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Subject: FEEDBACK REQUESTED: Draft LHS Consensus Action Plan

Dear participants in the Second LHS Summit and colleagues,

We are writing to you to thank you again for your participation in the Learning Health System (LHS) movement and the [Second LHS Summit](#), and to request your feedback on the latest iteration of the draft LHS consensus action plan (attached as a Microsoft Word document) following our work together at the Second LHS Summit. **Please review the attached draft and send your feedback on the content itself to Josh@JoshCRubin.com by Monday, March 20, 2017.**

The attached draft stems from multi-stakeholder efforts begun at the Second LHS Summit that aimed to set us on a trajectory toward “achieving consensus on a list of specific actions that, if taken, will advance the LHS from what remains an appealing concept to a working reality for improving the health of individuals and populations. Following the Second LHS Summit and building on this further consensus, participants will collaboratively develop guidance for what organizations can do individually and collectively to advance the LHS, as well as ways to measure and recognize actions taken to realize the vision.” Second LHS Summit resources are available at: <http://www.learninghealth.org/2016-second-lhs-summit/>

By way of background, the attached draft for your review was iteratively developed as follows:

- Immediately following the Second LHS Summit’s multi-stakeholder collaborative [consensus process](#), the (longer list of) action plans developed were aggregated and posted [here](#) as a single unified document.
- This longer list was subsequently synthesized into a more concise draft LHS consensus action plan.
- Almost two-dozen participants in the Learning Health Community’s LHS Governance and Policy Framework [Initiative](#) convened to review and to provide further input.
- The Second LHS Summit’s [Planning Committee](#) further reviewed the draft and incorporated this input into a subsequent iteration.
- The categories and content of that draft were shared with a diverse audience in a presentation titled [“The Path Forward to a Learning Health Community”](#) to kick off “Inspiration Morning” on the closing day of the signature [HIMSS Interoperability Showcase](#) at the [HIMSS17](#) Conference and Exhibition; feedback received was further incorporated into the latest draft LHS consensus action plan (attached).
- Some ideas emanating from these preliminary action items were shared with the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in response to AHRQ’s recent [“Request for Information - Learning Healthcare Systems”](#).



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As we work to develop a final (yet adaptable) LHS consensus action plan, we now request your feedback on this latest iterative draft (attached). We look forward to continuing to work with all of you to finalize this important work product.

We recognize that the LHS consensus action plan will be an important enabler of progress, but not an end in itself. Rather, it is an essential collaborative step on a shared journey that also requires collaboratively prioritizing these action items, as well as sharing responsibility and accountability for making them happen.

Along this journey, the [Learning Health Community](#), as a multi-stakeholder grassroots movement bonded together by the shared consensus [LHS Core Values](#), will aspire to be a key center (and catalyst) for collaboration, intelligence, and action. The Learning Health Community will aim to inspire and mobilize sustained action by multiple and diverse stakeholders, to separately and collectively engage in these actions, to realize the promise of the LHS vision.

Again, to assist this effort, **please review the attached draft and share your feedback with Josh@JoshCRubin.com by Monday, March 20, 2017.**

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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