

Gravity Project Refreshes Strategic Goals and Transitions PMO

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Gravity Transitions Program Management Office from EMI Advisors to Point of Care Partners, effective April 1st.

The [Gravity Project® Executive Committee \(EC\)](#) is pleased to announce the transition of program management, after an open RFP process, to [Point-of-Care Partners, LLC](#) (POCP) as of April 1, 2023. POCP is a health IT management consultancy that provides program management and serves as use case leaders in three HL7® FHIR® accelerators, [Da Vinci](#), [FHIR at Scale Taskforce \(FAST\)](#) and [CodeX](#). Vanessa Candelora, Sr. Consultant at POCP and former Project Manager for Da Vinci, has assumed the role of Gravity's new Program Manager. As we have seen during the onboarding and transition period these past couple months, we are confident Vanessa's qualifications and experience make her an ideal candidate to continue the Gravity Project's community-led, consensus-based social care standards development. The current work of the Gravity Project is expected to continue without interruption.

Since Gravity became a HL7 FHIR accelerator in 2019, HL7 has served as the fiscal agent for the Gravity Project, providing Gravity with infrastructure and operational support. With the launch of the Standards Implementation Division in 2022, HL7 has expanded their FHIR Accelerator program to further support multi-stakeholder collaboratives. At the direction of Gravity Leadership, POCP and the Gravity PMO will continue to build that partnership and increase collaboration with other accelerators. The collaboration seeks to leverage efficiencies for standards development and find opportunities to streamline costs and operations with available tools and resources.

[EMI Advisors](#) will remain actively involved with the Gravity Project through their current roles in the Terminology Workstream, and through the Implementation and Dissemination of Gravity Project SDOH Standards and Pilots Affinity Group activities [sponsored by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in partnership with Civitas Networks for Health](#). We extend a special thank you to Evelyn Gallego, CEO and founder of EMI Advisors and co-founder of the Gravity Project for all her leadership and dedication to make the Gravity Project the success it is today.

Gravity Project Renewed Strategic Goals and Actively Seeking Sponsors

The Gravity Project has grown into a leading multidisciplinary community that has successfully introduced a nationally recognized set of open data standards-based terminologies to support care across 17 social risk domains and a FHIR Implementation Guide that incorporates social

risk screening and closed loop referral management. Gravity will continue to advance its mission by leveraging its core standards to address national interoperability priorities related to social care delivery and its [refreshed strategic goals](#) highlight its evolution to include implementation goals. The Gravity Project is excited to work with and alongside other industry initiatives to achieve these iterative goals.

A sincere thank you to our existing [Gravity Project Sponsors](#) who have been critical in helping us get to where we are today. We are excited to announce that we are actively seeking new sponsors. Please reach out to Vanessa Candelora at Gravityproject@hl7.org if interested in learning more about becoming a sponsor.

Gravity Project Technology Workstream Opportunity to Get Engaged

The Gravity Project Technical team is pleased to host open public working sessions for [SDOH Clinical Care Implementation Guide \(IG\)](#) and Reference Implementation (RI) development. Currently, the team is completing changes in response to multi-stakeholder feedback to improve implementer readability and alignment with FHIR format/structure. An HL7 Standard for Trial Use (STU) Update process is underway. We value your insights.

If you are familiar with the SDOH Clinical Care Implementation Guide (IG) here: <http://build.fhir.org/ig/HL7/fhir-sdoh-clinicalcare/> and would like to contribute to the open source standard development “sausage making,” please join us! Calls are Wednesdays (Started March 29) and recur bi-weekly from 3-4pm ET leading up to HL7 May Connectathon. Zoom Info and Calendar download found on the HL7 Conference Call Calendar here: <http://www.hl7.org/concalls/CallDetails.cfm?concall=66301> (Self-Service, see [Gravity Conference Call Sign Up Instructions](#) for assistance)

Gravity Project Pilots Affinity Group – Last Thursday Each Month

Please join us on the last Thursday of every month 2:30-4pm EST for the [Gravity Pilots Affinity Group](#), a monthly forum for peer-to-peer learning for entities implementing Gravity terminology and technical standards. Join us **Thursday, April 20**, 2:30pm-4:00pm ET, [meeting details coming soon on confluence here](#). Starting in April we will be focusing on addressing health equity and public health use cases with Gravity terminology supported by our partners at RWJ and Civitas

Thank you,

The Gravity Project Executive Committee and PMO
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