



## **PACIO Weekly Meeting**

Time: Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm ET

**Location:** ZoomGov Meeting

**Meeting ID:** 160 985 6747

**PACIO Project Website:** [www.PACIOproject.org](http://www.PACIOproject.org)

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## **Summary**

### **1) Leadership Update (Dave Hill)**

- ONC accepting comments and submissions for new data elements for USCDI v4 through Sept 30, 2022. Guidance is to focus comments on data elements rather than data class..
- CMS Quality Measurement and Value-Based Incentives Group (QMVIG) priorities may overlap with PACIO Re-assessment Timepoints and Advance Directives.
- PACIO weekly meeting on Sept 21, 2022 will be held even though it overlaps with HL7 work group meetings.
- Certified EHR must support exchange of USCDI data elements. Before October 6, 2022, electronic health information for the purpose of information blocking is limited to the data elements identified by USCDI.
- No change to use case timelines
  - Re-assessment Timepoints close to being published
  - PFE just ended ballot comment period
- HL7 FHIR Connectathon Sept. PACIO will not have a track. Next PACIO track planned for Jan 2023 connectathon in Las Vegas
- HL7 workgroups meetings:
  - Sept 19-23, 2022
  - In-person event in Baltimore, MD directly after Connectathon



- PACIO will present Birds of a Feather on Tuesday, 5:30-7:30 pm
  - Watertable A, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
  - HL7 COVID Policy [www.hl7.org/events/covid.cfm](http://www.hl7.org/events/covid.cfm)
- PACIO meet-up Monday September 19 at 5:30 pm. Little Havana, 1325 Key Hwy, Baltimore, MD. RSVP to Jessica [jskopac@mitre.org](mailto:jskopac@mitre.org)

## 2) Personal Functioning and Engagement (PFE) IG Update (Karl Naden)

- Ballot comment period ended on Sept 12, 2022, thank you to all who submitted comments
  - 33 affirmative votes, 4 negative votes, a bunch of abstains and no-votes.
  - Passed ballot with the required number of votes for STU-1
  - Comments on code systems and value sets
  - Next steps: begin resolving comments and working toward STU-1 publication
  - Will re-establish Cognitive and Functional Status subgroup. If you're interested in participating regularly, please fill out survey <https://forms.office.com/g/8KK6VYxqcy>

## 3) SPLASCH Update (Brian Meshell)

- Working toward a pilot opportunity for the SPLASCH content within the Personal Functioning and Engagement (PFE) IG.
- For our purposes, a pilot is a minimum viable product demonstrating the exchange of interoperable FHIR resource instances defined by the PFE IG and supplemental guide.
- A pilot could be, for example, two organizations, one patient, and an assessment tool that collects some set of data that is useful to clinicians to direct a patient's care. We want to demonstrate sharing this data from one organization to the next.
- Huge thank you to our participants for creating a list of assessment tools that could be used in a pilot.
- Homework for next SPLASCH subgroup meeting will narrow down possible conditions and assessment tools so that we can get more specific about our pilot.
- If you know of any organizations who might be interested in participating in the pilot, please let us know. Organizations must either already use FHIR or be interested in using FHIR for data exchange.

## 4) ADI Update (Maria D. Moen)

- Discussed who will be attending HL7 Sept work group
- ADI subgroup meeting cancelled for Sept 21, 2022
- October 6 deadline with compliance for information blocking does impact LTPAC
- Explained USCDI comment process to the group
- Environmental scan will be complete by the September 28 meeting



- ePOLST did not request any new data elements for USCDI v3, intend to submit USCDI comments after ePOLST CDA IG is published.
- Does the community agree with the label “Advance Directive Orders (POLST/DNR/DNAR)”? Group consensus was “Advance Directive Medical Orders (POLST/DNR/DNAR)”

## 5) Re-Assessment Timepoints IG Update (Karl Naden)

- Today FHIR Management group (FMG) approved Re-Assessment Timepoints IG for publication.
- The next and final approval required for publication is from Technical Steering Committee. Their e-vote started yesterday. Expect an answer next week.
- FMG gave positive feedback on the clarity of the Re-Assessment Timepoints IG.

## 6) USCDI v4 Comments (Lynda Hoeksema)

- The public comment period ends on Sept 30, 2022. PACIO’s comments should be in-line with CMS, so we don’t want to wait until the last minute.
- Challenge: How do we help ONC to further define these concepts and the uniqueness of each vs. overlap?
- Lynda gave an overview of 3 areas (disability, functional status, and mental/cognitive status) to start the discussion.
- Disability could have at least 4 possible definitions:
  - Collecting governmental benefits
  - Related to ADA, a disability that needs accommodation
  - Broad sense, lacking optimal functioning in some aspect of life
  - The ICF also has its own definition of disability. How does this play into PACIO’s USCDI comments?
- Functional status:
  - Definition from healthit.gov: “Assessment of a patient’s capabilities, or their risks of developing or worsening of a condition or problem”
  - Need to emphasize clinician input as well as patient perspective.
- Mental/Cognitive Status:
  - “Assessment of patient’s level of cognitive functioning (alertness, orientation, comprehension, concentration, and immediate memory for simple commands)”
  - Reinforce ICF and how mental/cognitive status differs from functional status and disability
- Discussion: Disability can be interpreted as part of functioning. Should it even be a separate data element?
- Should disability be a binary yes/no or should it provide more context?
- Encounter data class:



- Can offer USCDI v4 comments to ONC based on our experience testing encounter resource as part of re-assessment timepoints IG.
- Encounter resource exists in the current version of USCDI. There are some proposed data elements that are either required or must support in re-assessment timepoints IG, but that do not exist in USCDI: (status, subject, identifier, participant, reason for encounter.) Comment in support of those data elements being added to USCDI.
- Request a new element to break up larger encounters into smaller ones.
- Provenance data class:
  - Currently two data elements (Author timestamp, author organization.) What other data elements are needed?
  - Recommend promoting author meta data from level 2.
- PACIO community will take a first pass at writing up our USCDI v4 comments and bring them to next week's meeting (September 21, 2022) for discussion.

## **7) Walk on Topics from Members**

- None

## **8) Documentation of Decisions and Action Items**

## **9) Adjourn**