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PACIO Weekly Meeting

Time: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm ET

Location: ZoomGov Meeting

Meeting ID: 160 985 6747

PACIO Project Website: www.PACIOproject.org

PACIO Project HL7 Confluence:

<https://confluence.hl7.org/display/PC/PACIO+Project>

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Summary

1) Leadership Update (Dave Hill)

- The Leadership Update slide deck is available on Confluence:
<https://confluence.hl7.org/download/attachments/86977192/2021-10-06%20PACIO%20Leadership%20Update.pptx?version=1&modificationDate=1633965980203&api=v2>
- Cognitive Status and Functional Status
 - PACIO Leadership met with FHIR Management Group (FMG) for publication approval for both Implementation Guides (IGs).
 - FMG recommended a few quality assurance IG updates (related to IG publisher, suppressed warnings, and bringing a questionnaire reference into the IG itself). The PACIO Tech Team completed the updates and will meet with FMG again 10/6/21.
 - Next steps: After FMG approval, the HL7 Technical Steering Committee (TSC) must approve. Publication as Standard for Trial Use-1 (STU1) usually occurs within days/weeks after TSC approval.
 - Further development opportunities for STU2:
 1. Increased specificity for the LOINC and potentially SNOMED CT codes referenced by the IG (versus referencing LOINC codes in general).
 2. Increased implementer uptake.
 - The group discussed how the IGs are broad enough to support data exchange across instruments. This includes data exchange of elements



within the Functional Assessment Standardized Items (FASI), especially across community-based services and nursing facilities.

- Re-assessment Timepoints
 - Notice of Intent to Ballot (NIB): The HL7 sponsoring Work Group (Community Based Care and Privacy- CBCP) approved draft content and will submit the NIB to FMG for approval prior to the deadline of October 31, 2021.
 - IG Proposal: CBCP recommended edits within the IG's short and long descriptions (removing the "why") and adding language about ongoing technical support for the IG. CBCP will re-evaluate the changes next week. After CBCP approves, FMG must also approve by the deadline of October 31, 2021.
 - Refer to the slide deck linked above, for key timeline dates prior to an anticipated December 10 ballot opening (including content freezes).

2) **Advance Directive Interoperability (ADI) Update** (Maria Moen/Corey Spears)

- A summary document is available on Confluence:
<https://confluence.hl7.org/download/attachments/97470690/2021-10-06-ADI-Summary.pptx?version=1&modificationDate=1633542720375&api=v2>
- Discussed adjudication items including:
 - "What do you want your caregivers to know?"
 - Individual's preferred ordering of their Goals, Preferences, and Priorities (GPP).
 - "Who can be told about your medical care?" (Note: informational only, not for decision making purposes.)
- Discussed scope:
 - Clarifications need to be added to the IG regarding scope/context. For "Who can be told about my medical care", the context used in the advance directive IG (e.g., when I am unable to speak for myself) is different from the context (when I am able to speak for myself) surrounding documentation in a HIPAA release form.
- Informed the group on Technical Team's current work:
 - Addition to IG of "Document Reference" definition information and digital signatures.
 - Further investigation into ordering of priorities and modeling of general statements about Health Care Agents (HCA) within the IG.

3) **SPLASCH Update** (Jamila Harley)

(**S**peech, **L**anguage, **S**wallowing, **C**ognitive **C**ommunication, and **H**earing)

- SPLASCH Presentation slides are available at
<https://confluence.hl7.org/display/PC/Meeting+Index?preview=/86977192/79509411/SPLASCHOct6%20Update.pdf>
- The Project Scope Statement (PSS) is now listed on HL7 "Project Insight" as Project ID 1371.



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- FHIR Management Group (FMG) approved the PSS September 29th.
- US Realm Core motioned on October 5 to approve the PSS pending identification of additional implementors. Voting will occur via e-vote due to insufficient quorum required for voting at the virtual meeting. SPLASCH subgroup leadership identified two additional implementers (Kno2 and MaxMD).
- SPLASCH subgroup meeting this week:
 - Continued internal discussion of scene 3 of the patient story.
 - Agreed the open access terminology coding system of LOINC should be used for information exchange of SPLASCH content.
 1. Previously, in July 2021, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) submitted a request to LOINC to add five Functional Classification Measures (FCM).
 2. A subgroup member volunteered to follow-up on the status of that request to keep the process moving forward.
- Future subgroup meeting focus:
 - Further identify clinical information within Electronic Health Records (EHRs) needed for safe transitions of care.
 - Ensure appropriate communication of a patient's level of deficit within the EHR.
 - Evaluate whether additional code systems are needed beyond LOINC.
- Subgroup leadership shared the need for individuals familiar with vocabulary terminology to assist with this work. The next meeting is October 19 from 3-4pm (ET).
- Additional information can be accessed on the SPLASCH Confluence page: <https://confluence.hl7.org/display/PC/PACIO+Project+SPLASCH+-+Speech%2C+Language%2C+Swallowing%2C+Cognitive+Communication%2C+and+Hearing>
- The group discussed that ASHA's National Outcomes Measurement System (NOMS) is a registry populated by voluntary data collection from only a portion of audiology and speech-language pathology providers. The benchmarking data contained within NOMS is proprietary and is not available for electronic exchange.
- SPLASCH leadership reminded the community the subgroup's work is to define and model within a FHIR Implementation Guide SPLASCH related content and potential data elements deemed most important for electronic exchange during patient transitions of care (e.g., not limited to specific instruments).

4) Walk on Topics

- PACIO Leadership sought community feedback about the PACIO weekly call:
 - Leadership reviewed the history of the weekly call since PACIO project's inception in 2019 and changes as additional use cases were added.



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1. The current 90-minute PACIO meeting focuses on use case updates and larger community review when needed.
 2. Most work occurs within the additional subgroup meetings.
 - Leadership informed the group that current PACIO weekly call meeting is now starting to conflict with a key industry-based meeting around advance directives.
 - The PACIO community provided positive feedback on the current structure of the meeting and found it helpful for keeping current on what is happening.
 1. Members noted that people with all levels of health IT familiarity have benefitted from attendance.
 2. Members appreciate that this meeting pulls together all the moving parts/connections for the community.
 3. The community believes PACIO's discussions are beneficial due to clinician involvement providing key input during the design phases. This could potentially lead to increased implementation acceptance by other clinicians.
 4. Some members felt this meeting was helpful to identify specific subgroup conversations they wish to attend based on current content discussions and expected progress.
 - The group discussed potential meeting times (at the top of an hour versus starting on the half hour) and lengths.
 1. The group reached consensus to reduce the time to 60 minutes weekly (Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 2:30pm ET) to allow for maximum PACIO community participation.
 2. On occasions, for extended topic discussions, the meeting could be extended for an additional 30 minutes.
 - A member invited others to join a one-time informational webinar about blockchain and cryptocurrencies they were offering the next day.
- 5) Documentation of Decisions and Action Items**
- The standard PACIO weekly meeting will be shortened to 60 minutes (remaining on Wednesdays starting at 1:30pm EST). Revised meeting invitations will be distributed. On occasion, if more discussion time is required for a topic, meeting times could be extended up to an additional 30 minutes (90 minutes total).
- 6) Adjourn**