



Carequality Public Informational Call

August 27, 2026 | 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM ET

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Lee Barrett, Carequality Executive Director



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Announcements

New Carequality Board Member

- Earlier this summer, we had an open call for applications.
- We are pleased to announce that Keith Cromwell will be joining our board next month.
- He is the Penn Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Health System Corporate Director- *Ambulatory Applications, Digital Health & Interoperability*.

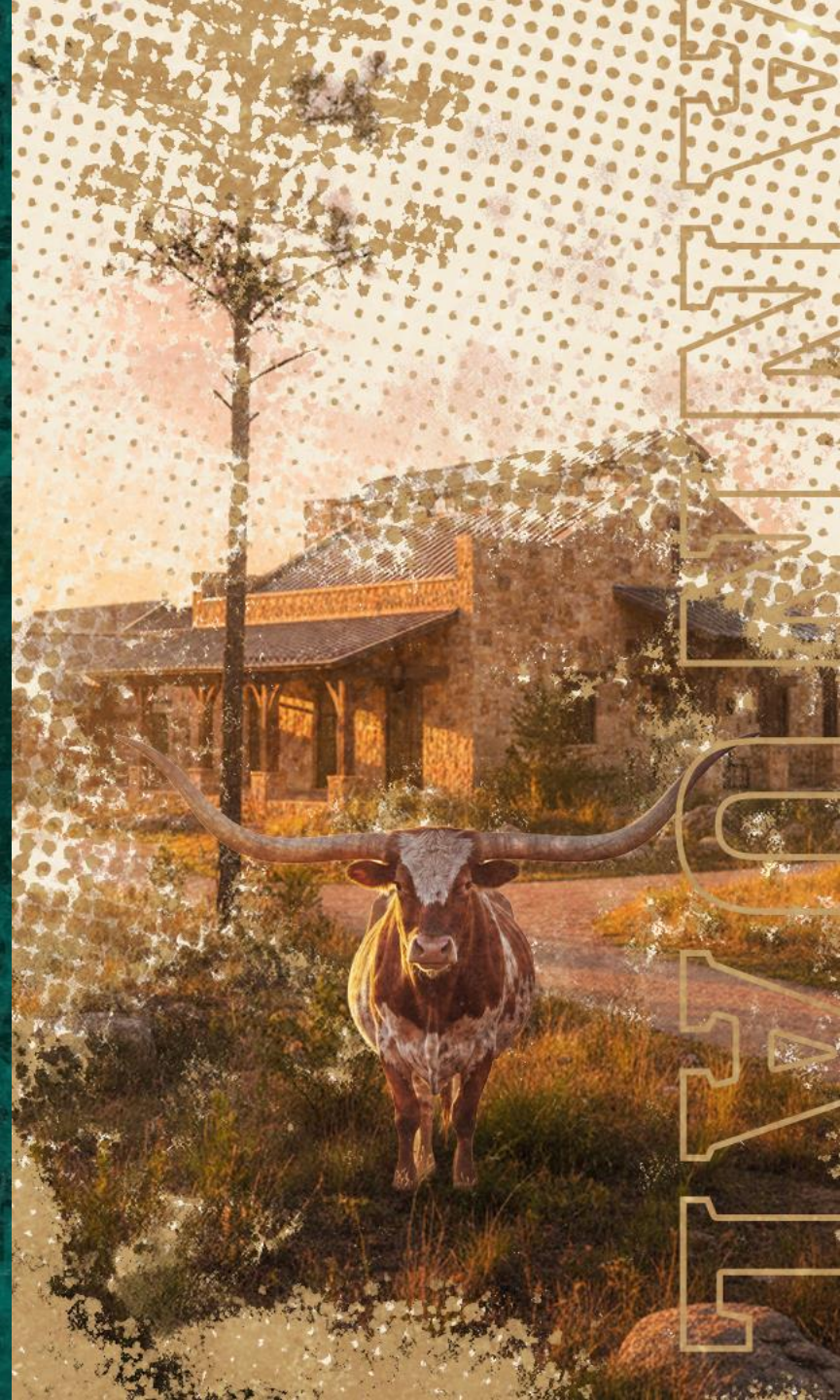


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Steering Committee Updates

Steering Committee Membership

Ben Rosen Netsmart	Keith Cromwell Penn Medicine/Central PA Connect HIE	Ryan Howells CARIN Alliance [Vice-Chair]
Brendan Keeler HTD Health	Laura Williams Trinity Health	Sean Fry Social Security Administration
Deven McGraw Citizen Health [Chair]	Lucy Johns Healthcare Planning & Policy	Shamekka Marty Rep. of Patients & Consumers
Hans Buitendijk Oracle Health	Matt Becker Kno2	Marilee Benson (Advisory Council Chair)
Jason Prestinario Particle Health	Craig Behm CRISP	Liz Lewis (Advisory Council Vice Chair)
Jeff Coughlin AMA	Nihit Bajaj Epic	
John Blair III MedAllies	Paul Wilder CommonWell Health Alliance	

Upcoming Steering Committee Application

- Several Steering Committee members' terms are set to expire at the end of December 2026, which will leave 8 seats vacant.
- The application process for the 2026 Steering Committee Elections will open early October and close early November (final dates to be determined).
 - We will be looking to fill seats for 2-year terms spanning January 2027 to December 2028.
- Be on the lookout for Carequality LinkedIn communications and blog posts with more information as October approaches!

Trust Enhancing Workgroup

- Carequality is committed to transparency and enhancing trust in the Framework.
- At the suggestion of the Steering Committee, we formed a workgroup made up of members of our governing bodies to develop recommendations for practical and actionable measures that Carequality can take to enhance trust.
