



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019 | 12:30pm – 2pm ET

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Steering Committee Members

- Jitin Asnaani, CommonWell
- Mike Baillie, United Healthcare
- ✓ Nancy Beavin, Humana
- ✓ Jennifer Blumenthal, OneRecord
- Proxy for Steve Bounds, SSA
- ✓ Ryan Bramble, CRISP
- ✓ Hans Buitendijk, Cerner
- David Camitta, CommonSpirit Health
- ✓ Kedar Ganta, athenahealth
- ✓ Michael Hodgkins, AMA [Chair]
- Ryan Howells, CARIN Alliance
- ✓ Leslie Kelly-Hall, Healthwise
- ✓ Proxy for Rob Klootwyk, Epic
- ✓ Steven Lane, Sutter Health [Vice-Chair]
- ✓ Candice Levy, Bluestone Physician Services
- ✓ Kathy Lewis, Surescripts
- ✓ Tushar Malhotra, eClinicalWorks
- ✓ Alan Swenson, Kno2

Invited Subject Matter Experts and Carequality Support Team

- ✓ Dave Cassel, Executive Director, Carequality
- ✓ Chris Dickerson, Program Coordinator, Carequality
- ✓ Mariann Yeager, CEO, The Sequoia Project
- ✓ Eric Heflin, CTO/CIO, The Sequoia Project
- Didi Davis, Testing Programs Director, The Sequoia Project
- Dawn Van Dyke, Marketing Director, The Sequoia Project
- ✓ Bill Mehegan, The Sequoia Project
- ✓ Berdine Roque, Executive Assistant, Carequality
- ✓ Steve Gravely, Gravely Group
- Mark Segal
- Seth Selkow, Advisory Council Co-Chair, Kaiser Permanente

AGENDA

- Roll Call, Agenda Review
- Administrative Items
- Chair and Vice Chair Positions
- Push Notifications Updates and Approach
- Content Testing
- Other Project Updates
 - FHIR
 - Query-Based Document Exchange Enhancements
 - Image Exchange
- Production Operations Update

Establish Quorum / New Business

Discussion Summary: The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm ET. Roll call was facilitated to identify the Carequality Steering Committee and invited subject matter experts present with attendance noted above.

Decision/Outcome: A formal quorum was declared. No new business was raised.

Action/Follow-up: N/A

Administrative Items

Special Welcome to New Members

Discussion Summary: Management announced and welcomed new members David Camitta, Kedar Ganta, and Ryan Howells. Management thanked the following members for returning for a new term: Steve Bounds, Michael Hodgkins, Leslie Kelly-Hall, and Rob Klootwyk.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Meeting Minutes

Discussion Summary: The minutes for the September 5, 2019 Carequality Steering Committee meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes and it was seconded for approval. There were no questions, oppositions, or abstentions.

Decision/Outcome: The minutes for the September 5, 2019 Carequality Steering Committee meeting was approved.

Action/Follow up: The approved meeting minutes will be considered final and archived.

Carequality Advisory Council

Discussion Summary: Management informed the Steering Committee that Prathib Skandakumaran is no longer with Surescripts and they have proposed Kat Thorpe to replace his seat on the Carequality Advisory Council. Kat Thorpe's resume was provided to the Steering Committee for review and consideration. The Steering Committee's approval is requested for the appointment of Kat Thorpe to the Carequality Advisory Council. Carequality Steering Committee members who know Kat expressed their support of her appointment to the Carequality Advisory Council. A motion was made to approve the appointment of Kat Thorpe as the Surescripts representative on the Carequality Advisory Council and it was seconded for approval. There were no questions, oppositions, or abstentions.

Decision/Outcome: The appointment of Kat Thorpe as the Surescripts representative on the Carequality Advisory Council was approved.

Action/Follow up: Management will inform Surescripts of the decision and will contact Kat Thorpe to welcome her to the Carequality Advisory Council.

Carequality Board

Discussion Summary: Management informed the Steering Committee that there is a possibility that at least two seats on the Carequality Board will be available in the next few months. An overview of the Board's objectives and function was provided to the Steering Committee. Management invited all who are interested in being considered for a Board seat to email Dave Cassel and Berdine Roque, which will be presented to the Carequality Board at their next scheduled meeting.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Annual Meeting Dates

Discussion Summary: Management reminded the Steering Committee of the Annual Meeting on December 5th – 6th at the Gaylord National Harbor, MD. Discussions are still in place for finalization of the sessions and an agenda will be communicated very soon. There was discussion regarding an in-person Carequality Steering Committee during this time which has historically been held the day prior, which would be on December 4th for this year.

