

Health Care PKI Working Group

February 26, 2002

The meeting opened with review and approval of the minutes of the January 22 meeting. These minutes are posted on the Federal PKI Steering Committee web site (<http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc>) under the Working Group: Health Care.

Next from the January 22 meeting, was a follow-up on the suggestion by Rob Kolodner of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) that due to the importance of the Justice/Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) proposed systems and their impact, a small work group from agencies who have implemented PKIs be convened. The work group will examine DEA's plans to be sure that there will be no problems as the systems grow. VHA and DEA have been discussing this suggestion and such a meeting has tentatively been scheduled for March 21. *[Subsequently, it was rescheduled for March 22.]*

Will Matos of CMS gave a presentation on the QualityNet eXchange project. This project is a secure web application, which provides an internet portal for hospitals and other providers to report and exchange privacy and Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) – (formerly called Peer Review Organizations) – sensitive data with QIOs. It also provides an Internet portal for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) facilities to report and exchange privacy and confidential data securely with CMS and ESRD Networks. These capabilities include the digital signature of CMS forms. The initial pilot will be with the QIOs of Arizona and Georgia. The presentation was very interesting and generated a number of questions about the details of the project. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is posted on the Federal PKI Steering Committee web site (<http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc>) under the Working Group: Health Care.

The list of Action Items from the October 30 Conference and the responses developed at the November 26 meeting were approved.

Two suggestions for future presentation topics were AMA and Verisign's new PKI business model using PKI2, and an update on the HealthKey project. George Fortwengler will follow up on these items.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 26, 2002 from 10:00 am to Noon at SSA in Baltimore, MD.

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