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Carequality Monthly Information Call

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Agenda

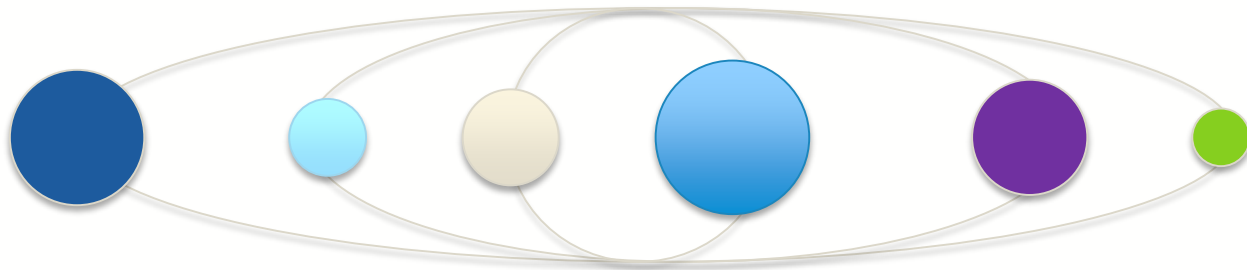
- Carequality Intro
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Carequality Overview

The Situation

Communities of data sharing partners have formed, brought together by specific needs.



Some are geographically based, but many other types of data sharing communities also exist.

The Solution

Carequality creates a standardized, national-level interoperability framework to link all data sharing networks



Carequality is creating a web of interconnected communities

The Power of Connecting Communities

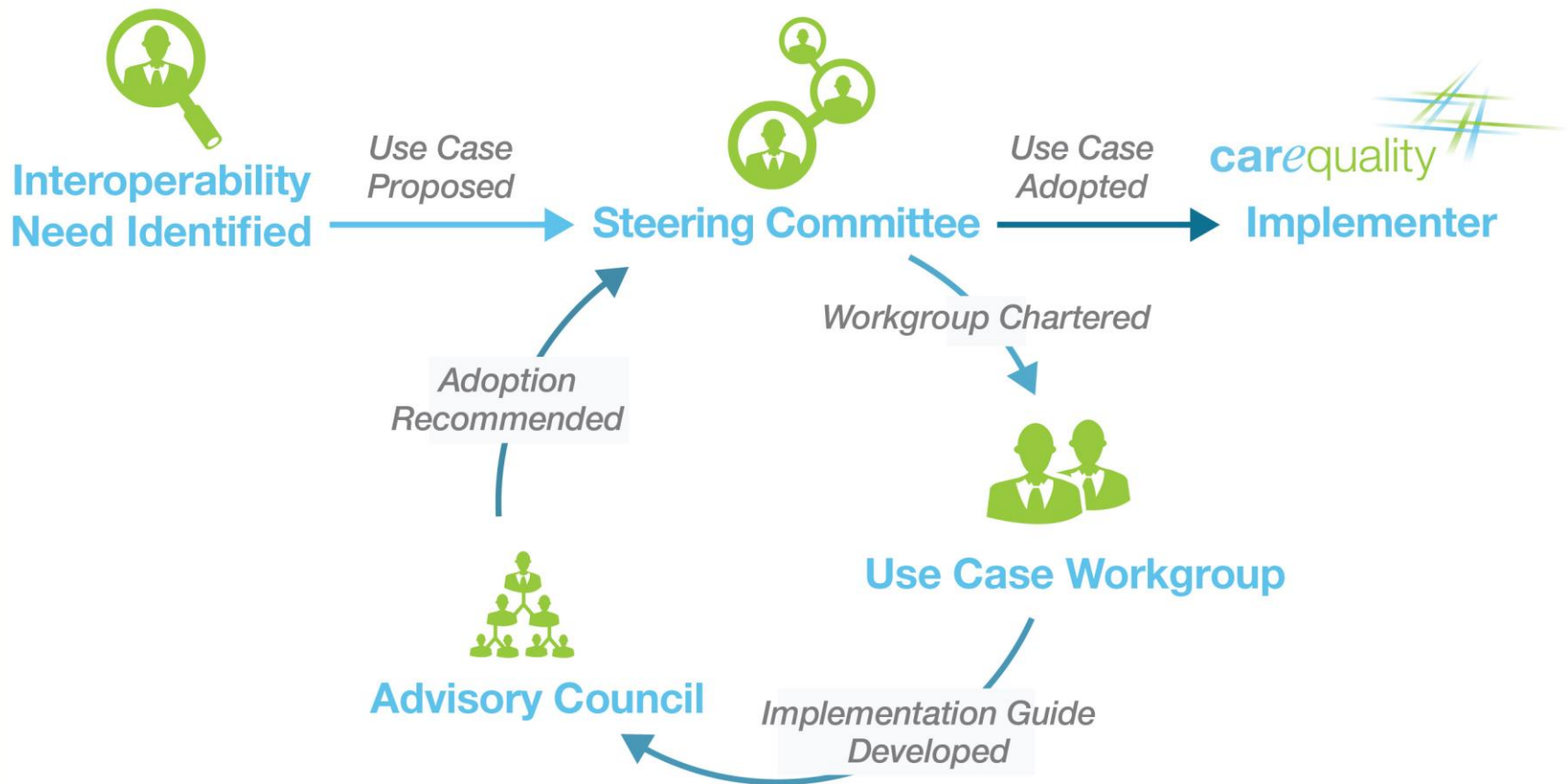
*How do you get nationwide connectivity?
Clinic by clinic, hospital by hospital?*

