



Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019

Meeting Participants

Council Members	
	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
	Rim Cothren, CAHIE
X	George Gooch, THSA/HIE Texas
	Derek Plansky, Palm Beach ACO
X	Prathib Skandakumaran, Surescripts
	Niko Skievaski, Redox
	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
X	Navi Gadhiok, eClinicalWorks
X	AJ Peterson, Netsmart
X	Dan Werlin, NextGen Healthcare
	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.
	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
- Implementation Guide Updates Workgroup [Inform/Advise]
- FHIR Workgroups [Inform/Advise]
- Other Project Updates [Inform]
- CMS/ONC Proposed Rules [Inform/Advise]
- Production Operations Update [Inform]

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

February Minutes

February Minutes will be approved at a later time.

Implementation Guide Updates Workgroup

Discussion Summary: Chris updated the council on the ongoing work of the Implementation Guide Updates Workgroup. The group has completed work on a variety of their chartered tasks including rollout and validation of document content requirements and determining various improvements on the ongoing validation process described in the Guide. The group is currently discussing a range of topics, primarily, policies related to the permitted purposes of Payment and Health Care Operations, and mandatory reporting.

The group is currently working to add policies that would specify the types of activities associated with each permitted purpose. The group is considering a straw proposal that would assign some specific payer use cases to either the Payment or Health Care Operations permitted purposes.

Decision/Outcome: As with much of the guide updates and the guide itself, we will have to keep the proposed Information Blocking rules in mind as we go forward and potentially add these updates to an overall review of Carequality policies.

Action/Follow up: None

FHIR Workgroups

Updates

- Technical
 - Emerging Technical Approach
 - Use of Directory
 - Discovery of Endpoint Capabilities
- Policy
 - Progress addressing
 - Capability Statement Usage
 - FHIR Errors
 - Priority Level

Discussion Summary: Bill updated the Council on the progress of ongoing projects beginning with the FHIR Workgroups. Recent updates from the FHIR technical workgroup are rooted in Authentication/Authorization/Trust and ensuring the Carequality solution is scalable. To this end, the group has worked to minimize the steps required to onboard new Carequality Connections. The ecosystem will utilize a decentralized authentication server model that is capable of leveraging the existing Carequality 509X Certificates. The overall model can be used to provide access to consumers, and other non-providers, to the FHIR ecosystem.

The FHIR policy workgroup has continued to address a variety of topics. The group has made the determination that Implementers shall support the notion of backwards

compatibility with respect to FHIR versions, in the sense that endpoints supporting a particular version must remain operational, once provided, until such time that that particular version has been officially sunsetted by Carequality. Implementers shall have separate endpoints, with appropriate Capabilities Statements, for each supported version. The group also determined that in the case of an error, Implementers should use the OperationOutcome capability to return both human readable and machine processable information with sufficient detail to allow the client to determine if the error can be corrected at the client side.

Decision/Outcome: Council members asked if a workflow diagram is available. There is not one available at the moment, but plans are underway to create one.

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 content testing program.

Decision/Outcome: n/a

Action/Follow up: n/a

Other Project Updates

Updates

- Push Notifications
 - The Technical and Policy workgroups have both had their first meetings
- CCA Updates
 - We have distributed the proposed final version to the implementer community
 - A few new changes are included, based on feedback as well as a few cleanup items we noticed internally

Discussion Summary: The Push Notifications Workgroups have had their initial meetings to discuss scope, charters, and deliverables.

The CCA updates process continues as planned. We believe all of the changes based on community feedback are either neutral, or to the benefit of Implementers. The next steps are as follows:

- Version 2.0 of the CCA was distributed on Wednesday, February 27
- Implementers will be able to register an objection to the new version through 5pm PDT on Friday, March 29
- Unless there are sufficient objections to block the update, the new version will go into effect on Monday, April 29
- We will distribute a small agreement acknowledging that the new version will supersede the previous version on that date, which will need to be signed prior to Monday, April 29
- Amendments to the Carequality Connection Terms (CC Terms) will need to be “implemented” (i.e. flowed down to CCs) by Tuesday July 9th

Decision/Outcome: n/a

Action/Follow up: n/a

CMS/ONC Proposed Rules

Updates

- We have held several internal meetings to develop our comments on the proposed rules (both ONC and CMS), with more to come

Discussion Summary: We are working collaboratively with The Sequoia Project and the eHealth Exchange, but will likely submit a separate Carequality comment letter. While we will comment on a number of areas, we will probably put the most time and energy into the ONC rule, and specifically the Information Blocking exceptions and supporting definitions. We also plan to hold a webinar for the Carequality community as a whole, to outline our feedback.

Decision/Outcome: We will have some more fully formed ideas to share with the Council in April. Council members asked for more details on the form of the response from Carequality. Our approach is to be broadly supportive of the spirit of the new rules, however some of the details may have some unforeseen outcomes that our letter will highlight.

Action/Follow up: n/a

Production Operations Update

Updates

- Practice Velocity and Swellbox are our most recent CCA signees with other in the pipeline

Discussion Summary: Health Gorilla is our newest Live Implementer with Community Care HIE (CCHIE) going live tonight.

Decision/Outcome: n/a

Action/Follow up: n/a

The meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm EST.