



Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 19, 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
✓	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, Carequality
✓	Dave Cassel, Executive Director, 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, Carequality

Meeting Summary

Call to order 1:00 pm EST

Agenda

- Welcome, Roll Call, Agenda Review
- Administrative Items
- RCE and TEFCA [Inform]
- Push Notifications Workgroup [Inform/Advise]
- Implementation Guide Updates Workgroup [Inform/Advise]
- Image Sharing Project [Inform/Advise]
- Production Operations Update [Inform]

Discussion Summary: There were not enough members to establish quorum, but majority of the items were informative for discussion.

The Agenda was reviewed.

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

Action/Follow up: n/a

Administrative Items

April and May Minutes

Discussion Summary: Due to an email outage on Sequoia's end, the April minutes were not distributed at the May meeting; thus, minutes for both April and May have been distributed to the Council for review and approval at this month's meeting.

Decision/Outcome: A motion was made to approve the April and May minutes and it was seconded. There were no changes or abstentions.

Action/Follow up: The meeting minutes for April and May are considered final and will be archived.

RCE and TEFCA [Inform]

Discussion Summary: Carequality plays an important role in the joint Sequoia-Carequality-RTI-Gravelly Group application for the RCE cooperative agreement, which was submitted on June 18th. Specifically, Carequality is slated to provide the operational support for the QHIN application and designation processes as well as the operational support for the exchange activities. This activity will be overseen from a budgetary and strategic standpoint by the Carequality Board. The RCE Strategic Planning Committee, which is a joint effort of the Sequoia and Carequality Boards, has provided clear guidance that Carequality's existing operations must be protected and must continue. As the future of the TEF ecosystem clarifies, the appropriate strategic path regarding convergence of the Carequality Framework exchange with TEF ecosystem exchange will be determined.

Decision/Outcome:

There was a high-level discussion regarding the timeline of the process. As far as guidance for implementers, it is premature at this point to go too far down that path, but it will definitely be looked at and it's clearly in the scope for the framework governance to offer that guidance to implementers. This is a great opportunity to make TEFCA successful and there are some benefits to having the weight of ONC with the ability to operate with reasonable flexibility and advantages of Carequality today.

Action/Follow up: n/a

Push Notifications Workgroup [Inform/Advise]

Discussion Summary: The workgroup has determined that the simplest approach to solving several pain points is to take a staggered approach to rollout.

Phase One will include Push Notifications as an add-on to Query-based Exchange and those adding this as a service to query-based exchange. An organization's current Carequality Directory entry will gain a new section that is Push-specific that will carry detailed location and supported notification types data. This will also offer an optional

subscription service which will be the large list of all the individuals/organizations you can subscribe to.

Phase Two includes non-query enabled Generators in which we will bring on organizations that are not currently Query-Based Document Exchange or FHIR Implementers and may join through a subscription service.

Decision/Outcome:

The group had a lengthy discussion regarding the pain points, such as the management of a master list, unknown patients, etc., as well as further discussion regarding the two phases, scenarios, and designs.

The Council recommended that the workgroup identify the challenges that lead to demand for a notifications ecosystem under Carequality governance, and ensure that the phased approach actually can meet enough needs to be minimally viable in its first phase.

Action/Follow up: This recommendation will be shared with the workgroup and an update will be provided to the Council.

Implementation Guide Updates Workgroup [Inform/Advise]

Discussion Summary: The workgroup is continuing discussions on Payment and Health Care Operations, which are wrapped up for the most part, as well as Advancing Patient Queries, mainly with The CARIN Code of Conduct and the Model Privacy Notice and how they are fairly compatible and complimentary of one another, and how this can be implemented into the Implementation Guide. The group is currently Drafting language for implementation into the Implementation Guide update. The group will continue for about another week with the draft and develop a redline for the group's review before submitting to the Council for review.

Decision/Outcome: n/a

Action/Follow up: A redline will be submitted to the Council for review upon completion by the workgroup.

Image Sharing Project [Inform/Advise]

Discussion Summary: RSNA is drafting a supplement to the Query-Based Document Exchange IG that will outline standards to be used for DICOM image exchange, under the general framework and policies for document exchange. There are minor clarifications needed here and there on existing policies, but the proposed supplement is very straightforward with the exception of the actual standards specifications. The specifications generally point to other existing work. The intent is to present this supplement as a proposal to the Implementer community, Advisory Council, and

Steering Committee for feedback and adoption. Adoption by Implementers would be voluntary, and Implementers would be permitted to support one and/or the other of the document and DICOM image exchange modes

Conceptually, the work is similar to our proposal in the FHIR world to point to Da Vinci, Argonaut, etc., and hope that this will offer a way to power DICOM exchange under the Carequality Framework with minimal up-front cost and the potential to attract new Implementers.

Decision/Outcome: n/a

Action/Follow up: n/a

Production Operations Update [Inform]

Discussion Summary: ParticleHealth and eMedical Practice, in addition to a few others, have joined the Carequality Connected Agreement Signees in the past few months.

The group in production continues to grow and more groups are expected by the end of August. There have been 36M documents per month as of April 2019 with an estimated 220 million clinical documents exchanged since July 2016.

Decision/Outcome: n/a

Action/Follow up: n/a

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm EST.