



## Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Feb 20, 2019

### Meeting Participants

Council Members	
X	Brian Clay, UC San Diego
X	Seth Selkow, Kaiser Permanente
X	Sid Thornton, Intermountain Healthcare
X	Sandy Chung, Fairfax Pediatric Associates
	Terri Ripley, OrthoVirginia
X	Mike Banfield, CRISP
X	Rim Cothren, CAHIE
	George Gooch, THSA/HIE Texas
	Derek Plansky, Palm Beach ACO
X	Prathib Skandakumaran, Surescripts
	Niko Skievaski, Redox
X	Therasa Bell, Kno2
X	Brian Yeaman, Coordinated Care Health Network
	Stacy Gill, MIB
X	Peter DeVault, Epic
X	Jared Esposito, athenahealth
X	Kedar Ganta, GE Healthcare
X	Doc Devore, MatrixCare
	Navi Gadhiok, eClinicalWorks
	AJ Peterson, Netsmart
X	Dan Werlin, NextGen Healthcare
X	Janine Akers, DataFile Technologies(Scott Stuewe)
X	Gretchen Bebb, TheraTech Pathways
X	Sagnik Bhattacharya PatientPing
X	McLain Causey, Experian Health

X	Shannah Koss, LivPact, Inc.
X	David Mendelson, IHE
X	Matthew Shuler, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
X	James Murray, CVS Health
X	(Proxy for) Margaret Donahue, Veteran's Health Administration

### **Invited Subject Matter Experts and Carequality Support Team**

X	Chris Dickerson, Program Coordinator, Carequality
X	Dave Cassel, Vice President, Carequality
	Dawn Van Dyke, Marketing Director, The Sequoia Project
	Didi Davis, Testing Director, The Sequoia Project
	Eric Heflin, CTO/CIO, The Sequoia Project
X	Mariann Yeager, CEO, The Sequoia Project
	Michael Hodgkins, AMA, Carequality Steering Committee Chair
	Steven Lane, Sutter Health, Carequality Steering Committee Vice-Chair
X	Bill Mehegan, The Sequoia Project

## **Meeting Summary**

**Call to order** 1:35 pm EST

### **Agenda**

- Welcome, Roll Call, Agenda Review
- Administrative Items
- HIMSS 19
- Interoperability Matters
- Project Updates
- CMS/ONC Proposed Rules
- Production Operations Update

***Discussion Summary:*** Agenda was reviewed by Dave.

***Decision/Outcome:*** The agenda was reviewed, and no additional items added.

***Action/Follow up:*** n/a

### **Administrative Items**

Administrative items were discussed including new members of the council, Sagnik Bhattacharya from PatientPing, and Brian Clay from UC San Diego who will be taking

the place of Chris Longhurst. Both introduced themselves to the group and discussed their backgrounds.

January minutes were approved. Peter moved to approve, Doc seconded. All approved, no one abstained.

## **HIMSS 2019**

**Discussion Summary:** Dave briefed the council on the event of HIMSS 2019. The conference provided an opportunity to hold meetings with prospective Implementers and with other key stakeholders.

Even more so than in years past, individuals that came to the booth this year were end users interested in learning more about their connection and how it can be leveraged.

**Decision/Outcome:**

**Action/Follow up:** None

## **Interoperability Matters**

### **Updates**

**Discussion Summary:** Mariann shared details about The Sequoia Project's Interoperability Matters forum. The group will function as a public-private collaborative that will focus on solving targeted, high-impact interoperability issues. The forum will serve as a platform to provide public feedback to interested regulatory bodies on interoperability issues based on real world experience. The mission, structure, and upcoming projects related to the group were discussed.

