

# Post-Acute Care Interoperability Working Group

## Weekly Contributors Meeting

**Time:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**Location:** Skype Meeting

**Dial-in:** (781) 271-2020

**Meeting ID:** 689190240

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Invited Participant	Attendance (Yes/No)
1. Alan Swenson (Kno2)	Y
2. Amy Freeman (MatrixCare)	N
3. Amy Shellhart (WellSky)	N
4. Beth Connor (CMS)	Y
5. Brandt Welker (MedicaSoft)	N
6. Cary Ussery (LivPact)	N
7. Chris Pugliese (Brightree)	Y
8. Cindy Frakes (Cerner)	Y
9. Dave Hill (MITRE)	Y
10. Dave Lee (Leavitt Partners)	N
11. Debi Willis (My Patient Link)	N
12. Dheeraj Mahajan (CIMPAR)	Y
13. Doc Devore (MatrixCare)	N
14. Donna Doneski (NASL)	N
15. Elaine Blechman (Prosocial Applications)	N
16. Evelyn Gallego (EMI Advisors)	N
17. Floyd Eisenberg (iParsimony)	N
18. Gillian VanderVliet (Bay Path University)	Y

Invited Participant	Attendance (Yes/No)
19. Hans Buitendijk (Cerner)	Y
20. Hibah Qudsi (MITRE)	Y
21. Jana Linthicum (Telligen)	N
22. Jason Johanning (VA)	N
23. Jayne L. Hammen (CMS)	N
24. Jennifer Ramona (Homewatch Caregivers)	Y
25. Jessica Skopac (MITRE)	Y
26. Joan Williams (Lower Cape Fear Hospice)	Y
27. John Derr	
28. Liz Palena-Hall (ONC)	Y
29. Lorraine Wickiser (CMS)	Y
30. Majd Alwan (LeadingAge)	N
31. Mark Pavlovich (Ethica Health & Retirement Communities)	Y
32. Mark Roberts (Leavitt Partners)	N
33. Matt Elrod (APTA)	Y
34. Megan Lenthe (Matrix)	
35. Michelle Dougherty (RTI)	Y
36. Nick Knowlton (Brightree)	N

Invited Participant	Attendance (Yes/No)
37. Rachel Lopez (NIC)	Y
38. Robert Samples (ESAC)	
39. Rusty Yeager (Encompass Health)	Y
40. Ryan Howells (Leavitt Partners)	N
41. Siama Rizvi (MITRE)	Y
42. Srinivas Velamuri (Telligen)	Y

Invited Participant	Attendance (Yes/No)
43. Sue Mitchell (RTI)	Y
44. Sweta Ladwa (ESAC)	N
45. Terrance O'Malley (MGH)	N
46. William Davis (Strategic Healthcare Programs)	Y
47. Zabrina Gonzaga (Lantana Group)	Y
48. Shawn Hewitt (WellSky)	Y

## Meeting Notes

### Discussion Items

- 1) **Welcome & Roll Call** (Hibah Qudsi, MITRE) 5 minutes
  - 35 attendees (Skype)
    - 25 announced in attendance
  
- 2) **Charter Proposal Updates** (Siama Rizvi, MITRE) 10 minutes

Problem Statement

  - One contributor felt the revised problem statement captured inclusion of other parts of the PAC continuum
  - The WG discussed the use of the term “patient” in the charter
    - Several contributors suggested the WG use “person” or “person served” instead of “patient”
    - Another contributor felt that the WG leadership should add a footnote to define “patient” to further specify to whom the data ownership applies to
      1. Owning data and accessibility to data use are two different things
        - This can be further teased out into accessibility and control of data
    - Another contributor felt that “patient” is clearer than “person”
    - “Patients” may be considered “clients” and/or “residents”, depending on the care setting
    - A “person” becomes a “patient” when they seek healthcare services
    - **DECISION:** the charter will refer to these individuals as “patients”
      1. WG leadership will include a footnote on the first iteration of “patient” defining the term for the purpose of the charter and WG, including the “person-served” terminology

- One contributor felt that care coordination/transitions should be added to the charter discussion around digital applications
  - WG leadership revised the charter to include the following: “promote patient-centric care transitions and coordination, including shared care and transitions of care”
- One contributor felt that the disclosure statement should be moved to the top of the charter, rather than it being in a footnote
  - WG leadership pointed out that the disclosure statement was added to the meeting agendas
  - **DECISION:** WG leadership will move the footnote to the body of the charter and will continue including the statement on meeting agendas
- **ACTION ITEM:** WG leadership will make final revisions to the charter and share the document with contributors
  - WG leadership will send out a poll to cast a formal vote on approval of the final charter

