

Assessing Stewardship Readiness

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Introduction

Initiatives come and go, and this leads us to be skeptical when we assess stewardship readiness. This checklist is designed to be used in exploring the suitability of potential stewards. If HIS stewards determine that a potential steward is suitable, we may meet the organization and explain the HIS Standards Process. If we feel that the potential steward is not yet suitable, we may delay the process while working with the organization to bring them along toward readiness. If we feel that the organization holds no real potential for becoming a steward, we may deny the stewardship, and seek another potential steward.

Checklist

1. The potential steward has expertise in the research area of the proposed registry.
2. The potential steward understands how to start out but also has a vision for extending.
3. The potential steward has a stable underlying organization--remember that stewardship belongs to an organization, not a person or persons.
4. The potential steward has already started and is maintaining something that is seen as a good beginning.
5. The potential steward is willing to be flexible and take feedback throughout the process leading to adoption.
6. The potential steward has a good relationship with others and is already utilizing data systems/code sets.
7. The potential steward has a plan or an idea about how they will encourage members to participate.
8. The potential steward understands and demonstrates security restraints that can be trusted.
9. The potential steward has the potential to maintain timely and accurate information.
10. The potential steward has adequate potential to develop and maintain the standard and code set.

Action

I think we should accept this organization for stewardship.

I think we should delay this organization for stewardship and help them get ready.

I don't think we should accept this organization for stewardship.