- The workgroup has met bi-weekly throughout the summer and continue to convene in preparation to provide its recommendations for the Steering Committee by October 31, 2026.
 - At its August meeting, the Steering Committee voted to approve an extension for the Workgroup's timeline (originally end of August).

Workgroup Members

- Lee Barrett
- Steering Committee Members:
 - Deven McGraw, Citizen Health (Workgroup Lead, Steering Committee Chair)*
 - Matt Becker, Kno2*
 - Nihit Bajaj, Epic*
 - Keith Cromwell, Penn Medicine / Central PA Connect HIE*
 - Lucy Johns, Health Care Planning & Policy*
 - Jeffrey Coughlin, AMA*
 - Ben Rosen, Netsmart*
 - Craig Behm, CRISP
- Advisory Council Members:
 - Marilee Benson, Zen Healthcare IT (Advisory Council Chair)
 - Liz Lewis, b.well Connected Health (Advisory Council Vice Chair)
 - Michael Feakins, Epic
 - Aniruddha Mandale, Fresenius Medical Care
 - Matthew Harp, Kno2
 - Danny Lebovitz, Metriport
 - Drew Scott, Particle Health
 - Holly Miller, MedAllies*
 - Vince Hartman, Abstractive Health

*Member of scoping subgroup

Trust Workgroup Topics

- The **vetting process** for Implementers and Connections (what is done today, what might increase assurance that due diligence is performed)
- Monitoring of network exchange for anomalies and potential issues
- Enhancing protections against fraud
- **Transparency** into the organizations that participate in exchange and network activity
- **Transparency** into Carequality governance, including communication strategies (e.g. metrics)
- **Pathways for accountability**, from raising a potential concern through dispute resolution

Trust Enhancing Workgroup Progress

- Throughout the summer, the TEWG has been hard at work thinking through how to establish a vetting process in Carequality that improves trust in the Framework while maintaining existing connectivity.
 - The group recommended establishing a process to vet both new and existing Connections, requiring consideration for how vetting would interact with Applicant Business Rules (e.g. distinguishing between HIPAA covered entities and non-HIPAA covered entities).
 - The TEWG directed Carequality staff to develop a proposal for how to operationalize a vetting process.
 - TEWG volunteers have had thorough discussions relating to the vetting criteria necessary to establish eligibility for use of the Treatment Permitted Purpose.