### 3) Branding (Dave Hill, MITRE)

5 minutes

- Key factors
  - Easy to remember
  - Easy to spell
  - Trademarkable (search using TESS at uspto.gov)
  - Domain name available
- Potential themes: Flowing, River, Fabric, Trees, Anatomy, Dance, Communication, Bridges
  - Note: Any use of FHIR in the name requires approval from HL7
- Candidates so far:
  - Project Weave
  - PAConcerto
  - Project Mandala (trademark clash with Mandala Healthcare)
  - Potomac Project (trademark clash with Potomac Pediatrics)
- There are opportunities for upcoming conferences/tradeshows to print buttons, which will help get the word out about this WG
- Once the WG has identified a name, it can move forward to establishing a logo
- One contributor asked why the WG can't just be called “the Post-Acute Care Interoperability Working Group”, indicating that the current name is descriptive and straightforward
  - WG Leadership indicated that most successful companies are not descriptive (i.e. Amazon, Coca Cola, etc.)
- One contributor raised a concern about including “PAC” in the name as the WG does not want to confine itself to interoperability in just the PAC space
  - Another contributor reiterated the fact that the goal of this WG is to develop an implementation guide around PAC specifically

- ACTION ITEM: WG leadership will send out a poll for contributors to vote on project names

**4) Continued Discussion: PAC Use Case (Siama Rizvi, MITRE) 30 minutes**

- WG leadership provided an overview of the use case diagram
- The purpose of this diagram is to illustrate a complicated patient being cared for by multiple providers across multiple settings
- Each column represents a different care setting
- The diagram at the bottom represents the information exchange, with the patient highlighted in yellow
- Once the WG identifies a particular transition to focus on, the next step will be identifying the FHIR resource (and/or resource + extension) that will adequately capture that use case
- The use case is an evolving document and can be updated
- Ideally, the WG would like to be prepared to demonstrate successful implementation of an IG by the September connectathon
- Based on the previous meeting, hospital to SNF and SNF to hospital seemed to be the most popular
  - There are two different scenarios under “hospital to SNF”
    1. Planned inpatient admission into a hospital (e.g. patient requires a planned surgical procedure)
    2. Unplanned transfer to ED, leading to a hospital admission OR discharge back to SNF
- The WG also discussed duality of these scenarios (i.e. hospital to and from SNF) during the last meeting
  - WG leadership believes there are enough contributors to tackle two use cases at once
    1. This would require a volunteer to lead each respective use case
- There was a strong recommendation to work on medication reconciliation per the upcoming 24 hour medication reconciliation requirement for LTC
  - One contributor indicated that disparate sources of medication is a PAC-wide concern, not just SNF
- One contributor shared information from a white paper that breaks down elements of care that providers feel are necessary for useful information exchange
  - Data elements providers wish to transfer include:
    - A. From Hospital to SNF
      1. Medication list
      2. Problem list
      3. Progress notes
      4. Discharge summary
    - B. From SNF to hospital
      5. Progress notes
      6. Laboratory and diagnostics
      7. Progress notes and discharge summary

- 8. Updated medication list
- 9. Quality and utilization data

- ONC mentioned that the Long Term Care requirements published a few years ago also include information for exchange to/from a nursing home
- **DECISION:** the use case that the WG focuses on will include SNF
  - The WG still needs to determine the specific flow and to/from whom the data will be going to/coming from for this use case
  - One contributor reiterated the importance of building on existing work, rather than duplicating it (i.e. ONC's 360x group may already be addressing one of these prospective use cases)
  - One contributor strongly recommended including a community-based/long-term support services role in whatever use case the WG decides on
- Contributors are encouraged to add use case options to the existing list of 12 scenarios
- **ACTION ITEM:** WG leadership to send out a poll for contributors to vote on/rank use cases

**5) Open Discussion (All)**

10 minutes

Call ended prior to Open Discussion

**6) Monthly Observers Meeting (Dave Hill, MITRE)**

- Wednesday, 04/17/2019, 10:00am – 11:00am

**7) Next Meeting:**

- Wednesday, 04/17/2019, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

**8) Homework (Dave Hill, MITRE)**

- Contributors were asked to:
  - Review the revised charter
  - Complete poll to vote on approval for the charter
  - Complete poll to rank use cases
  - Complete poll to vote on WG names
- Contributors who are interested in leading a use case subgroup should reach out to WG leadership

**9) Adjourn**