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Health IT Standards Committee Meeting November 13, 2013

Overview

The [Health Information Technology Standards Committee](#) (HITSC) held an in-person [meeting](#) on November 13, 2013 to share updates from the following areas: the Consumer Technology Workgroup, Health IT Standards Committee Workplan, ONC Policy, and ONC Standards.

Background

The Health IT Standards Committee is charged with making recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health IT on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information. In developing, harmonizing, or recognizing standards and implementation specifications, the Health IT Standards Committee will also provide for the testing of the same by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST).

Opening Remarks

Opening remarks and a review of the agenda were provided by:

- Jacob Reider, Acting National Coordinator, ONC
- Jonathan Perlin, Chair of the Committee
- John Halamka, Vice Chair of the Committee

ONC Policy Update (*Jodi Daniel, Director, Office of Policy and Planning, ONC*)

Certification / Adoption Workgroup Update

The WG is charged with recommending a process for prioritizing health IT capabilities for **voluntary EHR certification** that would improve interoperability across a greater number of care settings. These recommendations shall take into account previously adopted ONC certification criteria and standards and identify the key health IT capabilities needed in care settings by providers who are ineligible to receive EHR incentive payments under the HITECH Act. Preliminary recommendations by the WG are due to HITPC February 2014.

ONC is working closely with MTRE to study options for public/private partnerships as they have experience in the aviation industry. Additionally, ONC is working with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to align activities. Ms. Daniel stated that they need to ensure they leverage the patient safety protections as provided via the [Patient Safety and Quality Improvement](#) regulation issued in November 2008. Ms. Daniel indicated ONC will be conducting a feasibility assessment supported by MITRE during spring 2014 to assess 1) infrastructure, 2) governance, and 3) resources for engaging

stakeholders and building consensus and will then have a better idea of feasibility. Next steps are to be determined.

FDASIA

Jodi Daniel [presented](#) updates on FDA's Safety and Innovation Act (FDASIA) and Meaningful Use, along with other HITPC updates. Starting with FDASIA, Ms. Daniel explained the background and purpose of the FDASIA workgroups. The FDASIA team will provide a report to Congress by January 2014 containing a proposed strategy and recommendations on a risk-based regulatory framework pertaining to health IT and mobile health apps. The government shutdown impacted the development of this report however there will be a draft framework, out for comment. The draft report issued will be a continuation of the discussion regarding a risk based framework for regulatory of health IT, and not a regulation. The presentation slides provide more information on the FDASIA workgroup process, accomplishments, and recommendations thus far.

Patient Safety Organization (PSO) Analysis Projects: During October ONC began an aggregate analysis of Health IT adverse event data within PSO databases. The first results are due in March however they may require additional analysis later in 2014. Under contract with ONC, The Joint Commission is performing an in-depth analysis of HIT-related events in its de-identified sentinel event database in order to increase our understanding of the role of HIT in patient safety. As a result of this analysis, ONC will develop report and educational materials and the results expected in January 2014.

SAFER Guides: Risk assessment tools based on latest evidence of Health IT patient safety and are to be used as helpful tools and these guides should be expected within the next several months. They are currently under review by ONC.

Meaningful Use

An update on data analytics regarding Meaningful Use and Certification can be found [here](#).

Consumer Technology Workgroup Update (*Leslie Kelly Hall, Chair*)

Leslie Kelly Hall [presented](#) updates for the Committee and began with an overview the membership and charge of the WG. There was discussion surrounding patient generated health data and how this is an opportunity to capture needed information for use during care, with potential cost savings and improvements in quality, care coordination, and patient engagement.

ONC Standards Update (*Dr. Doug Fridsma, Chief Science Officer & Director, Office of Science and Technology, ONC*)

Dr. Doug Fridsma [reviewed](#) the current Standards and Interoperability (S&I) framework priorities. Dr. Fridsma provided summaries, current status, and snapshots on SDC, Data Access Framework (DAF) shown in the presentation.

Structured Data Capture

Data Access Framework

- *Local Data Access:* A standardized way for providers to access their own patient(s)' data within the health organizations internal Health IT system
- *Targeted Data Access:* A standardized way for providers to access a known individual

patient's data from an external organization

Meaningful Use and Standards and Interoperability Coordination (MUSICO) A graphical tool that allows a user to explore existing relationships among roles (patient, primary care provider, etc.) based on initiatives and their associated standards and Meaningful Use requirements. [Onc-musico.org](http://onc-musico.org)

Afterward he presented an [Activities Matrix](#) that lists the current HITSC priorities, S&I framework initiatives. The plan is to use the matrix to prioritize the most important projects over the next few weeks.

The [next HITSC meeting](#) is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2013, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm ET.