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BLUEWARE POLLS HIMSS ATTENDEES ON STIMULUS FOR HIT

Atlanta, Georgia—5 March 2010— BlueWare (www.blueware.us), used the annual Healthcare Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS) Conference to take a pulse on what health information technology professionals think of the ARRA Stimulus for Health Information Technology adoption and the proposed guidelines. BlueWare asked healthcare IT (information technology) professionals to comment on their opinion of the stimulus for health IT. Their white board created quite a buzz at the conference, and comments were literally “all across the board”.

Attendee comments ranged from positive support, “For small hospitals, the stimulus is the only way we can afford it”, to disgust, “We are already in the red, more taxes, more wait time—less coverage—vote them out!”. There were also many practical pieces of advice offered to lawmakers, “Great concept, but needs a lot more detail and funded resources dedicated to working out the detail” and “We can’t fix healthcare with a government regulations/adversarial relationships, it has to be collegial”.

Among those that visited BlueWare’s booth to view public comments were representatives from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These representatives, who are the ones actually creating the guidelines that will constitute “meaningful use” of health IT, were bothered by some of the comments, claiming it was “unfortunate that the public thinks they are inexperienced”. They refuted, commenting that most of them have years of experience in the clinical setting.

One representative from CMS, an Informatics Nurse, said “we hope to incorporate everyone’s comments knowing that we won’t be able to please everyone, but that the comments will provide a good starting point. We will be taking March through April to provide meaningful explanation around the proposed criteria”. Anyone can view and comment on the proposed guidelines by visiting www.regulations.gov.

As for the comments, BlueWare is pleased with the response. “It’s wonderful to see the users of health information technology passionate about the direction of the industry. It just confirms that we all need to participate in the creation of the future of our healthcare. It will take all of our input to create and spur successful adoption of HIT”, said Rose Harr, CEO of BlueWare. The public comments will be posted to the BlueWare website, www.blueware.us.

About BlueWare, Inc.

BlueWare is an international software corporation dedicated to the healthcare industry. We develop and support a family of products that delivers a comprehensive electronic health record. BlueWare believes in a healthcare environment where information is accessible, accurate, and comprehensive. We devote our work to advancing a longitudinal electronic health record that interoperates with various systems to create the most complete record on the market. For additional information about BlueWare, please visit www.blueware.us or www.blueware.co.uk

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