

Fred Buhr, MSSW

From: Fred Buhr, MSSW [fredbuhr@metasteward.net]
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2010 9:21 AM
To: 'DHS eHealth'
Subject: RE: Letter of Intent
Attachments: form102_f.pdf

Dear Ms. Webb:

This communication is to inform you that your understanding of Metasteward LLC's letter of intent, as stated in your email to me dated July 21, 2010, is incorrect.

Metasteward LLC's letter of intent outlines a plan for incorporation that meets the requirements as stated on the WIRED Board's website:

"Applicants must currently be a Wisconsin non-profit corporation organized under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes or have a plan for incorporation."

It appears that the opportunities for either the former or the present eHealth Board to plan for health information exchange (HIE) in Wisconsin have been severely constrained due to lack of time and insufficient staffing services. I believe this is evidenced by the incomplete and (in my opinion) incoherent strategic and operational plan (S&O) that (again, in my opinion) should not be approved by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC).

Although you announced that the draft S&O plan would be released for public comment on July 16, 2010, it was not released until July 19, 2010. Public participation should be at the forefront of the planning process and not limited to less than a two week period ending on July 30, 2010.

During a WIRED Board meeting, I heard you respond to an expression of concern about rushing the process, saying that fewer state matching funds are required in the early part of the federal grant period. That is no excuse for rushing the process; it should be done in a deliberate and thoughtful manner! (If I misheard you, please let me know.)

I had planned to explain my letter of intent to the WIRED Board at the meeting scheduled for Friday, July 23, 2010. However, I was unable to do so when you abruptly cancelled that meeting without advance notice.

If the members of the eHealth Board (as individuals) wish to be incorporators of a non-profit corporation, Metasteward LLC (as a corporation) offers to be the initial registered agent.

At the time of filing for incorporation, the members of the eHealth Board (as individuals) could be named as the initial directors with the purpose of the corporation specified as:

"The purpose of this corporation is to use information technology to improve health care quality and efficiency through the authorized and secure electronic exchange and use of health information."

For informational purposes, I have attached a copy of form "DFI/CORP/102(R2/8/10)" that can be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions to organize a non-profit business corporation.

8/8/2010

Regards,

Fred Buhr

Fred Buhr, MSSW
Metasteward LLC

fredbuhr@metasteward.net-----Original Message-----
From: DHS eHealth [mailto:DHSeHealth@dhs.wisconsin.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 7:13 PM
To: 'fredbuhr@metasteward.net'; DHS eHealth
Subject: RE: Letter of Intent

Dear Mr. Buhr:

We received your letter. We don't understand your letter to be a letter of intent for Metasteward LLC to submit an application to be considered for selection to be the State Designated Entity. If our understanding is incorrect, please let us know.

Regards,

Denise B. Webb
State Health IT Coordinator
WI Department of Health Services
Division of Public Health
<http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/ehealth>
<http://wiredboard.wisconsin.gov>

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-----Original Message-----
From: Fred Buhr, MSSW [mailto:fredbuhr@metasteward.net]
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 9:14 AM
To: DHS eHealth
Subject: Letter of Intent

Dear Ms. Webb:

Please find Metasteward LLC's letter of intent attached.

Sincerely,

Fred Buhr

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