**HL7 Electronic Health Record Work Group**

**Reducing Clinician Burden**

**Conference Call**

**1st and 3rd Mondays at 1500 ET US for 60 minutes**

**2018-12-03 Minutes**

Presiding Co-chair: Gary Dickinson

Scribe: Dr. Mark Janczewski

***To join the HL7 EHR WG Meeting:***

Audio: Dial: +1 (562) 247-8321,,948-035-826#

Video: Use GoToWebinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/531901239568806403>

**NOTE:** When connecting via GoToWebinar, you might want to phone-in using the Access Code and the Audio Code (so that your name will appear on the GoToWebinar Control Panel).

**Attendance:** Attendees

* Dr. Michael Brody – EHR WG Co-Chair
* Gary Dickinson – EHR WG Co-Chair
* Dr. Steve Hufnagel – EHR WG Co-Chair
* Dr. Mark Janczewski – EHR WG Co-Chair
* John Ritter – EHR WG Co-Chair
* Dr. Pele Yu – EHR WG Co-Chair
* Liz Amos
* Lisa Anderson
* Calvin Beebe
* Julia Chan
* Dr. John Dalton
* Gora Datta
* Dr Jorge Ferrer
* J Richard Dixon Hughes
* Bjorn-Erik Erlandsson
* Dr. Laura Heerman
* Dr. John Gachago
* Dr. Reed Gelzer
* Dr. Andy Gettinger
* Dr. Peter Goldschmidt
* Dr. Rob Hausam
* Dr. Mitchell Hilsen
* Lindsey Hoggle
* Elizabeth Keller
* Dr. Howard Landa
* Dr. Steven Lane
* Dr. Thomas Mason
* Dr. Lisa Masson
* Susan Matney
* Dr. James McClay
* Dr. Barry Newman
* Mia Niavera
* Dr. Frank Opelka
* Brian Pech
* Andrea Pitkus
* Scott Robertson
* Dr. David Schlossman
* Patty Sengstack
* Dr. James Sorace
* Dr. James Tcheng
* Lynne VanArsdale
* Alpo Värri
* LuAnn Whittenburg
* Danny Williams
* Donna Woelfel

**Materials:**

[**http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=EHR\_Interoperability\_WG#.22Reducing\_Clinician\_Burden.22\_Project**](http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=EHR_Interoperability_WG#.22Reducing_Clinician_Burden.22_Project) is where all the documentation is being kept.

* Updated “Reducing Clinician Burden” slide deck provided by Gary Dickinson
* Analysis Worksheet

1. **Project Overview Slide Deck**:
   1. Gary provided updates from the RCB project that have been posted to the Wiki.
   2. He then reviewed the slides regarding Surveys that help to Quantify to Burden and then Assessing the Burden
   3. Gary then briefly displayed the slide on Focusing on Common Solutions and spent more time on the recently released US ONC Draft Strategy on Reducing Regulatory and Administrative burden Relating to the Use of Health IT and EHRs (28 Nov 2018) and Burden Reduction Goals.
   4. Next, he discussed the Stakeholders of What/When needs to be Targeted and WHO might best address the burden.
   5. Gary then displayed some graphics (charts) from the briefing.
   6. Outreach and the numerous organizations that have expressed interest were then mentioned, including SDOs, Governments professional societies, payers, EHR system developers, the International Healthcare community, Accreditation bodies, individual clinicians. and others.
   7. We’ve broken this effort down into 32 topic areas, 7 for which we have small teams working on.
   8. Gary then briefly reviewed the Project Plan including where we are now, and where we need to go.
   9. In terms of the current status we now have five teams engaged: Clinical Documentation, Clinical Workflow, System Lock-in, Data Liquidity and Switching Costs, State of Data Content Quality. Clinical Decision Support, Medical Logic, AI and alerts, etc. is a new team, being led by Dr. Jim McCLay (U. Nebraska Medical Center).
   10. Gary finalized the presentation of the slide deck by reviewing the scheduled meetings and Reference Points.
   11. Gary then quickly reviewed the Wiki site (see above for link), which now includes the aforementioned Draft ONC Report of 28 Nov 2018
2. **DISCUSSION** 
   1. US ONC *“Draft Strategy on Reducing Regulatory and Administrative Burden Relating to the Use of Health IT and EHRs”* (28 Nov 2018) was then discussed in more detail. It was noted that comments are due to ONC by 28 Jan 2019. It will be challenging for this group to get our comments to them, but it is hoped that we could finalize comments during the HL7 WG Meeting in San Antonio in mid-January. The ONC had divided their efforts into four WGs (Clinical Documentation, Health IT Usability and the User Experience, EHR Reporting, and Public Health Reporting).
   2. Document Repository is at: [**http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=EHR\_Interoperability\_WG#.22Reducing\_Clinician\_Burden.22\_Project**](http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=EHR_Interoperability_WG#.22Reducing_Clinician_Burden.22_Project)

Additional Notes

Message from Alpo Varri:

Here are a few thoughts I got during today's RCB webinar:

-we should be especially attentive when we notice a burden

problem which could be alleviated with standards because

that is the area in which we can accomplish something

-even if the (standardization) idea is not fully mature

yet, we could get it started in some form because the

long standardization process offers plenty of possibility

to enhance the idea

-if a standardization activity is started, the existing

work should, of course, be checked if something useful

or modifiable already exists

-if patient identification continues to be an interoperability

problem, a national ID number could be considered as a

solution on an opt-in basis. The government could provide

a life-long ID number to a citizen who wants it but the

government would not force it to those who have concerns.

Those who would like to enjoy the benefits of a unique ID

could have it and the rest could be happy, as well

Message from Mark Segal, Chair of HL7 Policy Advisory Committee

We definitely want to be in synch with your work on EHR usability as with other WGs as the OAC develops the HL7 comments on the ONC RFI. The PAC will discuss for the first time at our call this week. Recognizing your ongoing work and it’s scope, anything you can send by the below date would be great. I should be able to join 12/17. Can you resend invite please.

On 28 Nov 2018, at 12:46, Segal PhD, FHIMS, Mark <cochairs@lists.hl7.org> wrote:

Dear HL7 Work Group Leadership:

Attached is ONC’s announcement regarding their draft Strategy to Reduce Health IT Burden. If your Work Group would like to submit draft comments to incorporate in the overall HL7 letter, please send to me (msegal@dig-hpa.com) and Ticia Gerber (tgerber@hl7.org) by January 4, 2019.

Comments are due to ONC by Monday, 28 January 28, 2019.

Thank you,

Mark

Mark J. Segal, PhD, FHIMSS

Principal, Digital Health Policy Advisors, LLC

Chair, HL7 Policy Advisiory Committee

847.946.1428

@msegal111

www.linkedin.com/in/mark-segal-dhpa

**[ END OF DOCUMENT }**