**Decision/Outcome:** Mariann will continue to provide periodic updates to the Council on the group's work.

**Action/Follow up:** None

## **FHIR Workgroups**

### **Updates**

- Technical
  - Currently deliberating on whether to deploy a Carequality Centralized Authentication Server or have a Distributed Architecture
- Policy
  - Currently attempting to reach consensus on Best Practices (and possible future SLAs) on the topics of Uptime, Downtime, and Planned Downtime

**Discussion Summary:** Bill updated the Council on progress of ongoing projects, beginning with the FHIR Workgroups. Recent updates from the FHIR technical workgroup include a decision to deploy the version of the FHIR Capability Statement

that “Describes Software Solution Capabilities” which will give Implementers as much information as possible when attempting to interact with other endpoints. The FHIR policy workgroup has determined how a receiving system should respond to a transaction from the sending system that errors-out on their side. The FHIR technical and policy workgroup progress can be tracked on their individual websites.

**Decision/Outcome:** n/a

**Action/Follow up:** n/a

## **IG Updates Workgroup**

### **Updates**

- Discussion has focused on rollout and validation of document content policy
- Next topic: Payment and Health Care Operations
- Approach to exemptions has switched to defining requirements for different categories of Implementers

**Discussion Summary:** Chris updated the council on the progress of the Implementation Guide Updates Workgroup. The group’s discussion is currently focused on rollout and validation of the new document content policy. The next priority for the group will be to discuss the Payment and Health Care Operations permitted purposes. The council discussed the workgroup’s new approach to determining which groups will be exempt from the future testing program.

**Decision/Outcome:** n/a

**Action/Follow up:** n/a

## **Joint Document Content Workgroup**

### **Updates**

- The group has completed key updates to the Recommendation Document including:
  - Updates to guidance for key document sections
  - A variety of new technical examples and diagrams
  - Honor time parameters in document queries, including recommended search parameters

**Discussion Summary:** The Council was updated on the progress of the Joint Document Content Workgroup. The group has completed their ad-hoc work on the recommendations document. The updates touched on a variety of issues, all of which have been reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee. The next step will be to release the new version to the public and the Implementation Guide Updates Workgroup will also evaluate and accept it as part of the Guide updates.

**Decision/Outcome:** n/a

**Action/Follow up:** n/a

## **CCA Updates**

### **Updates**

- We have received feedback from the Implementer community on our proposed final changes
- We are making a few minor additions based on this feedback, before distributing the final version for an objection period before it goes into effect
- Once the updated text is officially accepted, it is essential that Implementers and other relevant parties (such as EHR vendors connecting their clients through CommonWell, Kno2, or Surescripts) ensure that the new terms are legally binding

**Discussion Summary:** Staff updated the council on the current status of the CCA updates process. There are a few minor changes made on the proposed final document based on community feedback. They were not so drastic as to require a second round of community feedback. The final version is updated; the document will be distributed to the Implementer community for a final objection period. Once the updated CCA is accepted, it is imperative that the new terms in the CCT are made legally binding. For the Implementers, this may include updating any relevant agreements with their Carequality Connections.

**Decision/Outcome:** n/a

**Action/Follow up:** n/a

## **Push Notifications Use Case**

### **Updates**

- Call for participation has gone out
- We will be scheduling kickoff calls for the end of February/beginning of March

**Discussion Summary:** The Council was updated on the status of the Push Notifications Workgroups. A call for participation has gone out and there has been a HIMSS-influenced spike in interest. Kickoff calls for the technical and policy versions of this workgroup are set for early March.

**Decision/Outcome:** n/a

**Action/Follow up:** n/a

## **CMS/ONC Proposed Rules**

**Discussion Summary:** The Council received updates on the recent proposed rules from HHS. While the rules have a large scope, the most impactful from a Carequality

standpoint are the ones focused on information blocking. Carequality is working closely with The Sequoia Project on comments, though the comments from the two organizations may not be entirely the same. Collaboration with other organizations is also a possibility.

***Decision/Outcome:*** n/a

***Action/Follow up:*** n/a

### **Production Operations Update**

***Discussion Summary:*** As part of the production operations update, the council was informed about two new CCA signees (Practice Velocity and Swellbox). Health Gorilla was added to the list of live Implementers. Live site rollouts continue from a variety of Implementers.

***Decision/Outcome:*** n/a

***Action/Follow up:*** n/a

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm EST.*