Carequality Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2020 | 2:30pm – 4:00pm ET

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

Steering Committee Members

- ✓ Paul Wilder, CommonWell
- Mike Baillie, United Healthcare
- ✓ Nancy Beavin, Humana
- Jennifer Blumenthal, OneRecord
- ✓ 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
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Didi Davis, Testing Programs Director, The Sequoia Project
- Dawn Van Dyke, Marketing Director, The Sequoia Project
- ✓ Bill Mehegan, Program Manager, Carequality
- ✓ Berdine Roque, Executive Assistant, Carequality
- ✓ Steve Gravely, Gravely Group
- Mark Segal
- Seth Selkow, Advisory Council Co-Chair, Kaiser Permanente
- ✓ Michael Marchant, Advisory Council Co-Chair, UC Davis Health

AGENDA

- Welcome, Roll Call, Agenda Review
- Administrative Items
- Content Validation
- Project Updates
  - QDBE Enhancements
  - Push Notifications
  - FHIR
  - Content Workgroup
  - 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

Meeting Minutes

Discussion Summary: The minutes for the January 9, 2020 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 or oppositions, and there was one abstention (Paul Wilder, as he was not present at last month's meeting).

Decision/Outcome: The minutes for the January 9, 2020 Carequality Steering Committee meeting was approved.

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

Welcome, New Member!

Discussion Summary: The Carequality Steering Committee welcomed Paul Wilder, of CommonWell, to the group.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Discussion Summary: Carequality will not have a booth this year, but a busy week is still expected. Carequality staff will be participating in several RCE-related sessions and a panel presentation in the Interoperability Showcase. Dave Cassel, Chris Dickerson, and Bill Mehegan will be in attendance and welcome requests to meet. Management requested for those with sessions that are Carequality-related to share the details with Dave Cassel and Berdine Roque for inclusion into a tracker to share with the group.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Content Validation

Discussion Summary: Management provided background on this topic. The in-process Query Implementation Guide (IG) updates include new requirements on content. The IG does not specify how the content requirements will be validated but defers to a to-be-developed validation process. Previous discussions regarding validation with the Steering Committee has led the focus on two options: ONC SITE tools (C-CDA Scorecard) and the Sequoia Project testing platform. Based on previous conversations, the Steering Committee's preference was utilization of the C-CDA Scorecard, pending additional information regarding how this tool could be incorporated into Carequality's validation program.

The Scorecard only validates requirements that have been balloted through HL7. A ballot is currently nearing completion with publication expected in the next few months. Small updates might be possible at this point, but full incorporation of our requirements is unlikely. Once the ballot process is complete, reports hint at a two-to-three-month timeline for changes to be incorporated in the Scorecard. A new ballot process could be pursued once the current one is complete. The current ballot request was submitted late last Spring, but work stagnated for some time until a contractor was hired by ONC to handle the process. If Management also hired a contractor to handle the process, it's plausible that the process may be completed in six months or longer. Once the hypothetical ballot is complete, there is no guarantee of ONC's timeline to update the Scorecard, but for planning purposes, we can assume the same two-to-three-month period. If the updates currently under ballot are published in March and a new process begins in April/May, it's plausible to expect the Scorecard to be updated with our requirements in Spring 2021, which reasonably aligns with the timing for our requirements to go into effect, given adoption periods built into the proposed IG update.

Management requested the Carequality Steering Committee's thoughts on the content approach and there was a lengthy discussion regarding this topic. Questions and comments were raised regarding if / where / and how the list of validated organizations would be published, determining the minimum requirements in relation to specific scores and timing, and if the Scorecard is automatically updated or a request must be submitted to ONC to update and approve upon being balloted.

Decision/Outcome: The Carequality Steering Committee is generally supportive and very interested in continuing to pursue the C-CDA Scorecard and commended the group for going this route, as it can be used in multiple ways rather than identifying other methods to certify or

validate. Carequality staff will follow up with appropriate individuals for more information on exactly how the updated Scorecard requirements are published, and what the process is for ensuring that new updates are accounted for in the actual Scorecard tools.

