# 2010-10-14 Leadership Conference Call

## Date

14 October 2010

## How To Join

Contact Paul Biondich for more information on how to join the call.

## In Attendance

- Paul Biondich
- Hamish Fraser
- Darius Jazayeri
- Andy Kanter
- Burke Mamlin
- Dawn Smith
- Ben Wolfe

## Agenda

**Certification Process** (15 min)

- Developers, implementers, service organizations

**OpenMRS Trainings** (15 min)

- Will we charge fees for trainings and/or sending someone to a conference?

**USAID** (15 min)

- Agency for International Development: Information and Communication Technology Training for Developing Country Professionals (ICT- T4D) Project

**OpenMRS Board of Directors** (15 min)

- Discussion around Paul and Hamish's strawman

## Meeting Minutes

**Certification Process**

- Requests have been made by individuals and nonprofit, OpenMRS-implementing organizations to find a way to validate their ability to be effective in
- Two dimensions to consider:
    - Individuals and/or organizations can show clients they are certified in the utilization and implementation of OpenMRS software
    - When training or consultant opportunities are presented to OpenMRS, we can direct requests to certified organizations in that same geographical location
- Thoughts...
    - Certifications are a great idea
        - One consideration is to make the certification based on practical matters, not merely a written test
            - A test does not speak to people who are great implementers
        - Certifications and trainings for certifications should be done in person as much as possible
        - Different levels of certifications
            - i.e. groups who support OpenMRS system to implement it vs. an OpenMRS basic knowledge test
    - Have proficiencies for organizations so everyone with the certification or those reviewing the certification understand the elements behind it
- **CONCLUSION**:
    - Think about a good place to start this process beyond this discussion
    - Consider having certified trainers as well
    - Make sure the certifications clearly outline:
        - the requirements for the certification
        - what the certificate means (listing competencies)
- **ACTION ITEMS**:
    - Dawn will research how other open source organizations have developed certifications

**OpenMRS Trainings**

- What amount of financial coverage (i.e. pay for providing training, travel expenses, accommodations, etc.) should be provided to send individuals to trainings, conferences, etc?
  - Suggestions:
    - Take an average cost of the one-week work period and compile it into a daily fee that corresponds to the days of the conference.
      - This could be dependent on the type of training: who is giving the training and what the training consists of
- **ACTION ITEMS**
  - Dawn will check open source projects who do this and compile it for a reference

## USAID

- Discussed RFA that is out now
  - Thoughts about funding and OpenMRS
    - Changes in what government agencies are looking to pay for
    - Think about how we take on larger, collaborative projects and the funding opportunities

## OpenMRS Board of Directors

- Finalized letter to send out to nominees from the Implementers Nomination
- **ACTION ITEMS**
  - Dawn will send the letters and start getting an announcement together for the voting process