funding continues to put the OpenMRS community and its products at risk.

**Operational Plan**

Our first annual report, published in March 2016, helped us meet one of our operational plan goals developed in December 2015. Our current status on the operational plan is included as an attachment to this report.

Our third quarter report of our operational plan illustrates some significant challenges within the community. As you can see, we achieved only a few of our planned 9 month goals. This current situation reflects multiple obstacles to achieving success for the OpenMRS community, including the lack of core staff to oversee and guide many of our operational goals. We also developed an impact metrics plan which has been published and endorsed by the community, but has not been included in our operational plan metrics at this time. While we had previously indicated that we would begin reporting on the impact metrics plan in third quarter, CY 2016, we have delayed reporting on the impact metrics until the fourth quarter due to our focus on the operational plan report.
Publications & Press

We have developed a communication plan that outlines goals as well as details standard operating procedures to follow. To facilitate the awareness of OpenMRS, we have fostered valuable relationships with online news publications that regularly feature our major updates as well as events. We have developed two use cases that have been published and are available for community use as well as for fundraising (these cases focus on eSaúde as well as the ebola tablet development).

External Contacts into the Community

As mentioned in our second quarter update of 2016, organizations continue to reach out to the OpenMRS community. Ongoing Leadership Team contacts include hospitals in LMIC as well as organizations interested in global clinical informatics training. We have reached out to AMIA (American Board of Medical Informatics) to help us evaluate potential options for global clinical informatics training. SolDevelo, Thought Works and other partners continue to play a large role in software development as well as other work including support for our website needs.

Board of Directors Membership:

As you know, the term of the OpenMRS Community Member at Large seat ends 12/16. We are currently soliciting nominations for this member seat which will then be vetted within the Leadership Team with elections held within the OpenMRS community for a selection by January.

Conclusion

There continue to be many outstanding important issues that need to be resolved for OpenMRS Inc. to appear to potential funders as a reliable, legitimate non-profit organization worth funding. We have re-secured our 501c3 status and are discussing our optimal designation as either a 509(a)(1) or the 509(a)(3), to quote Paul Biondich, "The growing consensus is that we can have either the 509(a)(1) or the 509(a)(3), but it likely makes more future sense to stick with the 509(a)(1). From what I've been told, all that is necessary for us to make this “switch” is to call the IRS and inform them of their mistake. There is likely no paperwork or other logistic things to do."

The Leadership Team continues to be concerned about the interaction of OpenMRS Inc. Board with the OpenMRS Community. The Leadership Team submitted a request to the BOD with the first quarterly report of 2016 to increase bidirectional transparency. The BOD committed to:

- Allow the community to request a designated spokesperson to talk to the BOD during a meeting for items that require presentations and/or information shared with the Board
  - Ongoing based on the BOD agenda
● Facilitate Q and A sessions with the BOD when needed. This could be 1 or 2 board members (probably should include the community elected member) and it would probably be with the leadership team and a few others
  ○ We are not aware of a need for this at the current time

● Be present for an annual community wide call that would be similar to our recent Town Hall meeting. Anyone from the community can attend, and hopefully most of the BOD would be present.
  ○ Please let us know what is a good time to schedule this

● Have another session for the community after the BOD meeting with the same presentations that was given to the BOD. One of the leaders of the OpenMRS community could facilitate this if the executive director is not available.
  ○ Have the community representative to the BOD facilitate this after the next BOD meeting

However, we would also ask that quarterly OpenMRS Inc. updates be shared with the community through a public Board report to the Leadership Team. If the BOD could respond to our quarterly report with an acknowledgement of the report and a response, that would be helpful. We would like to ensure that the report to the OpenMRS Community from the BOD include the following topics/ information on a quarterly basis:

**OpenMRS Inc. Board Report to Community**

1. Response to the Quarterly Report
2. Current Initiatives of the BOD
3. Fiscal Situation
   a. Budget
   b. Fundraising opportunities
4. Future initiatives
5. Organizational Roadmap

We wish to thank the BOD for their service and their consideration of the need to improve communication. We are hopeful that both our regular reports, as well as regular reports from the Board, will continue to improve the communication and provide the transparency needed to support our growth. The OpenMRS Community is committed to continuing to provide these quarterly updates.