U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Task Force

Transcript
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Virtual Meeting

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to actually what may be the last USCDI task force meeting. We will call the meeting to order starting with a roll call. Christina Caraballo?

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
Here.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Terry O'Malley? I believe he's absent today.

Female
His flight's delayed.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Steven Lane? Don't have Steven yet. Clem McDonald?

Clem McDonald – National Library of Medicine – HITAC Committee Member
Here.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Brett Oliver?

Brett Oliver – Baptist Health – HITAC Committee Member
Here.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Ken Kawamoto? Valerie Grey?

Valerie Grey – New York eHealth Collaborative – HITAC Committee Member
Present.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Laura Heermann Langford, who I believe is absent as well. Leslie Kelly Hall?

Leslie Kelly Hall – Healthwise – Public Member
Good afternoon.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Nancy Beavin?

Nancy Beavin – Humana – Public Member
Here.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Kim Nolen? No Kim yet? Rich Elmore?

Rich Elmore – Allscripts – Public Member
Here.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Eric Heflin? No Eric. Dan Vreeman? No Dan. Mike Perretta?

Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member
Here.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Hi, Mike. And Rob Havasy, who I believe is absent as well. Okay, Christina. I will turn it over to you.

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
Great. Thank you, Lauren. Thanks everybody for joining this last call, and Terry and I both very much appreciate everybody's hard work on getting our recommendations together and

the letter done last week. So, thank you, thank you, thank you. Unfortunately, Terry's flight got delayed and he's on a plane to D.C. right now, but we decided to go ahead and have this meeting anyhow.

I know our recommendations are done, they're submitted, and we can't make any changes. However, because of the tight turnaround time and the fact that we had to make some changes that the task force wasn't able to discuss, we did want to just open the dialogue and point out some things and changes that we made, because while we might not be able to make any changes to the draft recommendations that were submitted to the HITAC, we can speak to any issues or concerns that the task force has when we present tomorrow.

So, with that said, some of the things that we added were a graphic for the definitions. So, I know there was a lot of discussion regarding the definitions and terms we used, and we ended up using, to describe a data class a hierarchy of a data class, starting with the data class, going to a data object and a data attribute. We did put a disclaimer in our letter that the task force did have extensive discussion regarding these definitions and terms, and that they are really meant to offer clarity to our recommendations and there were several alternatives. So, we are not trying to make the definitions actually recommendations, just more of a way to guide a reader through the recommendations that we did make. So, that was our way of addressing a lot of the concerns that the task force had there.

And then in each stage, we added a paragraph at the end. So, in stages one through six for our actual process, we added a small paragraph with issues to be clarified during our pilot testing. So, one of the things that was brought up in our last call was the need for more pilot testing. So, at the beginning of the recommendations in the overview, we put that the full process should actually be tested prior to implementation.

And then we added one more area, which had to do with the TEFCA in our additional recommendations. So, it was to test the USCDI process by addressing critical Trusted Exchange Framework requirements. While the task force agreed that piloting was extremely important and alignment with the TEFCA was extremely important, we hadn't merged those concepts. So, that was another area that we wanted to draw attention to that was added. And again, this is our additional recommendation.

So, with that, I will kind of stop and let people process what we said. And we can definitely bring up in discussion any areas or concerns that the task force does have.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
Christina, this is Lauren. So, just to be clear, are you referring to the section in the document under the Additional Recommendations? Or did you want to point out specific text within the document?

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
Yeah, and I don't know if we have slides up. I kind of wanted to give a general overview. And I know that was very high level and we didn't have an actual presentation to go along with this

call, but we got some feedback that this was a quick turnaround from the task force to review the recommendations letter, so we just wanted to make sure that we gave everybody the opportunity to add any other comments. I'm happy to – we can either pull up the slide – I don't know if it's available – or I can read through what that recommendation was that I just referenced to the Trusted Exchange Framework and testing the USCDI process.

Female
You mean the slides for tomorrow that we'll be using?

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
Yeah. It's on Page 14 of the recommendation letter, and then let me look at the slide number. Slide 24.

Female
Yeah. Well, since we have the letter up, maybe we should just start with the letter. Because I don't know that we've loaded those slides yet.

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
Okay.

Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member
I'm sorry. This is Mike. What page did you say it was on?

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
Page 14.

Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member
Okay. That was sent out right before the meeting?

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
Yes.

Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member
Got it. Oh, cool. Okay. Thanks.

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
So, it looks like we've got it up on the screen now. This is the new recommendation, which was an additional recommendation that we added.

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
I am sorry. This is Lauren again. If the members need more time to digest this, I mean, there is certainly an opportunity tomorrow to weigh in on this, so it's not like this is the last

opportunity. And so, Christina –

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
So –

Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer
– I don't know if there were – I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
No, I was just going to say, it seems like there's not much discussion today. We weren't sure if there was going to be or not. I see nobody in the queue to say anything or make a comment. So, I guess if there are no comments, we can just end the meeting early.

Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member
This is Mike. This is kind of a lame comment, but it's been pretty cool to see it all come together, and I think it's a pretty impressive document, all things considered. I really enjoyed the whole process, so I guess my comment is that I, for one, am excited to put this work forward.

Christina Caraballo – Get Real Health– Co-Chair
Thank you, Mike.

Female
Well, with this lively –

[Crosstalk]

Female
Thanks for herding all of us cats. You know? I appreciate that. And good luck tomorrow. We'll be there watching you.

Male
Alright.

Female
Well, thanks.

Female
Well, considering how lively this group has been the last two months, I'm surprised there are no comments, but okay.

Female

Maybe everyone is a little bit exhausted.

<u>Female</u>
I know.

<u>Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer</u>
But just as a reminder, I think, at least for the non-high-tech members of the task force – just as a reminder of the overall process. The draft recommendations will be discussed with the full committee tomorrow. If there are edits or suggestions or changes to the recommendations, they will come back to the task force for the task force to address those comments or edits, and then it will go back to the full committee. Depending on the degree of edits, which could be substantial, which may involve another meeting, or they could be relatively minor, that's all still to be determined. But once those comments and edits are reconciled between the task force and the full committee, then they will go to the national coordinators here at ONC.

<u>Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member</u>
Should we be expecting a recap of how things go tomorrow?

<u>Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer</u>
So, we will provide a meeting summary maybe within a few days – two or three days after the meeting. Those will be posted on HealthIT.gov.

<u>Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member</u>
Nice. Okay.

<u>Female</u>
And we can circulate those to the task force as well if you're not able to attend.

<u>Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member</u>
I'll look out for it. Thank you.

<u>Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology – Designated Federal Officer</u>
Great. So, I agree. Thank you all for your hard work in getting to this point, and we will see how tomorrow goes, whether we will need to continue to address any broader comments from the committee. And a special thank you to –

<u>Male</u>
Good luck tomorrow.

<u>Lauren Richie – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology –</u>

Designated Federal Officer
– Christina and Terry. And if there aren't any other comments, we will adjourn.

Mike Perretta – Docket – Public Member
Have a great day, everybody.

Male
Thanks, everyone.

Female
Great.

Male
Thanks. Bye-bye.

[Crosstalk]

Female
[Inaudible] [00:11:58].

Female
Thanks, everyone.

[Crosstalk]

Female
[Inaudible]. Good job.

Female
Bye.