|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| VA Logo | *Innovation 873 Telepathology SME*  *Meeting Minutes* |

***Date****:* 27 March 2015

***LYNC****:* 855-767-1051

***Meeting Lead:*** John Kane

***Time***: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST

***Conference ID:*** 92159751

***Facilitator:*** John Kane/Chris Naquin

***Scribe****:* John Kane/Chris Naquin

**Invitees:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **First Name** | | **Last Name** | **Title** |
| x | John | **Kane** | **Project Manager** |
| x | Chris | **Naquin** | **Project Coordinator** |
| x | Stuart | **Frank** | **Senior Developer** |
| x | Angela | **Barnes** | **Project Manager/ COR** |
| x | Larry | **Carlson** | **Innovator** |
|  | Stephen | **Chensue** | **Pathologist, SME** |
|  | Peter | **Bayer** | **Account Executive** |
| X | Nora | **Ratcliffe** | **Pathologist, SME** |
|  | Michael | **Icardi** | **Pathologist, SME** |
|  | Mark | **Gusak** | **Pathologist, SME** |
|  | Hon | **Pak** | **MD, FirstView Medical Information Officer** |
| x | Dee | **Cispo** | **Senior Engineer** |
| x | Nihant | **Bondugula** | **Security Engineer** |
| x | Kalpana | **Reddy** | **Test Engineer** |
| x | Wesley | **Shyu** | **Technical Writer/Developer** |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Topic: Introductions** | **Presenter: Frank, Stuart** |
| **Topic: Meeting Overview** | **Presenter: Frank, Stuart** |
| **Discussion:**  John Kane stated that we would conduct Sprint 3, move into the SME discussion portion. The slides for that portion include one slide that will raise issues related to questions that Mr. Carlson forwarded yesterday regarding Telepathology Pilots. It was agreed the group would address that section immediately following the Sprint meeting.  Stuart Frank reviewed the steps for the upcoming Sprint 3. He reviewed past progress on Sprint 2 achievements. For those elements that were near 90%, they reflect continuous improvement and will not reach 100% until project completion. The ATO environment is now established and the test environment is up and running as well. We have established the GITHUB. During Sprint 3 we will be diving deeply into the integration. Delays have been caused by the slowness of responses by the WSI vendor (Leica/Aperio)  Bi-Weekly Up-Date Discussion: Dee Csipo stated that Leica/Aperio representative called but could not talk to VitelNet since they were not the “approved” VA POC. Angela and Larry will contact Leica/Aperio and obtain the necessary permissions. Members discussed Workflow credits for Telepatholgy. Stuart stated he is trying to design a product that has fewer manual steps but needs a VA expert in Workflow credit management with whom he can discuss processes. Dr. Ratcliffe described Workflow credits within VA and how they have to be linked in order to capture the effort in LMIP and PCE. They are tied to CPT codes. While the system is better than the 1980’s roll-and-scroll processes, the new process need to have a better interface to capture all the workload links. Dr. Ratcliffe stated she would find a VA Workload SME for Stuart.  Questions for the COR Slide: Angela provided background on the source of the question. She explained that the question regarding a Pilot Project referred to this current effort vice a separate deployment project at one or two test sites. Stuart suggested that, in order to initiate a Pilot Project we would have to add Voice Recognition features but did not have an estimate of how much work would be involved. Additionally, time would be required for field testing and review of protocols at test sites. Moving this project from the Sandbox to a field test would take additional testing. The length of the Pilot Test was not fully addressed. However, FDA approval for using Telepatholgy for primary diagnosis would be required. Dr. Ratcliffe suggested that there are many sites that currently use Telepathology which would make ideal pilot site candidates. She suggested VISN 1, as well as a site in Pittsburg. She suggested that we should ask headquarters to provide a list of what facilities have this capability.  Stuart asked if there were other vendors than Leica/Aperio/Leica that would satisfy VA’s needs. Dr. Ratcliffe stated there are other vendors but the key is for vendors to use a standard, common read format. Members discussed DICOM capabilities. Larry offered that the market is evolving and he did not expect a quick commercial resolution to this issue.  Regarding the Pathology Tests, Dr. Ratcliffe stated the product must support: slide viewing, tumor boards, ability to respond to questions, ability to share with medical schools, ability to handle consultations where no pathologist is on site. She discussed inefficient additional costs of requiring two pathologists to cover less than full time requirements.  Regarding the benefits of Telepathology for VA outreach centers, Dr. Ratcliffe stated the issue was complex. She offered to provide written comments to Angela.  Upon conclusion of the discussion on the COR questions; Stuart shifted back to the “questions for SMEs”. Stuart and Dr. Ratcliffe discussed the process for generating consultation reports for remote sites. They agreed the master resides at the referral site so that the whole record resides in one location. They discussed how a supplemental report is considered a consultation. There are credentialing issues for consultation sites.  Stuart questioned whether the main report could be released to other providers before the supplementary report is released. Dr. Ratcliffe stated a pathologist reads the case and makes a diagnosis. When he requests a consultation, that will come back scanned and linked as a supplemental report to the basic report. Time is very often critical and these must be turned around very quickly. | |
| **Topic: Project Status/Simulation** | **Presenter: Frank, Stuart** |
| **Status:** No simulation occurred during this meeting due to the multitude of topics reviewed.  **Simulation:** | |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Action Item ID No.** | **Assigned Date** | **Description** | **Assigned To** | **Due Date / Revisit Date** | **Comments** |
| **1** | **3/27/15** | **Find a Workload SME to discuss Telepathology processes with Stuart.** | **Dr. Ratcliffe** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
|  | **3/27/15** | **Contact VA headquarters to help determine which hospitals use Telepathology capability currently (they could be ideal candidate as pilot sites).** | **Dr. Ratcliffe** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
|  | **3/27/15** | **Provide input to Angela to answer questions from March 26 email regarding list of COR questions.** | **Dr. Ratcliffe** | **N/A** | **N/A** |
|  | **3/27/15** | **Contact Leica/Aperio POC in order to enable discussion with VitelNet for Telepatholgy use of vendor products.** | **Angela/ Larry** | **N/A** | **N/A** |

**Additional Notes/Comments:**

|  |
| --- |
|  |