Decision/Outcome: The Steering Committee was generally supportive of an in-person meeting in December.

Action/Follow up: Berdine Roque will summarize the available options to Dave Cassel to identify the most convenient time for an in-person meeting.

Chair and Vice Chair Positions

Discussion Summary: The Chair and Vice Chair are responsible for convening meetings of the Steering Committee, assist with facilitation, and work with the Executive Director to establish the meeting agenda and prioritize operational topics for the Committee's consideration. Michael Hodgkins and Steven Lane served in the 2018 - 2019 Carequality Steering Committee as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. They are permitted to seek these roles again, but others are also welcomed to come forward. If you are interested in serving, please email Dave Cassel by the end of the day on Monday, October 7, 2019.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Push Notifications Strategy and Approach

Discussion Summary: The Technical Workgroup determined that operationalizing The Argonaut Project's subscription specifications would be the best path forward. They have spent a significant amount of time discussing high-level technical goals for a Push Notification architecture that meets the goals outlined in the Use Case Proposal. Most existing frameworks such as DIRECT and certain HL7v2-based solutions were either outmoded, missing key functional requirements, or not widely supported enough to warrant pursuing. Of the approaches assessed, the Argonaut and DaVinci draft implementations represented forward-facing options from two influential industry groups. The Argonaut implementation of FHIR Push Notifications was the most compatible with our needs because it includes concepts surrounding a Subscription which is not yet fully modeled in the DaVinci approach. Changes are inevitable given the state of development; however, these changes will be less burdensome than adopting existing technology with the intent to migrate to a completely new technology later or developing our own FHIR-based approach.

The Push notifications timeline for adoption is dependent on a variety of factors, including regulatory considerations and the development schedules of vendors interested in the enabling this capability. A draft of the Push Notifications Implementation Guide could be developed by the latter portion of the first quarter of 2020. Pending approval by the Advisory Council and the Steering Committee, the document could be available for community comments by the second quarter of 2020. Adoption by vendors would be largely dependent on interest relative to other initiatives and priorities.

Management presented strategic considerations in respect to this topic. Widespread production support for the Argonaut subscription approach is approximately 18 months away. Other regulatory pressures on development teams (e.g. info blocking, EHR certification, CMS requirements) may further delay adoption. There's a second implication around the CMS condition of participation rules. The hospitals are required to notify the care teams at discharge which places the burden to act on those who are discharging. Carequality's proposed model relies on subscriptions, where the burden is on the entity that wants to be notified to register a subscription and let the message sender know they would like to be informed. The question is if the relevant hospitals would prefer to adopt a model that relies on others having subscribed or if they prefer to stay in control. A third consideration with respect to the most recent TEF draft

which includes the concept of QHIN Message Delivery and how Carequality's work would reasonably align.

Management presented options on how to proceed for the Steering Committee's review and approval. The first option is to continue the course currently chosen by the workgroups. The second option is to proceed with two phases of work. Phase one includes no subscriptions and current technology. Phase two adds support for subscriptions per the workgroups' current course.

A change in approach carries some risk of demoralizing and disenfranchising workgroups and would need to be implemented carefully.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the different options and phases on how to proceed. Concern was expressed regarding confusion and how to select one over the other and ensuring clarity is provided regarding the differences and outlining the benefits of each selection. Ultimately, a clear preference emerged for Carequality moving forward with the subscription approach.

Decision / Outcome: The Steering Committee agreed with the first option, which is to continue the course currently chosen by the workgroups.

Action/Follow up: N/A

Content Testing

Discussion Summary: During last month's meeting, interest was expressed in further exploration of ONC's content testing tools. ONC has both content testing related to EHR certification and a C-CDA Scorecard. They are considering adding support for tests of compliance with the CommonWell-Carequality recommendations to the certification tools. It's currently unclear whether the scope of work will be reasonable for them from a budget and resource standpoint, nor the timeframe to have the relevant operational support. Management is in the process of coordinating a meeting with ONC to discuss these details and will keep the Steering Committee posted.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Other Project Updates [NOT DISCUSSED]

FHIR Technical Workgroup Update

Discussion Summary: N/A

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

FHIR Policy Workgroup Update

Discussion Summary: N/A

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Query Based Document Exchange Enhancements

Discussion Summary: N/A

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Imaging

Discussion Summary: N/A

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

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Discussion Summary: N/A

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Production Operations Update [NOT DISCUSSED]

Discussion Summary: N/A

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm ET