Functional & Cognitive Status Combined Subgroup Meeting

Time: Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm EST
Location: ZoomGov Meeting
Meeting ID: 161 771 8677

PACIO Project Website: www.PACIOproject.org
PACIO Project GitHub: https://github.com/paciowg/PACIO-Project

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Summary

1) Leadership Update (Jessica S. and Sean M., MITRE) (90 mins)
   - Jessica provided an update on where the PACIO Implementation Guides (IG) are in the balloting process.
     - The Notice of Intent to Ballot (NIB) for both IGs were rejected for the September ballot.
     - To address the reasons for the rejections, MITRE: (1) confirmed with the Patient Care Workgroup they would serve as the primary sponsor for our work; (2) is ensuring the Project Scope Statements are approved by the necessary HL7 committees; and (3) is migrating PACIO supporting documentation to the HL7 Confluence site by 7/31.
     - Although PACIO is unable to participate in the September ballot, the group is in the process of requesting an out of cycle ballot which would delay the timeline by approximately 1 month and allows PACIO to focus first on the September Connectathon prior to continuing with the ballot process. The delay will enable PACIO to concentrate efforts on preparation for the September Connectathon prior to engaging in the ballot reconciliation process, rather than struggling to manage both activities simultaneously.
   - Feedback from HL7 working groups and approving committees is that the rejection is based merely on procedural mis-steps in the HL7 governance work and not due to the quality of the IGs.
   - MITRE updated the internal guidance on the balloting process to ensure these steps are completed successfully in the future.
Jessica discussed current preparations for the September Connectathon, including the separate streams of work listed on Slide 6 of the 2020-07-29 PACIO Project Meeting PowerPoint.

- If anyone is interested in participating in the PACIO Project Connectathon preparations, email Siama Rizvi (siama@mitre.org) and she will schedule follow-up meetings as appropriate beginning the week of 8/3.
- If anyone is interested in helping coordinate with other tracks this group are not leading (Gravity Project Care Coordination Track or the Clinical Reasoning Track working on eCQMs), please email Siama Rizvi (siama@mitre.org).

Sean reviewed in detail the Functional Status and Cognitive Status IG differential tables that reflect changes previously discussed and agreed upon by the group. The purpose of today’s discussion is to formally vote on the approval of these differential tables and document the group’s consensus.

- During the discussion of the differential tables, the group asked questions to clarify the content. The group agreed:
  1. To try to change the use of LOINC from required to optional in Prior Level of Functioning and Prior Level of Cognition for the code category.
  2. To consider including additional guidance with respect to which LOINC codes are most commonly used in Prior Level of Functioning and Prior Level of Cognition as part of a separate supplemental guide to support the IGs. This approach would balance concerns about retaining flexibility of the IG while providing actionable and useable tools for developers.
  3. To ask Regenstrief to prepare a convenience panel code to capture the current repository of prior level of cognition and function codes to include in the IG supplemental guide.

Sean and Jessica informed the group that these differential tables will proceed to balloting for Standard Trial Use 1 (STU1), and are meant to be expandable to include new types of data and data elements in the future before reaching normative status.

The group formally voted on the approval of the differential tables:
- Jessica motioned to approve the Functional Status IG differential table and Ken Harwood seconded the motion. No group members opposed the motion, and four group members abstained from voting. With a total of 21 members participating in the meeting at the time of the vote, the group approved the Functional Status IG differential table by a majority vote of 17 members in favor.
- Jessica motioned to approve the Cognitive Status IG differential table and Ken Harwood seconded the motion. No group members opposed the motion, and three group members abstained from voting. With a total of 21 members participating in the meeting at
the time of the vote, the group approved the Cognitive Status IG differential table by a majority vote of 18 members voting in favor.

2) **Walk-on Topics**
   - No walk-on topics were discussed during this meeting.

3) **Upcoming Convening Opportunities**
   - ONC Tech Forum will be held virtually on August 10-11, 2020
     - [https://www.onctechforum.com/](https://www.onctechforum.com/)
   - Forcura Connect Summit will be held virtually on August 28, 2020
     [https://www.forcura.com/connectsummit](https://www.forcura.com/connectsummit)
   - Leading Age Summit will be held on September 13-15, 2020
     - [https://www.leadingage.org/Collaborative_Care_HIT_Summit](https://www.leadingage.org/Collaborative_Care_HIT_Summit)

4) **Documentation of Decisions and Action Items**
   - **Open Action Items:**
     - **Opened 7/29/2020:** Sean will update the IGs to change the use of LOINC from required to optional in Prior Level of Functioning and Prior Level of Cognition for the code category.
     - **Opened 7/29/2020:** The group will consider developing a separate supplemental guide to support the IGs and provide additional guidance and best practices when executing the IGs.
     - **Opened 7/29/2020:** Ask Regenstrief to assist with preparing a convenience panel code to capture the current repository of prior level of cognition and function codes to include in the IG supplemental guide.
   - **Decisions:**
     - **7/29/2020:** The group voted to approve the Functional Status and Cognitive Status IG differential tables.

5) **Adjourn**