



POPHEALTH AND OPEN HEALTH TOOLS MEETING SUMMARY

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On May 8, 2014, ONC and Audacious Inquiry (Ai) hosted a meeting for the popHealth stakeholder community and Open Health Tools (OHT). The goal of the meeting was to introduce Open Health Tools to the popHealth community and answer questions about governance and management of the popHealth tool.

Background on OHT

- OHT is a 501(c)(6) non-profit trade association.
- OHT provides a governance mechanism to help open source communities.
- Revenue is primarily from member fees.
- All projects are sponsored by an OHT member.
- The OHT board can start and end a project or change those working on a project. Projects operate within themselves, as open meritocracy.
- Their system allows for a large amount of autonomy for each project, within an open ecosystem. There is no rule from attempting 2 projects to do the same thing. If some members think it is going in different direction, they can do that.
- There are funding opportunities. Some organizations want to pay OHT, and OHT is the steward of the community, managing the day to day.
- OHT is prohibited from competing with its members. Additionally, OHT itself does not produce code.

Summary from Q&A

- popHealth is very similar to Connect, which was also an existing project. OHT can use the onboarding process for both new and existing projects.
- OHT can help make sure the community has documentation in place (IP and contributors documented).
- OHT can help the community find funding sources. OHT has submitted proposals to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in the past. That is one way they help communities. But they need someone on point to do grant proposals.
- The popHealth community does not have to utilize OHT's site (i.e. source forge), it can continue to live on Github.
- Copyright and licenses are handled on a project by project basis. OHT started with a modified Eclipse license, but shorter projects should use Apache2. Copyright issues need to be further investigated.

Next Steps

- popHealth community should send any additional questions for OHT to Genevieve Morris gmorris@ainq.com.
- Meetings with additional organizations are being scheduled by Ai.