



**California Health & Human Services Agency
Center for Data Insights and Innovation**

**Data Exchange Framework (DxF) Information is Power Webinar Series: Round 3 Grants and DxF Exchange Scenario
Webinar #12 Q&A Log (10:30 AM – 11:30 AM PT, October 16, 2023)**

The following table shows comments that were entered into the Zoom Q&A by public attendees during the October 16, 2023 webinar:

Count	Name	Comment	Response(s)
1.	Naureen Khan	are FQHCs required to sign the DSA	We suggest you review question 1 in the FAQ at https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Data-Exchange-Framework-FAQ-2023-9-1-011.pdf for more information on who is required to sign the DSA. All organizations that manage HSSI are encouraged to sign when they are technically capable of providing access to or exchanging HSSI.
2.	Marissa Slaughter	Are 501c3 nonprofit organizations that are not hospitals or solely healthcare providers, but do work in the health services area, and have signed the DSA, eligible to apply for DSA Signatory grants?	Round 3 is open to DSA Signatories with a health information technology (HIT) need to enable exchange under the DxF. We encourage you to review the DSA Signatory Grants Guidance Document https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DSA-Signatory-Grants-Applicant-Guidance-Document-07.11.23_UPDATE_FINAL-1.pdf
3.	Saurin Mehta	When QHIO names will be finalized and announced?	We anticipate announcing the initial QHIOs later this month.
4.	Garrett Rhodes	where can i find information on how the directory of participants will be hosted and accessed? we participate on Carequality and are familiar with how the directory works on that network	The Participant Directory P&P is currently under development. We anticipate discussing the Participant Directory P&P at our next DSA and P&P Subcommittee meeting on 10/31/2023. Please see our website for more information on that meeting, including meeting materials and instructions on how to attend as a member of the public.
5.	Claudia Garcia	Are you able to discuss how CBO's contracted to provide CalAIM services would use the exchange, and what kind of information we would need to provide? Thank you.	This question is beyond the scope of today's webinar. We recommend you start by reviewing the Policies and Procedures on our website at https://www.cdii.ca.gov/committees-and-advisory-groups/data-exchange-framework#policies-and-procedures which identify the obligations and opportunities for all DxF participants. If you have specific questions, please send them to CDII@chhs.ca.gov .

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6.	Stacey Evans	Round 3 open for 2 mo or 3 mo?	We anticipate Round 3 to be open for at least 2 months. We do not have a closing date as we want to give applicants time to apply once QHIOs are announced. Round 3 closing date will be announced in the upcoming weeks.
7.	Carly Roman	For those who received the QHIO grants in round 1/2, have they been onboarded to QHIOs yet, or they're also waiting for QHIOs to be announced later this month?	Hi Carly, thanks for your question! Since QHIOs have not yet been announced, those who have received the QHIO Onboarding grant have not onboarded to a QHIO. However, once they are announced, they will be able to onboard to the QHIO of their choice.
8.	Wilma Figueroa	Is it required for the individual who registers the organization to also be the signer of the DSA, or is it permissible for someone to register the organization and subsequently have the appropriate signer execute the DSA?	The latter. When signing the DSA, the individual creating the account and completing information on the DSA Signing Portal will be asked for the name and contact information for the individual authorized to sign the DSA. It can be, but need not be, the individual creating the account on the Signing Portal. The Signing Portal including "help" if you have further questions on its use.
9.	Dusty Healy	How can I sign up to receive weekly updates about Round 3?	Hi Dusty, thanks for your question! You can subscribe to the DSA Grants Email List at the bottom of the DSA Grants webpage: https://dx-f-dsa-grants.com/
10.	Dana Swilley	Are sub-signatories under an umbrella application considered "subcontractors" that will need auditing/monitoring?	live answered
11.	Carly Roman	What is required of the umbrella org if they apply and receive grant funding? And could the orgs under the umbrella be CBOs that are not current required signatories?	Under umbrella applications, all named DSA Signatories in the grant application must sign the grant application. No, whether a CBO or not, entities included in a grant application must be either a parent or subordinate facility in a signed DSA.
12.	Jeff Herzog	As a DxF responding gateway, how can I authenticate a requestor to know that they are legally allowed to request information from the gateway? Also, can I authenticate the requestor to being a signer of the DSA?	This is a complicated technical question beyond the scope of today's webinar. We will consider a future webinar to cover, in part, this topic. In the mean time, you might participate in the DSA and P&P Subcommittee meeting on 10/31/2023 where we anticipate discussing the Participant Directory. You can find information on that meeting and how to attend as a member of the public on the DxF website.

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13.	L. Johns	<p>Is there evidence that health plan management of chronic frequent users changes use and health status?</p> <p>This pop has been focus of targeted interventions for decades. Not sure what effects have been. Can you say? Thanks!</p>	
14.	Saurin Mehta	How many QHIO's will be selected, is it just 1 or multiple ones?	We do not have either a minimum or maximum number of QHIOs. We anticipate that the initial announcement will include more than one QHIO.
15.	Claudia Coats	If the list of QHIOs is released on October 31, 2023 and entities are required to begin submitting data on January 1, 2024, this presents a very short runway in connecting to the QHIO, completing testing, and submitting live data. Has this reduced implementation time been considered and are there going to be exceptions to the current required start date?	
16.	Saurin Mehta	For the non-individual access use cases, is explicit consent required from a patient to share data and if so, how?	Individual consent is required to exchange health and social services information on the Data Exchange Framework if required under applicable law.
17.	Stacey Evans	Does the number of patients who would be served by the TA upgrade that use medi-cal, influence the grant amount?	<p>Hi Stacey, thanks for your question! A signatory's characteristics (including the kinds of individuals they serve) is taken under consideration in the scoring process, and whether they are eligible for enhanced funding. You can learn more by reviewing the grants guidance document (specifically the Funding Maximums and Scoring Criteria sections):</p> <p>https://www.cdii.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/DSA-Signatory-Grants-Applicant-Guidance-Document-07.11.23_UPDATE_FINAL-1.pdf</p>

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18.	Jordan Keville	Are any of the entities being considered as QHIO's also Health Information Networks for federal TEFCA purposes?	Some applicants to be a QHIO may also be organizations planning to become a QHIN. We note that there are no active QHINs at this time, while applicants to be QHIOs are required to be exchanging health and social services information for entities in California at the time of submitting their QHIO application.
19.	Rudy Valdez	Is there a list of which Health Information Exchanges applied to be a QHIO?	
20.	Dana Swilley	Will there be a webinar giving an overview of all of the approved QHIOs after that list of approved QHIOs is available later this month?	We anticipate that the named QHIOs will be featured in a future Information is Power webinar.
21.	Saurin Mehta	Given the State will publish the list of official QHIOs Oct 31st and only 3 months before 1/31 to implement solution, will CDII be extending the timeline to fully integrate with a QHIO to comply with the DxF mandate?	
22.	Wilma Figueroa	If there is a significant level of interest, would it be possible to organize a webinar that focuses on CalAIM and DxF?	Thanks for your suggestion of a future webinar topic. We'll take this under advisement.
23.	Carly Roman	Do you envision additional grant opportunities in the future when voluntary signatories might sign?	
24.	Mark H	Regarding "applicable laws" on consent, are there references to those laws either in the policies or the dxf site?	
25.	Wilma Figueroa	Interest has risen in gaining a deeper understanding of the explicit consent patients need to provide, particularly whether this consent should be obtained at the time of care. Can you	

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		offer further clarification on how this process would appear if we were to sign up for the Dxf?	

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