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HUI TURNS HUI OPENVISTA™ OVER TO OPEN SOURCE VISTA GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

LAUNCHES FINAL RELEASE OF OPEN SOURCE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM

The **Pacific Telehealth & Technology Hui** (“Hui”), developers of Hui OpenVista, announced the transfer of development oversight of the EHR software to an Open Source Vista Governance Council.

Based on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) robust VistA system made available to the public through the Freedom of Information Act, Hui OpenVista is a non-proprietary, open-source healthcare information system. The Hui, a joint venture of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense, has pioneered the development of OpenVista in collaboration with VistA developers and programmers in the open source community.

The Open Source Vista Governance Council is a partnership of organizations from the Open Source Vista community set up to advance the sustainability and widespread adoption of Open Source Vista. The seven-member steering committee includes representatives from Blue Cliff, Inc.; DSS, Inc.; Medsphere Systems Corporation; MELE Health Information Systems; Shepherd University; World VistA and the Vista Software Alliance.

The Governance Council will oversee the development of standards and policies needed to sustain a “Golden Master” standard, freely shared source code of the open source Vista. To more closely align Hui OpenVista with other open source versions of the FOIA VistA, the Hui has created and issued a final release of the software. The latest release, Hui OpenVista 4.1, is available for download on the Hui web site at www.pacifichui.org.

“The Hui is a strong supporter of the open source movement and recognizes the potential impact of OpenVista to improve the quality of patient care management at hospitals and clinics worldwide. Open source systems, such as Hui OpenVista, are typically hindered by service and support issues that must be solved before open source will be easily accepted. The Open Source

Vista Governance Council has been set up to serve as a mediator of these issues and to facilitate the widespread adoption of OpenVista,” Hui Director Stanley M. Saiki, Jr., M.D.

Earlier this month the Council convened its first meeting to discuss the transfer of responsibility of the Hui OpenVista development and a methodology for version control. The Pacific International Center for High Technology Research, a non-profit 501-C3 organization, is serving as facilitator to moderate the activities of the Open Source Vista community and to carry out the decisions and directions of the Governance Council.

The Pacific Telehealth & Technology Hui was formed in 1999 with the encouragement and support of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye. A subsidiary of the Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center (TATRC) under the U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command, the Hui facilitates interdisciplinary research partnerships with government, academia and industry to advance the development of emerging technologies and improve health care for beneficiaries in the Pacific region.

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