2022-10-12 Conference Call Minutes

Time: 3pm Eastern US

ZOOM - https://hl7-org.zoom.us/j/99189148876?pwd=ZnVmQzRlMktzdXBVU3IkTeTRkaDc3UT09 (including audio through zoom)

Chair: Cooper Thompson
Scribe: Cooper Thompson

Attendees:
Reinhard Egelkraut
Brian Postlethwaite
Robert Dieterle
David DeRoode
Olivia Bellamou-Huet

Agenda:
Block Vote #1 for Digital Identity and Patient Matching IG
National Directory Robert Dieterle

Minutes:

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Motion: Approve Digital Identity and Patient Matching IG / Block Vote 1
Mover: David deRoode / Brian Postlethwaite
Vote: 5-0-0

Block Vote 2 will be sent out to the list server probably later today.

National Directory

Robert Dieterle presented <slides> on a plan to restructure the National Directory IGs, expanding the three IGs with linear dependencies, into four IGs, with one foundational IG that the other three depend on.

- Rob suggested that having separate IGs was necessary so that CMS could name a specific IG.
- Cooper noted that most existing FHIR references in regulation are to subsets of IGs, so regulatory references don't need to be to an entire IG.

- Rob suggested that separate IGs enable those that are not regulatory to evolve independently.
- Cooper/Brian/Josh pointed out that different parts of IGs can (and do) evolve independently. That is how the base spec and most IGs work.

- Cooper/Brian/Josh pointed out that having multiple IGs is confusing for folks trying to understand the IGs.
- Bob suggested that we could add guidance (duplicated across all the IG) that better explained how the IGs work together.

Josh had submitted [FHIR-38681 - Consolidate "Attestation", "Exchange", and "Query" into one IG TRIAGED] about merging into one IG.

Part of this chat.fhir.org thread also included discussion about IG consolidation/splitting.
Summary:
There was significant disagreement on whether to consolidate into one IG or split into 3/4. Further discussion is needed.

Next steps:
The interested parties (Josh Mandel, Brian Postlethwaite, Cooper Thompson) plan to attend the FAST National Directory IG call on Monday, October 17 at 3pm ET. The meeting info will be available on the pafm listserv.

Cooper Thompson 10/14/2022 9:10 AM Update: after some more discussion, we are going to defer the open discussion on this topic for a few weeks, so this will NOT be a topic for the Oct 17 meeting. We plan to have this discussion in a few weeks. Stay tuned.