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Carequality Monthly Information Call

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Agenda

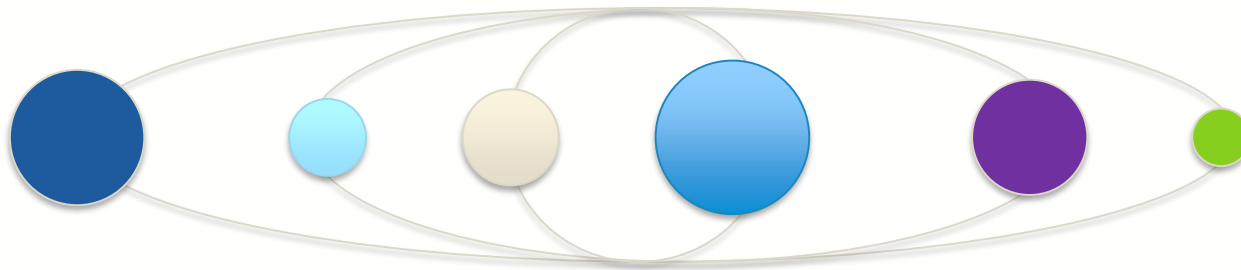
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Carequality Overview

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.

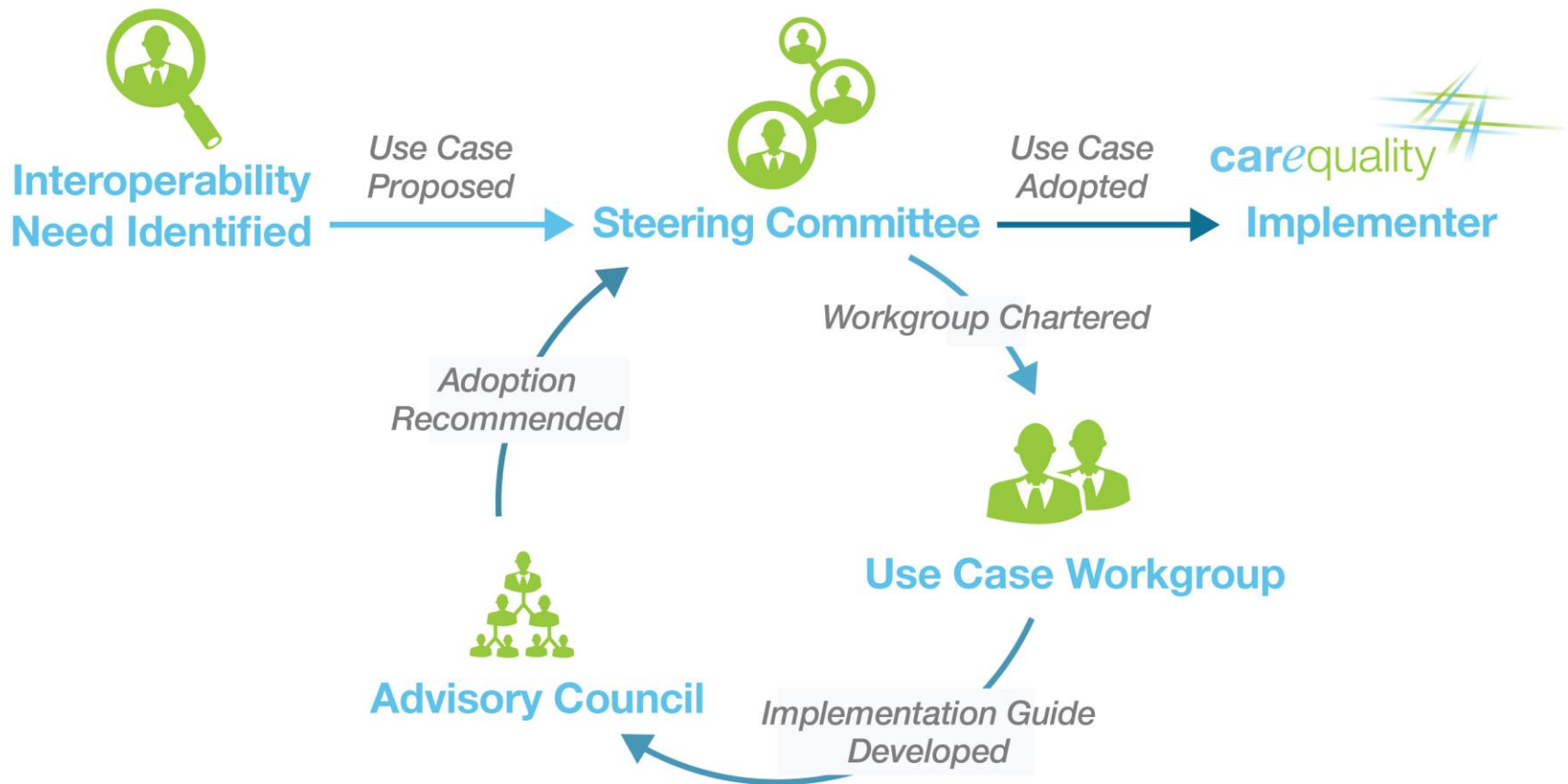
Carequality Framework

- 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/>

The Carequality Process



Initial Rollout Update

Current Carequality Connected Agreement Signees



Current Status

- **Carequality is live!**
- The first production transactions occurred on July 1st
- Exchanges have occurred so far in four states:
 - California, Missouri, Texas, and Virginia
- Overall, more than 3000 clinics and 200 hospitals are up and running with capability to share data via the Carequality Framework
- Six Implementers (Epic, Surescripts, eClinicalWorks, NextGen, HIE Texas, and athenahealth) are providing the connectivity for these organizations
- We expect active exchanges to occur in several more states in the next few weeks
- Additional organizations are being added to the Directory on a weekly and sometimes even daily basis

Thank You!

- Reaching this milestone was only possible with the help of hundreds of people from around the industry
- A very heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed, directly or indirectly, to the development of the Carequality Framework and its initial rollout thus far

Participation Opportunity

Steering Committee

- Thanks to all who applied for the Carequality Steering Committee!
- The Nominating Committee is in the final stages of proposing a slate of candidates from among the applicants, for the 7 seats that are opening in September
- The full Steering Committee will review the slate and is expected to confirm the final selections for the open seats at its September 1 meeting
- Applicants will be informed once the decisions are finalized, after the 9/1 meeting

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
- Policy workgroup is defining a list of specific policy concepts with which query initiators can assert compliance, and the requirements to be met in order to legitimately assert compliance with that policy
- Technical workgroup is finalizing the technical specification details
- The [Carequality Wikispaces pages for these workgroups](#) have been updated with documentation of their work in progress

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
 - Virtual Connectathons have occurred to advance testing
 - We are working on our own client and server implementations for the relevant resources
 - Completing by end of summer (i.e. late September) is still our goal
 - Transition to new directory by Implementers is 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:**
 - “Conference Committee” of the Steering Committee and Advisory Council is meeting – initial meeting tomorrow – to resolve prioritization differences
 - This working group will provide the background for one or more workgroup charters, with workgroups being formed this fall
 - Stay tuned for more info on getting involved in the workgroups!

Content Guidance

- **Project goal:** Develop best practice guidance on making the most of existing content; NOT an attempt to develop new document templates or otherwise creating new standards
- **Current Status:**
 - Advisory Council has taken this on as a 2016 project
 - Subcommittee of the Council has been meeting regularly
 - Survey of technical capabilities is largely ready for distribution
 - Likely separate instrument identifying priorities for general document content best practices is under discussion currently

Thank You!