Data Exchange Framework

Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC) Meeting #1B

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM PT

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The Vision for Data Exchange in California

The Data Exchange Framework (DxF) creates new connections and efficiencies between health and social services providers, improving whole-person care.

The DxF is California's first-ever statewide Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) that requires the secure and appropriate exchange of health and human services information to enable providers to work together and improve an individual's health and wellbeing.

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Agenda

1:30 PM
Welcome

1:35 PM
Technical Standards Evolution – Straw Model Discussion

2:20 PM
Public Comment

2:25 PM
Next Steps and Closing Remarks

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TASC Members

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Gregg Smith-McCurdy	Hill Physicians Medical Group
Joe Sullivan	California EMS Authority
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Public Comment Opportunities

Public comment will be taken during the meeting at the approximate time listed on the agenda and limited to the total amount of time allocated for public comment.

Members of the public may also use the Zoom's Q&A feature to ask questions or make comments during the meeting, or can email their questions or comments to DxF@chhs.ca.gov.

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Technical Standards Evolution
Straw Model Discussion

Today's Topic (continued)

The Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P requires that CDII develop a process to review and consider new and maturing standards for the DxF.

6.   <u>Technology Updates</u>. The Governance Entity must create an open and transparent process to review and consider new and maturing National and Federally Adopted Standards for potential inclusion in the Data Exchange Framework.

    a.   The process must be put in place no later than July 1, 2024.

    b.   The process must consider both data content standards and data exchange standards to be adopted as amendments to the Data Elements to Be Exchanged Policy and Procedure and to this policy, respectively.

    c.   The process must establish a regular review cadence, no less than annually.

    d.   The process must align with requirements of the Development of and Modifications to Policies and Procedures Policy and Procedure.

Taken from Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P

What recommendations does the TASC have for establishing an open and transparent process for including new and maturing standards for the DxF?
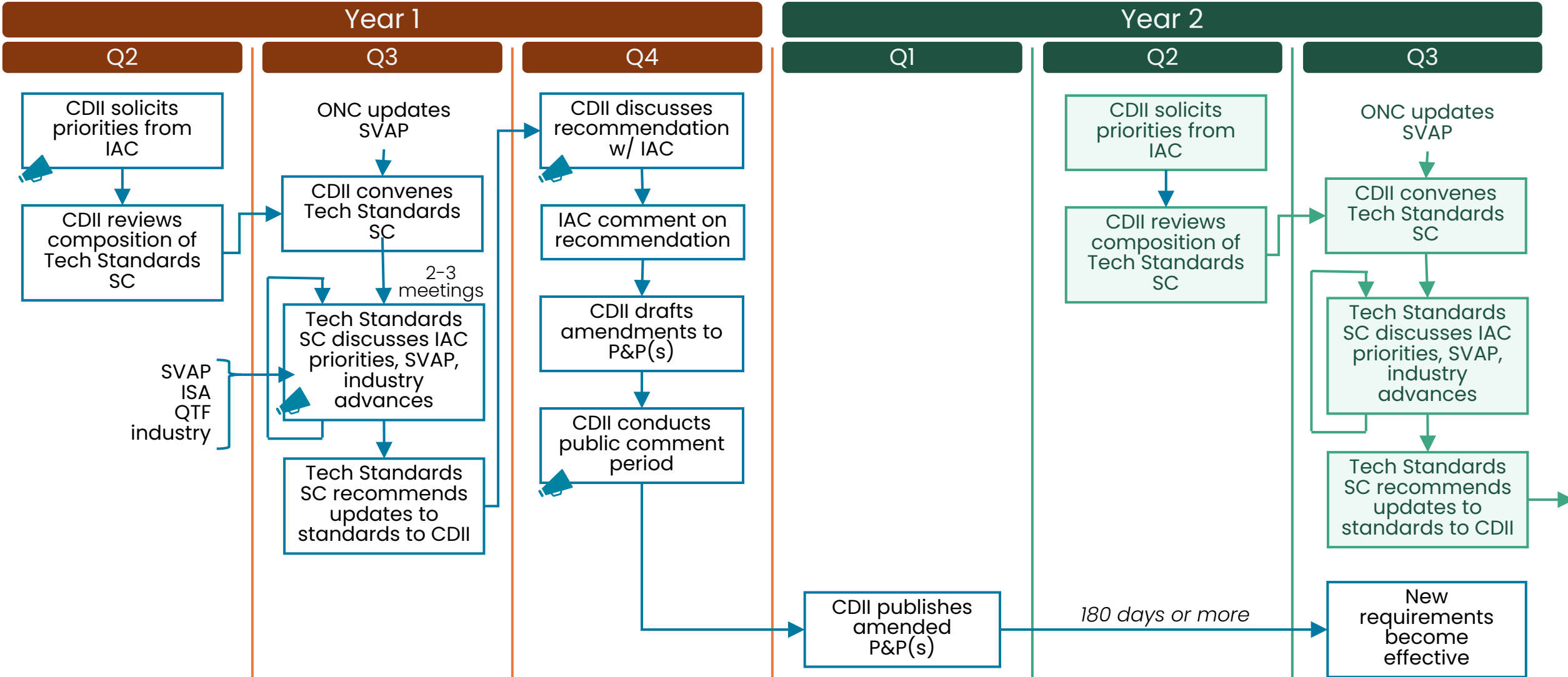
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What We Heard on March 5, 2024

