The National Healthcare Standards Subcommittee (NHSS) reports to the Partnership and Advocacy Committee with regards to standards and codes development work undertaken on behalf of the Society. In the 2018-19 year, the committee met three times via teleconference and has advanced the work of the NHSS in the following ways:

1. A standards activity summary sheet continues to be updated at each teleconference and posted to the CHES website such that all members can reach out to their CHES representative in each of the respective technical areas. This summary sheet is intended to keep members informed of progress of each standard and to help determine at which stage of the development cycle any given standard has progressed. By hyperlinking to the CHES representative’s email address, any CHES member can reach out to the individual sitting at the standards table for clarification on content of existing standards and/or standards under development. This summary sheet is updated at each meeting of the NHSS and as such, information on the CHES website remains current to within 3 months at all times.

2. CSA continues to reach out to the NHSS committee to advise of upcoming standards development processes and upcoming projects.

3. Representatives have several roles that they play on behalf of the CHES membership as reported in the 2015-16 annual report, and these continue.

4. The role of the NHSS chair and vice-chair position have been formalized to ensure the committee’s work can continue smoothly well into the future. Steve Rees has graciously agreed to take of the role of the vice-chair of the NHSS.

The NHSS is committed to meeting the needs of the CHES membership and giving each member a voice at the standards development table. I would like to personally thank all members of the NHSS for their continued commitment to CHES members and to the standards development process.

Respectfully Submitted,

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