Anesthesia Working Group Meeting Minutes

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# Wednesday 13 2016, 16:00 ET

Attendees

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| Quorum Met: Y | | | |

Agenda Topics

Future of the Anesthesia work group

Supporting Documents

1. None

Minutes/Conclusions Reached

The facts of the anesthesia WG is that it consists of a very small number of members who are participating and doing the work. These members are all ‘volunteers’: working on the projects on their own time and funding their own participations in the meetings. With everyone’s regular job and personal commitments, it has become apparent that the members of this WG cannot make all three of the HL7 WG meetings that are held every year.

MH has had enthusiastic responses to the proposed merging of the Anesthesia WG with Healthcare Devices by Ed Hammond. Melva Peters has provided insight on the processes of merging. MH had sent out numerous emails to the co-chairs of the Healthcare devices WG and has left phone messages with John Rhodes. As reported by MH, he has not had any response from any of the co-chairs of the Healthcare devices WG on the proposal of the Anesthesia WG merging with them.

Conclusions of this meeting is that the Anesthesia WG will continue as its own independent WG. The co-chairs will attempt to try to meet the various WG metrics for WG health. However, the current anesthesia co-chairs ( ET, JW, MH) all agree that it is not feasible for the Anesthesia WG to meet 3x/yr since everyone is self-funded and are committed elsewhere. It was proposed by MH and seconded by JW that the Anesthesia WG will commit to attending in person one HL7 WG meeting per year. The Anesthesia WG members will decide with of the three HL7 WG meetings that they will all be able to meet at. In the interim, the members will continue to proceed with the work of the Anesthesia WG and will meet virtually though telecoms.