



## Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

### Meeting Participants

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

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

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

✓	Chris Dickerson, Program Coordinator, Carequality
✓	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
	Mariann Yeager, CEO, The Sequoia Project
	Michael Hodgkins, AMA, Carequality Steering Committee Chair
	Steven Lane, Sutter Health, Carequality Steering Committee Vice-Chair
✓	Bill Mehegan, The Sequoia Project

## **Meeting Summary**

**Call to order** 1:30 pm EST

### **Agenda**

- Welcome, Roll Call, Agenda Review
- Administrative Items
- Responder-Only Services [Advise]
- Implementation Guide [Advise]
- Other Project Updates [Inform/Advise]
  - FHIR Workgroups & Push Notifications Workgroups [Inform/Advise]
- Production Operations Update [Inform]

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

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

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

### **Administrative Items**

April Minutes

Due to an email outage on Sequoia's end, the April minutes have not yet been distributed. These will be distributed once the email system has been restored and approval of the minutes was tabled to June's meeting.

### **Responder-Only Services [Advise]**

**Discussion Summary:** Kedar Ganta presented the discussion parameters for this item. The Steering Committee has requested the Council's guidance on this topic, which has proven to be contentious.

Seth Selkow provided the background on this topic. Carequality met with CareDirectives and Vynca, whose business is to provide curated, current, and accurate information for advanced care planning in an electronic format. Both companies have business models in which subscribers pay for the ability to access content. They would both like to take advantage of the Carequality framework to more easily onboard more subscribers as well as respond to queries whose purpose is treatment. Carequality rules would prohibit their predicating Treatment responses on the payment of fees.

Potential options for consideration include taking no action, providing a policy carve-out for responder-only services who are permitted to charge fees for Treatment queries, or define a new type of Carequality participation for optional add-on services that leverage Carequality specifications and operational tools such as the directory, and are subject to a set of standard terms but not to all elements of the Carequality Connected Agreement.

**Decision/Outcome:** There was a lengthy discussion on this topic. There were a variety of opinions expressed, but the Council as a whole did reach general agreement on a few points. Overall, the Council was skeptical of any plans to allow Implementers to charge for content (for treatment purposes). While the members were interested in the possibility of a "Carequality app store", there was general agreement that there was risk in such an approach of eroding support for the existing exchange ecosystem in favor of a more fee-based – and less equal – ecosystem that could develop in parallel. The Council also acknowledged that it was difficult to identify a clear point at which to draw the line with respect to who could charge for content, and who could not. It was also acknowledged that the upcoming final rule for Information Blocking may impact Carequality policies in this area.

**Action/Follow up:** Members were requested to communicate any suggestions or ideas regarding this topic. The Steering Committee will be advised of the Council's thoughts.

### **Implementation Guide Updates Workgroup [Advise] [Not Discussed]**

**Discussion Summary:** n/a

**Decision/Outcome:** n/a

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

**FHIR Workgroups [Inform/Advise] [Not Discussed]**

***Discussion Summary:*** n/a

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

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

**Push Notifications Workgroup [Inform/Advise] [Not Discussed]**

***Discussion Summary:*** n/a

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

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

**Production Operations Update [Inform]**

***Discussion Summary:*** n/a

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

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

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm EST.*