



**Carequality Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

June 4, 2020 | 12:30pm – 2:00pm 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 [Vice-Chair]
- Ryan Howells, CARIN Alliance
- ✓ Leslie Kelly-Hall, Healthwise
- ✓ Rob Klootwyk, Epic
- ✓ Steven Lane, Sutter Health [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
- Debbie Condrey, Chief Information Officer, The Sequoia Project
- ✓ Bill Mehegan, Program Manager, Carequality
- ✓ Berdine Roque, Executive Assistant, Carequality
- ✓ Steve Gravely, Gravely Group
- David Getman, The Sequoia Project
- 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
- Adopt eCR Implementation Guide
- Public Health Access Policy
- Onboarding Task Force Update
- Project Updates
  - FHIR
  - Push Notifications
  - QDBE IG
  - Document Content
- 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 May 7, 2020 Carequality Steering Committee meeting was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes and it was seconded. There were no questions, oppositions, or abstentions.

*Decision/Outcome:* The minutes for the May 7, 2020 Carequality Steering Committee meeting were approved.

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

### **Adopt eCR Implementation Guide**

*Discussion Summary:* The Implementation Guide was distributed on June 1<sup>st</sup> and there have been no additional changes. The Carequality Advisory Council approved the direction and approach outlined in the Implementation Guide and no substantive changes have altered the direction and approach. Management proposed that the Carequality Steering Committee adopt the eCR Implementation Guide for production use.

A recommendation was presented for future versions regarding 7.3.1 esMD XDR Submission between submission managers service APHL and public authority and modifying the verbiage that would require adjustment of the Implementation Guide, rather than an agreement between

those two parties. Management confirmed and acknowledged this recommendation and it will be logged for future enhancements.

A recommendation was presented for section 3.1 in relation to the purpose of use value topic, which was written in the initial version of the Implementation Guide prior to adding the option to use direct messaging. The sentence regarding the use of Public Health as a purpose of use would not apply to direct messaging and clarification may be needed. Management edited this section accordingly and there were no objections to this revision.

A motion was made to adopt the amended version of the eCR Implementation Guide as final, and it was seconded; this motion was approved with no objections, oppositions, or abstentions.

*Decision/Outcome:* The Carequality Steering Committee approved the adoption of the amended eCR Implementation Guide for production use.

*Action/Follow up:* N/A

### **Public Health Access Policy Update**

*Discussion Summary:* Management provided a progress update. Two state public health departments are considering participation in Carequality under the Policy waiver adopted last month. Carequality is working with them on Minimum Necessary guidance and providing information as they seek to identify technical partners to facilitate their queries. Carequality will keep the Implementer community apprised per the Policy, if and when go-lives are scheduled.

A comment was made from the communications perspective, noting that the ability for public health agencies to query for data is a logical step that follows from provider organizations' ability to push data to public health via eCR. It was suggested that the two could be linked in this way in public communications.

*Decision/Outcome:* N/A

*Action/Follow up:* N/A

### **Onboarding Task Force Update**

*Discussion Summary:* In early March, Carequality identified a need for a review and update to Carequality's onboarding process to address participant concerns. The Onboarding Task Force kicked off in late April after a few weeks delay associated with COVID-19. The group generally has met on a weekly basis and is beginning to narrow down recommendations on several topics. The centerpiece is a significant shift in the application process, to include some Carequality Connections in addition to Implementers. The group also has recommendations on publicizing key information from the applications and ongoing monitoring and revalidation. The group is expected to wrap up in late July/early August.

*Decision/Outcome:* N/A

*Action/Follow up:* N/A

### **FHIR**

*Discussion Summary:* A general overview was provided on the workgroup's timelines and deliverables. Targeted completion date for the final Implementation Guide has been changed to June 2020. Majority of the lingering conversations/decisions during the last couple of weeks have been resolved. The group continued working through the Dynamic Registration & Authentication Workflows during the virtual Connectathon last month, specifically concentrating on using FHIR Extensions to pass Purpose of use, Consent, and other metadata while signing/creating the Authentication JWT. Completion of the Implementation Guide is expected in the coming weeks (approximately June 15<sup>th</sup>) and will be ready for review by the Carequality Advisory Council meeting in June or July, then hopefully forwarded to the Carequality Steering Committee meeting in August.

A link to the draft Implementation Guide is:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iOour1orfMpYS30L2AU2wajZRXI7p6YWIk5F61TcZ1M/edit?ts=5d920fe0>

*Decision/Outcome:* N/A

*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. Reactivated discussion topics include: Incorporating elements of the FHIR IG, Notification Type/Trigger definitions, and Defining Subscription Service specific policies.

The Technical Workgroup continues its collaborative work and determined that FHIR R4 is the best way forward with elements of R5. The group also discussed expanding notification workflow charts, defining subscription transactions, and drafting.

The Push Notifications Implementation Guide is expected to be completed in late August / early September.

*Decision/Outcome:* N/A

*Action/Follow up:* N/A

## **Query-Based Document Exchange Enhancements**

*Discussion Summary:* The group has been reassembled to consider feedback from the Implementer community and was expanded to include members of the Bi-weekly Implementer call. A conclusion was reached on Payment and Health Care Operations, in which Implementers will be given additional subcategory "purpose of use" options. The group is temporarily on pause to await conclusions from the Onboarding Taskforce.

*Decision/Outcome:* N/A

*Action/Follow up:* N/A

## **Document Content**

*Discussion Summary:* The first set of priority work items have been selected based on votes of the workgroup members, which include Draft guidance for IHE On-demand Transactions, Prioritized list of laboratory results, and Guidance for Data Provenance. The group is reviewing draft recommendations regarding expansion beyond encounters and new on-demand text. The group's discussion this week focused on On-Demand Documents.

v1.1 of the Document Content recommendations can be found at <https://carequality.org/joint-document-content-work-group-recommendations-released/>

All individuals interested in participating in the conversation may email Admin@carequality.org.

*Decision/Outcome:* N/A

*Action/Follow up:* N/A

## **Production Operations Update**

*Discussion Summary:* Management welcomed Episource, the newest CCA signee. One billion documents have been exchanged, which is a significant milestone achieved back in April. The number of hospitals stated on the Carequality Implementer slide is closer to 2700+, which will be updated accordingly.

*Decision/Outcome:* N/A

*Action/Follow up:* N/A

*Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm ET*