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Minnesota Privacy and Security Project 4A Subgroup

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In order to further advance the work of the 4A Subgroup and to more fully develop the concepts embodied in the document “*General Assumptions and Principles for Authorizing and Authenticating Individuals, Setting Access Controls, and Auditing in a Health Information Exchange*,” it is recommended:

Recommendation 1:

An on-going work group of appropriate expertise should be convened to continue and further develop the work products of the Minnesota Privacy and Security Project’s 4A Subgroup:

Work Group Activities: The work group should further refine the work of the 4A Subgroup to address and include:

- Results, work products, and standards from national groups and projects related to authorizing and authenticating individuals, setting access controls, and auditing in a health information exchanges;
- The healthcare industry’s on-going experiences with defining and implementing health information exchanges;
- Technological changes that provide enhanced ability to implement technology solutions to the issues identified by the 4A Subgroup;
- Common and emerging issues that are identified as organizations participating in health information exchanges gain experience in implementing exchanges; and
- “Best practices” and “lessons learned” from other industries implementing e-commerce and information exchanges.

Work Group Members: The work group should be open to organizations and individuals that have an interest in constructively contributing to addressing the issues identified by the 4A Subgroup. Depending on the issues that are addressed, there will be a need to have expertise in:

- Information technology and information system security;
- Health care informatics and health information management;
- Legal issues related to the privacy and security of health information; and
- Human resources issues related to policy development, employee training, and sanction policies.

Working with Other Stakeholders: Many other groups and associations are working on various aspects of the issues identified by the 4A Subgroup. The on-going work group should work collaboratively with these other efforts to ensure that its work is consistent with other community efforts.

Other Issues That Could be Added:

- Support for the group
- Possible organizational home
- Meeting schedule and frequency
- Methods for disseminating information about: 1) the group’s work; and 2) national activities.
- Suggestions for most urgent issues to be addressed