2020-06-08 FHIR Accelerator Coordination Teleconference

Attendees:

- Micky Trepathi - Chair/Argonaut
- Chuck Jaffe - HL7
- Viet Nguyen.- daVinci
- Wayne Kubick - HL7
- Austin Kreisler - HL7 TSC Chair
- Carmela Couderc - Codex
- Evelyn Gallego - Gravity

Agenda

- HL7 Process updates – New pre-PSS process, September WGM, Connectathons
- Status of Program Plans
- Future Update Webinars
- Connectathon plans and planning
- Project Proposal Process
- IG issues we need to coordinate
- Coordinate on public meetings
- Vulcan Update
- New Gravity Technical Director
- Gravity May connectathon results

Meeting notes

- HL7 Process updates – New pre-PSS process, September WGM, Connectathons
  - Covered most of this content at the Co-chair webinar last week
    - Will be having co-chair webinars on a regular basis - are recorded
    - Project Proposals - new process
      - not intended to make the approval process longer
      - announcement of the intent of moving forward with new work
      - way to look for a sponsor
      - will feed into PSS process - which will be a consensus review
      - **ACTION:** Melva will send out the link to the PSS Proposal page and How to Documents
    - Guidelines for use of tools
      - Decision trees for which tools to use
      - when to use Confluence vs JIRA; Communication Tools - Zulip vs List Serve
      - focusing on this area over the next month
    - September WGM
      - There will be a virtual meeting and connectathon as well as plenary meeting
      - need to figure out exactly what the meetings will look like
      - Connectathon will be before the WGM
      - WGM same dates as originally scheduled
- Status of Program Plans
  - Deadline - no later than the end of August for publishing
  - **ACTION:** re-send program plan template out
- Future Update Webinars
  - Co-chair meeting will be held monthly going forward
    - Will include Accelerators in the invite
    - Will be at 4pm Eastern - to bring in international Co-chairs
  - There will be a general membership webinar - general announcements
    - by the end of June
    - may invite Accelerators to give updates
- Connectathon plans and planning
  - planning do Wednesday through Friday before WGM in line with WGM
  - Are there other connectathons planned?
    - FHIR Community Calendar - http://www.hl7.org/FHIRCommunityEvents/
      - looking to capture events going on
    - concerns that connectathons are being scheduled too close to the WGM Connectathon - which make make it so participants have to choose between this one vs the HL7 Connectathon
  - Lessons learned based on Virtual Connectathon
    - will change the framework of how we operate these - may be beginning of August before this is ready
  - Concerns if group doesn't want to collaborate in a connectathon with HL7
  - Purpose for Connectathon - Viet
    - would be great to coordinate with Carin and Argonaut on Patient Access API theme
    - help people trying to implement and understand what is in IG
    - mostly about helping people to understand rather than getting feedback
    - Looking at late July/early August
    - focus on what is include in final rule
    - will include consumer and provider focus
    - will do education as well as technical connectathon activities
  - Argonaut - no Connectathons planned

- CMS will not be doing a Connectathon - daVinci was waiting for CMS to announcement of what they were planning
- HL7 Patient Access API -
    - may require a request for using HL7 trademark - quick process to get approval for use of trademark
    - Viet things this would be an HL7 sponsored Connectathon
    - Wayne - need to consider capacity to handle this
        - may not be a drain on FHIR community, but there are resource requirements that need to be considered
        - minimize overlaps and conflicts
    - Viet will work on defining and will provide more information
    - Evelyn - could this be positioned as pre-connectathon testing?
        - Viet - would provide a discussion of technical issues as part of each call
            - gives time for groups to look at things (like security) that are required for a Connectathon
            - focus on final rule - Gravity is not included in the final rule
            - Would focus on established implementation guides - FHIR naive community
                - sessions with Use Case Leads and FHIR IG Developers - talk about IGs, reference implementations, jump into pre-connectathon testing
        - Revenue for HL7
        - **ACTION:** Viet will provide additional detail to this group - without any commitment
            - provide tentative dates to help determine HL7 capacity
- IG issues we need to coordinate
    - Viet - what IGs have cross over and need collaboration/coordination
        - how to get feedback to US Core data for interoperability
        - limit profile proliferation
    - Evelyn
    - Micky - Argonaut
        - subscriptions work that overlapped with daVinci
        - work this year - may not be overlap
            - granular controls
            - patient lists - Eric Haas and Josh Mandel
            - Bulk FHIR - working on operational issues that have been identified
                - some payers may be implementing
                - Wayne - Boston Children's will be sending out a survey on adoption in next month or so
                    - originally ONC request for IG for bulk data import - was deferred
                    - survey will be send out to those who participated in meetings
                        - need to figure out who else should be involved
        - Token intraspection
            - in the ONC rule
            - will be asking the Steering Committee to see if they want to add this as a mini project
    - working to get Argonaut moved over from Wiki to Confluence
- Coordinate on public meetings
    - FHIR Community Calendar
        - http://www.hl7.org/FHIRCommunityEvents/
    - Data Quality Summit in July - daVinci related discussions - data for quality measures
        - Wayne asked Viet to provide information to Zulip stream so this event can be included in Calendar
- Vulcan Update
    - Progress made on the Vulcan Accelerator
    - Waiting on SOU
    - Conveyor - TransCelerate
    - no press release until SOU is signed by everyone
    - discussion on adding additional language to SOU
    - active work on Use Cases underway
    - Viet is on Steering Committee
    - Don't know who is going to do Program Management
    - Viet will be doing a presentation on Program Management
        - Will need a lot of eduction on FHIR
            - Use cases are broad!
- New Gravity Technical Director
    - Bob Dieterle will be new Technical Director
        - currently transitioning from Lisa Nelson
        - AMA will complete FHIR IG development
        - FHIR strategy might change
        - Doing a lot of terminology work - not the same for new terminology in medical space - need to figure out how to scale
            - need to figure out how to do this at a lower cost
    - 3 use cases - tested 1st use case for screening questionnaire
        - tested all of the transactions
    - need to engage with rest of Accelerators
    - didn't have right system actors in testing
        - want for September Connectathon a large EHR
            - need help to get them to table
        - need HIE at the table (previously participated as observers)
    - how do we engage industry players?
        - Viet - develop strategies for Accelerators that don't have funding base to get implementers to get up to speed
        - Evelyn - spend a lot of time describing why they should be at the table
            - more robust training and education
            - use of FHIR beyond clinical data exchange
        - Wayne - community may not need to know about FHIR
            - Evelyn - don't use EHR
                - it is a new world
                - data model that are used - are different - not standardized or coded
                - trying to harmonized across different systems

- Project Unify - project to align National Electronic Model (NEM) to FHIR
  - NEM was established for law enforcement and not healthcare
- May Connectathon results
  - Feedback has been provided by some Accelerators
  - Care Coordination Track - had over 60 participants
    - liked the ability to the connect the dots between FHIR IG
    - opportunity to have a combined track across a common use case for September
    - Viet - thematic days

Action Items

- ☑ Melva Petersto send out information and links to Project Proposals
- ☐ Melva Peters to send link to Program Plan template and instructions
- ☑ Viet Nguyen to send information about possible event around Patient Access API to this group
- ☐ Everyone reminded to send information on upcoming events to David Johnson (webmaster@hl7.org) to be posted in FHIR Community Calendar