



PRIVACY COMMITTEE – 2015 REPORT

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The Committee met once by Teleconference on June 26, to review the privacy governance and framework developed by Rachel St. John and Pamela Snively from AccessPrivacy, with Osler Hoskin and Harcourt LLP. The Committee formally endorsed the documents, and recommended their adoption to the Board of Directors.

The actual implementation of the policies was recognized to be a very challenging, but necessary, process, which will remain in large part the responsibility of the AHCDC. AccessPrivacy remains committed to helping with the process, and will assist in the development of data sharing agreements, confidentiality agreements, and processes for implementation of the policies centrally and at the individual clinics.

The evolution of CBDR as the successor for CHARMS did impact our approach to the important privacy considerations of the registry. With the plan to house and support CBDR at McMaster University, agreements are being drafted whereby McMaster will host the data on behalf of the AHCDC, and will therefore be the second party in the data sharing agreements with the clinics and ultimately responsible for the privacy impact assessment. AccessPrivacy has been working with the McMaster legal team to ensure the memorandum of understanding is appropriate for the purposes and uses of the registry. AHCDC is certainly grateful for the opportunity to delegate these major privacy issues to an institution with the relevant expertise and support infrastructure.

Finally, as I took over as President of the AHCDC in May, 2014, I felt it was necessary to step down as Chair of the Privacy Committee. Dr. Lawrence Jardine has agreed to Chair this committee, and he will be leading the effort to implement our organizational privacy framework and working with McMaster on the privacy issues of the CBDR.

J. Stoffman
Past Chair, Privacy Committee