Prior Meetings	Remaining Meetings
• June 3 • June 10 (small group) • June 17 • June 24 • July 1 • July 16 (small group) • July 22 • July 29 • August 12 • August 26	• September 9 • September 23 • October 7 • October 21

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Annual Meeting Agenda

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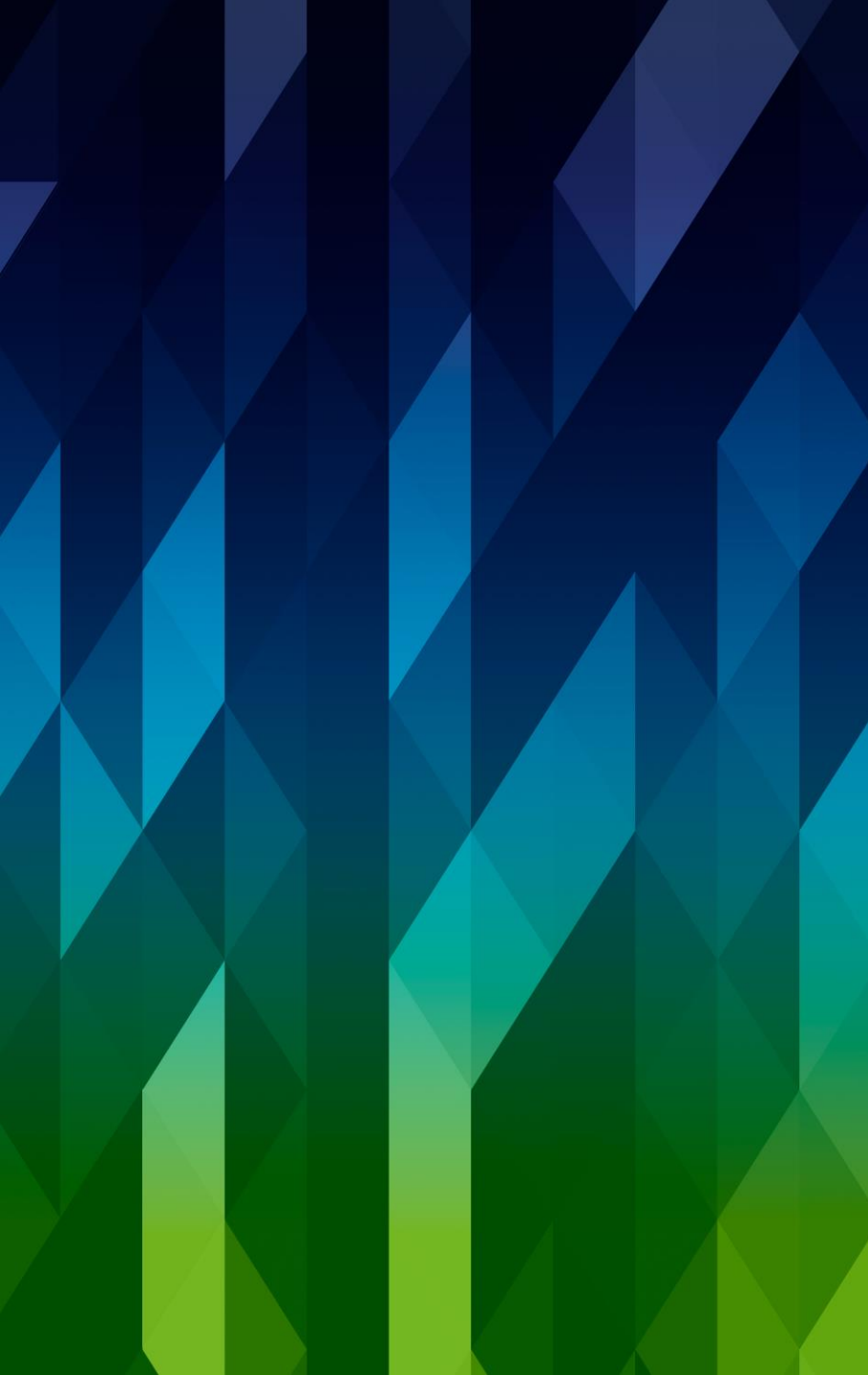
- Join us for sessions such as...
 - The Road to Penalties is Paved with Good Intentions
 - AI in Action: Transforming Health Data Exchange and Patient Outcomes
 - TEFCA: Update From Leadership
 - Maturing Approaches to Trusted Exchange
- And bonuses such as...
 - Don't Stop Retrievin': Karaoke Night Sponsored by Kno2
 - Run/Walk/Stroll Club
 - An amazing resort location with something for everyone- from a petting zoo and lazy river to golfing, a spa, and miles of scenic walking trails!
- Check out the full agenda: <https://www.sequoiaproject.org/2026-annual-meeting/>

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