HIT Policy Committee Advanced Health Models and Meaningful Use Workgroup
FINAL
Report of the June 3, 2015, Meeting

Names of ONC Staff Liaisons Present: Michelle Consolazio and Alex Baker

Meeting Attendance: (see below)

Purpose of Meeting: To formulate draft recommendations based on the June 2 public hearing

Meeting Outcome:

Workgroup Chairperson Paul Tang said that Jodi Daniel, ONC, wants recommendations that are actionable, are HIT-relevant but not standards, are balanced with flexibility, use levers across HHS levers, and acknowledge authority limitations. Private-sector recommendations can be made as well. Daniel wants the recommendations prioritized. He said that staff will digest the June 2 hearing and report at the next meeting. Tang facilitated the group discussion, using a flip chart to record comments. The flip charts and comments were not available for viewing by remote attendees including this writer. Tang presented a preliminary list of topical categories, along with caveats and subcategories:

- Standards for social determinants and social services organizations, such as hours of operation, insurance accepted, and linguistic literacy
- Universal health identifier, voluntary, private sector
- Dynamic shared care plan expanded to plan for life
- Clarification and reconciliation of state and federal laws pertaining to sharing and protection of information

He asked for members' responses. A member added interoperability, but Tang said that interoperability was already a top ONC priority. He saw no need to list it again. When a member called out certification, Tang added levers to the list of categories. The scope of the continuum of care was noted, particularly the question of the end point. Engaging individuals in care planning was placed in the care plan category. Norma Lang expressed concern about the neglect of some health services, in particular those provided primarily by nurses such as long-term, post-acute care, and hospice. Tang assured her that this is a non-medical model. Other members suggested recommendations by the most important settings. It became clear that members did not share common definitions of terms such as medical, clinical, and outcome, to name a few. A member pointed out that in previous meetings some work on definitions was accomplished. A member wondered whether secondary users of information were in the continuum scope.

They continued to discuss a universal health identifier. Then, one member said that the workgroup should be explicit on whether HIEs did or did not solve interoperability since considerable funds were expended on them. Another member commented that some HIEs are helping to address the unique identifier problem. Members repeated many of the comments made during the round-robin following the hearing. Tang referred to a preamble, saying that many of their comments could be placed there.

Eventually, another general category was added — outcomes and performance measurement and accountable communities. Transparency was added to levers, along with payment and funding for research. Regarding shared health plans, a member questioned the purpose: What are the shared national health goals? HHS officials should clarify the goals. Members talked about the Strategic Plan,

the Interoperability Roadmap, Healthy People 2020, a recent IOM report, and the National Quality Strategy as sources of goals.

Tang reviewed what was recorded for main themes in addition to a preamble: standards for social services; voluntary ways of identification; common data definitions and data sets for risk assessments and shared dynamic plans; privacy policies; the role of individuals in contributing to and using health-related data; and community-level assessments. Members quickly agreed that the federal government has a role in each item. Next, he considered each item on the list, asking for specific recommendations. Regarding the role of the individual, he pointed out that meaningful use has already added several functions to enhance an individual's role in the health record. They eventually agreed to delete individual role as a separate category and instead to list standards for patient-reported outcomes under the standards category.

Each of the remaining topics was discussed at length with members freely sharing opinions. They considered what the federal government could and should do for each. They searched for action verbs. To abbreviate, the output was:

> Recommend that federal government call for standards that allow for interoperability with human services providers and organizations.
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> Recommend that federal government convene stakeholders in a public-private venue to discuss how dynamic health plans are expected to affect health.
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> Recommend that federal government officials clarify policies for the privacy and protection of individuals' health and human services information.
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> Recommend that federal government enable measurement and reporting on population-based health outcomes for accountable, jurisdictional community assessments.

Cheryl Damberg agreed to search for language for the latter recommendation on data and reporting. Staff and Tang will use the content of the discussion to formulate draft recommendation. They will be circulated for feedback and revised prior to the next meeting.

Next Step: The workgroup is scheduled to meet June 16 for further discussion and finalization of recommendations for submission to the HITPC at the June 30 meeting.

Public Comment:

Carol Bickford, American Nurses Association, pointed out that the list neglects community contributions and responsibilities, which were described extensively by the panelists. The federal agencies could examine the results of demonstration and other projects for lessons learned and make the information available to the public. Perhaps a model could result from the learnings.

Thompson Boyd commented via the web portal that the longitudinal care plan record should contain a section for the patient's story, including goals, wishes, and family input.

Flag to ONC Staff for Coordination: None

Meeting Attendance								
Name	06/03/15	06/02/15	05/19/15	05/07/15	04/27/15	03/27/15	03/20/15	02/27/15
Alexander Baker		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Name								
Amy Zimmerman				X	X			
Arthur Davidson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Charlene Underwood	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cheryl Damberg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Devin Mann		X	X	X		X		
Frederick Isasi								
Ginny Meadows	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jessica Kahn								
Joe Kimura			X	X	X	X	X	X
John Pilotte								
Lauren Wu		X		X				
Lisa Marsch			X	X		X	X	
Lisa Patton	X	X		X		X	X	X
Mark Savage	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marty Fattig	X		X	X	X		X	X
Michael H Zaroukian	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Neal Patterson	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Norma Lang	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Patrice Holtz		X		X				
Paul Tang	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Robert Flemming								
Samantha Meklir	X	X			X	X	X	X
Shaun Alfreds							X	X
Shawn Terrell		X						

Stephan Fihn					X	X		
Suma Nair	X			X	X			
Sumit Nagpal		X			X	X		
Terrence O'Malley	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Terri Postma							X	
Total Attendees	**14**	**18**	**15**	**20**	**17**	**17**	**18**	**16**