

Meeting Minutes

HL7 CDA Personal Advance Care Plan Document Implementation Guide Project

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ATTENDANCE:

Present		Not Present
Bob Fine	Lisa Nelson	Dan Morhaim
Brian Scheller	M'Lynda Owens	Fred Mirarchi
Dan Hanfling	Remington Johnson	Jacob Reider
David Tao	Scott Brown	Jude Gallagher
Douglas Renfield-Miller	Stephen Chu	Mike Wasserman
Evelyn Gallego	Swapna Bhatia	Monica Murphy
Jeff Zucker	Taima Gomez	
John Derr	Terry O'Malley	
Judy Peres	Tony Chou	

AGENDA:

Industry Team Introductions – 10-15 mins

Role of the Industry Team

Project Overview – 5 mins

Goal, purpose, tasks and timeline

Project Use Case Review – 15 mins

Functional Requirements – 20 mins

Content required to support functional requirements of in scope use cases

Vocabulary strategy

HL7 Process - optional participation for non-members (not required, but possible) – 2 mins

Open discussion of other guiding considerations for the project

DISCUSSION NOTES:

I. Introductions

The role of the industry team was reviewed, and it was clarified that this group was not a governing body for the project. The industry team creates a forum to provide input that will help guide the project to ensure the solution is on target. Governance is through HL7 Structured Documents Work Group (SDWG).

Introductions were valuable and inspiring. The team shares a high level of commitment to seeing advance care planning information shared in a standard digital format so that clinicians can have the information they need to care for patients and people can feel confident their goals, preferences, and priorities will be heard. The group agreed that the term “advance care plan” was appropriate to describe the informational content that is the focus of this project. David Tao noted he hopes to see an increase in the “liquidity” (i.e., the transportability) of advance care plan information. John Derr requested clarification that information about a person’s goals, preferences, and priorities includes the person’s expression of his or her thoughts about “quality of life.”

II. Project Overview

The project goal, purpose, guiding principles, tasks and timelines were reviewed and accepted as described.

III. Project Use Case Review

The use cases were reviewed, and the group confirmed these five scenarios as within the scope of this project. The importance of establishing the right set of use cases to guide the project was discussed. Lisa Nelson gave the example of not including privacy-related use cases and Use Cases showing user consent to show how including too few use cases can cause problems because the resulting solution fails to possess key capabilities at its foundation. This makes for a less optimal solution as the functionality associated with the missing foundation begins to be addressed. Stephen Chu identified an additional use case developed through the CHOW Health Care Group covering children with special health needs. He offered to send the description, as well as a list of other edge-case use cases that could be considered for possible inclusion.

IV. Functional Requirements and the Content to Support these Capabilities

The group reviewed the functional capabilities. Terry O’Malley questioned organ donation and whether organ donation and autopsy choices belonged in scope, given that they focused on events that occur following death. Stephen Chu, Robert Fine, Judy Peres, and Lisa Nelson described a number of benefits associated with having advance planning information about these areas available, including improved care planning, respect for religious beliefs, and improved family communication to know and understand these wishes. The members of the group ultimately agreed that issues related to events occurring after death remain in scope. Additional items such as burial plans and wishes may also be relevant. It was noted that the Functional Capabilities need to address ways to support “substitute judgement.” Also noted, clarity needs to be included to distinguish situations involving organizations versus individuals as legal representatives for healthcare decision-making.

The group briefly reviewed the list of sample advance directives. Lisa Nelson explained that the project aims for the set of guiding documents to include high quality examples of current advance directives which represent a full spectrum of perspectives. The team was encouraged to review the list of sample documents in greater detail and notify Lisa Nelson of any concerns

regarding the current set. Additional samples that diversify the mix of guiding documents will be appreciated. Judy Peres offered to send some additional examples for the assessment.

V. HL7 Process

Lisa Nelson explained the process for non-HL7 members to join the HL7 listserv discussions for the Structured Documents Work Group. The process for non-members to participate in an HL7 ballot was also reviewed. An additional document describing balloting for non-members will be distributed with the minutes.

VI. Open Discussion

Lisa Nelson shared her e-mail address and phone number and encouraged team members to contact her with any additional thoughts or questions. Scott Brown expressed appreciation for the group’s willingness to support the project. Jeff Zucker reiterated the importance of including Use Cases that demonstrate consumer-centered care planning and functional capabilities that permit a person to create and control the sharing of advance care planning information that expresses his or her goals, preferences, and priorities. Judy Peres expressed interest in participating in the HL7 ballot for this project. She also questioned if additional forms of digital communication, such as video content, would be considered in scope for this project. Terry O’Malley pointed out that Consolidated CDA R2.0 included work on templates for advance directives and suggested that a review of that prior work should be included in the scope of this project.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS:

Responsible	Action
Lisa Nelson	Distribute minutes, presentation slides, link to recording, list of sample advance directive documents, and instructions for non-members to participate in the HL7 ballot.
Steven Chu	Send Use Case for Child with Health Issue, and list of other edge-case Use Cases for consideration.
Judy Peres	Send additional sample advance directive documents which may offer additional perspectives.
All	Let Lisa Nelson know if you see any gaps or issues with the use cases, functional capabilities, or content samples given the scope of this project.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting ended at 6:00pm ET.

Next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at 5:00pm ET.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Meeting slide deck.
2. Instructions for HL7 non-members to participate in the ballot process.
3. List of current sample documents being assessed. (Use this link then scroll down.)
(http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=Personal_Advance_Care_Plan_Document)