VISTA SOFTWARE ALLIANCE
STATUS BRIEFING

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Current Briefing

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What is the VSA

- ❖ The VistA Software Alliance is a non-profit trade association formed for the purpose of promoting the VistA electronic health record system.

- ❖ Founded in 2004 with 7 companies

- ❖ VSA now has 40+ members

- ❖ We are committed to improving healthcare by using information technology to increase the quality of care, reduce patient errors, and lower costs. VistA has been proven to accomplish these goals.

Who are VSA Members

- VSA members are companies and individuals interested in the use of VistA outside of the Veterans Administration

- VSA members tend to share some views:
  - They see VistA as a viable electronic health record for hospitals, clinics, medical practices
  - They are involved in the implementation, integration, and support of VistA
  - They see VistA as a business model with an opportunity to improve the delivery of healthcare in the U.S.

VistA Support Organizations

Pacific International Center for High Tech Research (PITCHR)
-- Formalized in 1987
-- Focus on research & technology transfer
-- Also serves as grants administrator

WorldVistA
-- Not for profit, incorporated in 2002, 501 (C) (3)
-- Advocates VistA to facilitate affordable medical information technology worldwide

VistA Expertise Network
-- Not for profit, philanthropic
-- Formed by Rick Marshall to mentor VistA students

Hawaii Consortium for Medicine and Health
-- Not for profit, administers grants
-- Provides training centered on VistA derivatives (VistA University)
-- Has cooperative R&D agreement with HUI

VistA Software Alliance
-- 501 (C) (6)
-- Promotes use of Vista outside of VA
-- Represents its members lobbying, commercial, and standards interests

What Differentiates the VSA

* ❖ A key mission is to educate the public at a high level on VistA in all of its forms

* ❖ We are commercially focused and can lobby widely both for the adoption of Vista and for the commercial interests of our members

What VSA is Accomplishing

- We participate annually in HIMSS and VEHU
- We contributed to the push to establish the HIMSS Federal EHR SIG.
- We host an annual VistA Leadership Conference
- We work with the Dept of VA and other agencies to support VistA and it's derivatives
- We lobby successfully at the federal level (e.g. release of FOIA patches)
- We also lobbies at the state level for VistA consideration in HIE, HIN and RHIO initiatives

Plans for FY 2008

- ❖ Participate in HIMSS and VEHU
- ❖ Host the VistA Leadership Conference
- ❖ Work with the Dept of VA and other agencies to support VistA and it's derivatives
- ❖ Lobby at the federal level on specific legislation:
  - ❖ Service members' Healthcare Benefits and Rehabilitation Enhancement Act of 2007 (S. 1670 and S. 1682)
- ❖ Lobby at the state level for VistA consideration in HIE, HIN and RHIOs
  - ❖ Tennessee
  - ❖ Kentucky
  - ❖ West Virginia

Anyone interested in membership . . .

We offer individual, associate and corporate membership plans.

For information, including costs and benefits of joining the VSA, please visit

www.vistasoftware.org