- Standards adoption is driven by federal EHR certification for providers, other federal requirements for plans. Labs adopt to meet market needs.

- The Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) is a more helpful model than Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA); it is more conducive to alignment and standardization.

- ISA is more helpful than United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) in identifying standards capturing data essential for social services.

- Consider formalizing in policy reference(s) to federal standard(s).

- Set DxF standards as a 'floor', allowing Participants to advance beyond the floor. Consider establishing a 'ceiling' or 'target' to preview potential new requirements.

- Consider how standards advancement may implicate participation of social service organizations and 'non-traditional' providers.

- Education will be required to ensure Participants are able to understand CDII's expectations regarding new standards.

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Proposed Guiding Principles

1 DxF requirements for exchanging information and technical standards for exchange must comply with applicable California law.

2 DxF technical standards advancement process must be open and transparent, providing opportunities for public input and public visibility into recommendations

3 DxF should strive to avoid conflict with federal standards to reduce Participant burden and leverage requirements set by the federal government on vendors.

4 DxF should consider, but not be limited to, federal standards adoption timelines when establishing timing and method of advancing DxF standards.

5 DxF technical standards must address the exchange of social services data as established in applicable California law.

6 DxF technical standards should continue to advance exchange in key areas identified by the IAC that impact health.

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Proposed Process

Year 1			Year 2		
Q2	**Q3**	**Q4**	**Q1**	**Q2**	**Q3**

Year 1

Q2
- CDII solicits priorities from IAC 📣
- CDII reviews composition of Tech Standards SC

Q3
- ONC updates SVAP
- CDII convenes Tech Standards SC
- *2-3 meetings*
- Tech Standards SC discusses IAC priorities, SVAP, industry advances 📣
- SVAP / ISA / QTF / industry
- Tech Standards SC recommends updates to standards to CDII

Q4
- CDII discusses recommendation w/ IAC 📣
- IAC comment on recommendation
- CDII drafts amendments to P&P(s)
- CDII conducts public comment period 📣

Year 2

Q1
- CDII publishes amended P&P(s)

180 days or more

Q2
- CDII solicits priorities from IAC
- CDII reviews composition of Tech Standards SC

Q3
- ONC updates SVAP
- CDII convenes Tech Standards SC
- Tech Standards SC discusses IAC priorities, SVAP, industry advances
- Tech Standards SC recommends updates to standards to CDII
- New requirements become effective

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📣 *Stakeholder Input Opportunity*

Proposed Process Summary

The technology standards review process <u>launches once each year</u>. If updates to the standards are recommended, the process may require up to 18 months to complete.

- The process would seek input on priorities and feedback on recommendations from the DxF Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC)

- A technical standards subcommittee would be established.
    - It would comprise technical SMEs from federal and state sources, to conduct the standards updates review and recommend new or updated standards
    - The subcommittee would consider current DxF standards, federal standards and industry standards in developing its recommendations
    - The subcommittee would consider implementation challenges and industry readiness

- Following IAC review of the subcommittee's recommendations, public comment will be sought

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Discussion Questions

1. What changes would you recommend to the proposed process?

2. Who should comprise the Technical Standards Committee?

3. Are the cadence of and triggers for the advancement process appropriate?

4. What sources of information should be monitored in addition to SVAP, IAC, and QTF?

5. What public comment or other public engagement should be included?

6. Should technical standards continue to reside in the P&Ps and be subject to the P&P amendment process?

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Public Comment

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Listen for your phone number to be called by the moderator.

If selected to share your comment, please ensure you are "unmuted' on your phone by pressing "*6".

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Next Steps

Members to:

- Reflect on today's discussion
- Be prepared to review and finalize the TASC recommendation for technical standards evolution at the next meeting

Upcoming Meetings

TASC Meeting Series	Date
Meeting #3 - Technical Standards Evolution	April 2, 2024, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Note: Additional TASC meetings are being scheduled.
Meeting information will be posted to the CDII DxF web page once confirmed.

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