



**California Health & Human Services Agency
Center for Data Insights and Innovation
Data Exchange Framework Technical Advisory Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Attendance

Facilitators: Rim Cothren (Independent Consultant to CDII), DeeAnne McCallin (CalHHS/CDII), Cindy Bero (Manatt Health Strategies)

Subcommittee Members: Hans Buitendijk, Cassie-Ann Bush, Sarah DeSilvey, Mohit Ghose, Prashant Gupta, John Helvey, Mark Knee, Kimberly Krause, Michael Marchant, Ken Riomales, Hanan Scrapper, Gregg Smith-McCurdy, Joe Sullivan, Brian Thomas

Members of the Public: approximately 17 public attendees joined this meeting via Zoom video conference or through call-in functionality.

Key Takeaways

Notes aim to elevate major points made by meeting attendees and may not be a comprehensive accounting of all points made. Meeting materials, full video recording, transcription, and public comments may be found on the [DxF webpage](#).

Technical Standards Evolution

Rim Cothren, Independent HIE Consultant, CDII, solicited the TASC’s recommendations for establishing an open and transparent process for including new and maturing standards for the DxF.

Member comments included:

- CDII should consider a process for introducing new standards to the DxF that mirrors processes used at the federal level.
 - The federal Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP) is a more helpful model than the Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA) process as the latter presents options instead of a singular direction. The SVAP is more conducive to alignment and standardization.
- Provider organizations and their vendors rely heavily on the ONC certification process to drive changes in supported technical standards.
- Plans have regulatory requirements imposed by federal agencies that do not necessarily align with EHR certification requirements.
- Labs in many cases select and implement standards that meet market needs rather than specific regulatory requirements.
- Social care entities receive guidance on standards outside of USCDI that are crucial to the delivery and service provision in social care entities, such as Health Management System (HMS) data requirements.
- DxF should consider ISA standards rather than USCDI versions as a strategy to capture data essential for providing social services.

- CDII should strive to ensure consistency with federally required standards (e.g., the United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) version 3 (v3)) as they advance through the SVAP.
- CDII should consider formalizing in policy by reference (e.g., by pointing to federal guidance that may evolve over time) to reduce the need to have to continuously update references to specific standards that may become obsolete over time.
- CDII should consider setting DxF standards as a floor but allow Participants to go above and beyond the floor, in recognition of the reality that different organizations will adopt new technology and standards at different paces.
 - The DxF could also establish a ‘ceiling’ or ‘target’ for standard adoption to preview potential requirements that may be rolled out in the future.
- DxF requirements should continue to set expectations for both the data elements that must be exchanged as well as the technical standards that must be used to exchange those data elements.
- CDII should consider how the selection and implementation of new standards may implicate participation of social service organizations and ‘non-traditional’ providers in the DxF.
- There will need to be education to ensure that DxF Participants are able to understand CDII’s expectations as it pertains to adoption of new standards.

Next Steps

CDII to:

- Consider the feedback provided by the TASC.
- Post meeting materials to the DxF webpage.

Members to:

- Review and (re)familiarize themselves with:
 - [Development of and Modifications to Policies and Procedures P&P](#)
 - [Standards Version Advancement Process](#)
 - [Interoperability Standards Advisory \(ISA\)](#)
- Be prepared to discuss specific recommendations to evolve DxF technical standards during the next meeting on March 20, 2024, from 1:30pm-2:30pm PT.

Appendix. Data Exchange Framework Technical Advisory Subcommittee Meeting #1
Attendance (March 5, 2024)

Name	Organization	Present
Hans Buitendijk	EHR Association	Yes
Cassie-Ann Bush	Adventist Health	Yes
Sarah DeSilvey	Gravity Project	Yes
Mohit Ghose	Anthem Blue Cross	Yes
Prashant Gupta	LabCorp	Yes
John Helvey	CAHIE, SacValley Medshare	Yes
Mark Knee	Office of the National Coordinator for HIT	Yes
Kimberly Krause	Providence Administrative Consulting Services	Yes
Michael Marchant	UC Davis	Yes
Ken Riomales	CalMHSA	Yes
Hanan Scrapper	People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	No
Gregg Smith-McCurdy	Hill Physicians Medical Group	Yes
Joe Sullivan	California EMS Authority	Yes
Brian Thomas	Alameda County	Yes