Data sharing networks have already connected many participants. The connections grow exponentially by connecting these user communities to one another, as groups.

➔ If you connect six clinics, you might reach a few dozen physicians.

➔ If you connect six networks, you can reach thousands of physicians.

The Carequality Process



Carequality Framework

- The Carequality Framework includes a number of elements:
 - Carequality Connected Agreement
 - Carequality Connection Terms
 - Dispute Resolution Process
 - Technical Trust Policy
 - Query-Based Document Exchange Implementation Guide
- Documents are available for reference on the Carequality Wikispaces and our public website:
<http://carequality.wikispaces.com/Carequality+Framework>
<http://sequoiaproject.org/carequality/resources/>
- Initial Implementers are rolling out The Framework for production use

Initial Rollout Update

Current Carequality Connected Agreement Signees



Current Status

- Six Implementers (Epic, Surescripts, eClinicalWorks, NextGen, HIE Texas, and athenahealth) have had their applications accepted for moving to production
- About thirty Epic clients have production certificates and are ready for live exchange
- Multiple eClinicalWorks and athenahealth users expected in production by end of July
 - Both eClinicalWorks and athenahealth have production certificates
- HIE Texas and Kno2 also targeting July go-lives

Participation Opportunity

Steering Committee

- The Carequality Steering Committee application process is now open!
- Seven seats have terms expiring at the end of September
- Applications will be accepted through July 29th for these seven two-year terms
- The application can be accessed at:
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/TheSequoiaProject1/SteeringCommitteeApplication2016>

Patient Authorization

Project Background

- The Query-Based Document Exchange Implementation Guide is clear that organizations have the ability to set their own policy for what permission is needed from the patient before his or her records will be released in response to a query.
- The Guide is silent on how information on these requirements, and their fulfillment by requesters, can be communicated in the course of query transactions.
- Two workgroups (Policy and Technical) have been formed to address this challenge in the context of Carequality exchanges
- The workgroups are not addressing questions of WHEN or IF patient authorization is required
- We are only addressing HOW to handle the situation when it is

Current Status

- Both workgroups are focused on providing a mechanism for query initiators to assert that they have fulfilled a particular policy requirement
- Technical workgroup beginning to shift into discussions on mechanics of how query responders communicate specific, unmet policy requirements
- Policy workgroup beginning to shift into more complex non-discrimination considerations
- Both workgroups are making good progress, and we will soon be in a position to draft updates to the Implementation Guide

Content Guidance

Project Background

- As part of its 2016 project prioritization, the Steering Committee included the development of best practices/guidance for clinical content
- Basic goal of making the most of existing content; NOT an attempt to develop new document templates or otherwise creating new standards
- The Advisory Council has taken on this work as a project for its current term

Current Status

- Sub-committee has been meeting (mostly) weekly through May and June
- Discussion has zeroed in on a survey of document capabilities for Carequality Implementers and others who are interested in contributing
 - The survey results will ideally provide insight into best practice guidance on how to query for different types of clinical content
- The survey takes a very pragmatic, no-assumptions approach and requests information about what documents are actually being produced in the field, how they are identified, and what information they contain
- The survey itself is essentially complete, with some example responses still pending
- We will notify the Carequality email distribution list when the survey is available

Other 2016 Projects

Carequality Directory

- **Project goal:** Develop and implement a standards-based approach to automating maintenance of the Carequality Directory
- **Current Status:**
 - Work with Argonaut Project to flesh out relevant FHIR resources largely complete, with testing slated for July
 - In parallel, we are planning implementation of a production directory service, with a goal of providing an automated option by the end of summer
 - Transition to new directory by Implementers likely to proceed at varied pace once production service is available

Image Exchange

- **Project goal:** Develop new Implementation Guide for query-based exchange of imaging content
- **Current Status:**
 - Some further conversation is needed to resolve some prioritization differences between the Steering Committee and Advisory Council
 - Discussions to resolve differences expected to occur in July, but timeframe for completion uncertain
 - Workgroups unlikely to be formed until August at the earliest

Thank You!