Action/Follow up: N/A

Query-Based Document Exchange Enhancements

Discussion Summary: The Implementation Guide has a redline draft that is expected to complete the full review process and public comment. Each Implementer has been requested for feedback, specifically regarding non-treatment permitted purposes and adoption timelines. Some of the feedback from the reasonable majority is to increase the timelines around non-treatment purposes and potentially around the document content as well, as six months is not realistic. Follow-up conversations are also still ongoing regarding queries for payment and operations, and concerns associated with those permitted purposes. The comments are being reflected in the IG draft, and the workgroup will assemble to review before it is resubmitted to the Carequality Advisory Council for additional review.

There was further discussion regarding payment and operations in relation to certification and security measures. Particular concerns raised by Providers can be addressed by laying out policy requirements for specific use cases.

Decision/Outcome: The Carequality Steering Committee agreed, and no further questions or objections were raised.

Action/Follow up: N/A

Push Notifications

Discussion Summary: The Policy Workgroup is close to completion of the policy section of the Push Notifications IG. The group will now meet on an ad hoc basis based on policy questions generated by the Technical Workgroup. After the conclusion of the Technical section, the group will evaluate the IG.

The Technical Workgroup continues its collaborative work with staff from Argonaut and has nearly completed the first message mockups based on the Argonaut specifications. A Tiger Team has been formed to create educational components.

Management is actively engaged in obtaining a contractor to work on the final writing to support pushing this Implementation Guide to completion. There was discussion regarding an estimated timeline on notifications and possible Connectathons, which Management will definitely look into.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: Management will look into adding this at the next Connectathon in San Antonio.

FHIR

Discussion Summary: Management presented the FHIR Workgroups timelines and deliverables to the group and also provided additional background for those who are new to the Steering Committee.

An update was provided on the FHIR Technical Workgroup, which is continuing to flesh out the Dynamic Registration Workflow using JWT tokens. Next steps of this process will be tested in March in preparation of the next Connectathon event in May @HL7 in San Antonio, which includes: Purpose of Use, Patient Consent, Access Policies, and other data currently sent in the SAML token in our Query Based Document Exchange ecosystem.

The link to the Draft Implementation Guide was provided (displayed below).

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iOour1orfMpYS30L2AU2wajZRXl7p6YWlk5F61TcZ1M/edit?ts=5d920fe0

Management provided an update on the FHIR Policy Workgroup. Weekly meetings currently consist of working sessions actively reviewing comments/feedback submitted by the group and making any necessary updates to the document. There is a non-trivial and interesting conversation still to occur in this workgroup around prioritization of specific use cases and requirements of implementation of a particular set of baseline minimum resources.

The first draft of the Policy Implementation Guide was provided (displayed below):

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e-6sjXxze0kIndJZRYQw0sY6LYa8KxlhPc1Ao71OpQ/edit

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Content Workgroup

Discussion Summary: The first meeting of the Document Content v2.0 2020 Workgroup is scheduled for today, which will mainly serve as an overview of the topics in the current white paper (provided and displayed below).

https://carequality.org/joint-document-content-work-grouprecommendations-released/

The workgroup will be tasked with identifying the next round of high priority content items, determining which should be addressed considering the time restrictions, create new recommendations based on group consensus to build the v2.0 document.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: Anyone interested in joining the conversation is welcome to email admin@carequality.org.

Image Exchange

Discussion Summary: The early adopter organizations (Ambra Health, LifeImage, and Philips) have either completed, or made substantial progress, on RSNA Image Share Validation testing. Management is in the process of scheduling a virtual connectathon activity for the three of them

to test with each other. Feedback from this process will be incorporated into the draft IG Supplement for Image Exchange, as needed. The resulting IG Supplement version will be proposed to the Carequality Advisory Council and the Carequality Steering Committee for adoption. Barring unexpected challenges unearthed in the connectathon process, completion of a formal review and adoption for production use is targeted for the end of Q2.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Production Operations Update

Discussion Summary: No new CCA signees to report. Management reported that updated statistics for Q4 2019 should be available in February.

Decision/Outcome: N/A

Action/Follow up: N/A

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm ET