

Data Exchange Framework

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting #2A: Consent Management

Thursday, May 29, 2025

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM PT



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The Vision for Data Exchange in California

Once implemented across California, the Data Exchange Framework (DxF) will create 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.



Agenda



- 12:00 PM
Welcome & Roll Call
- 12:05 PM
Introductions
- 12:15 PM
TAC Role & Framing the Focus Group Series
- 12:25 PM
ASCM Model Overview
- 12:35 PM
What Are the Component Parts of Consent?
- 12:50 PM
Public Comment
- 12:55 PM
Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Consent Management TAC Members



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| Name | Organization |
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| Rim Cothren (Chair) | Center for Data Insights and Innovation |
| Cindy Bero | Manatt Health Strategies |
| Elison Alcovendaz | California Department of Healthcare Services |
| Irene Lintag Alvarez, | Aliados Health |
| Hans J Buitendijk | EHRA |
| Linda Deaktor | MedPOINT Management |
| Adam Davis | Sutter Health |
| Diane Dooley | American Academy of Pediatrics California |
| Kayte Fisher | California Department of Insurance |
| Robby Franceschini | Blue Shield of California |
| Eric Jahn | Bitfocus, Inc |
| Jeff Jarrett | Pacific Partners Management Services Inc. |
| Alana G Kalinowski | San Diego 211/CIE |
| David McCann | United Ways of California 211 DxF Collaborative |

| Name | Organization |
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| Eric Nielson | California Welfare Director's Association (CWDA) |
| Derek Plansky | Health Gorilla |
| Ken Riomales | CalMHSA |
| Shannon Rohall | California Department of Social Services |
| Linette Scott | California Department of Healthcare Services |
| James Shalaby | Elimu Informatics, Inc |
| Ambrish Sharma | Interface Children & Family Services |
| Julie Silas | Homebase |
| Debbie Spray | Alameda Alliance for Health |
| Joe Sullivan | Emergency Service Medical Authority |
| Dr. Brian Thomas | Alameda Alliance for Health |
| Rita Torkzadeh | Kaiser Permanente |
| Daniel Wilson | California Department of Social Services |
| Jennifer Womack | California Department of Public Health |

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.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Meeting Format and Post-Meeting Documentation

Meeting Format

- Materials may be circulated in advance of each meeting to help members prepare
- Meetings will minimize presentation and focus on discussion
- Meetings will be open to the public and time will be reserved for public comment

Post-Meeting Documentation

- Meetings will be recorded (including chat and Q&A) and recordings will be posted on the DxF webpage following the meeting
- Meeting notes will record Committee member attendance, key discussion topics, and recommendations. CDII will summarize feedback, recommendations, and questions.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Composition, Cadence, & Output



Composition

- Subject matter experts with technical and operational experience in data exchange representing health and social service providers, intermediaries, vendors, and state/county government



Meeting Cadence

- CDII anticipates four, one-hour meetings held every other week
- For continuity, members are asked to prioritize attendance at all meetings if possible



Output

- CDII seeks actionable recommendations from TAC members that might be implemented by DxF.

Consent Management TAC Series Objective

The objective of this meeting series is to develop recommendations for coordinating collection, sharing, and use of an individual's consent, ensuring it is applied consistently when exchanging HSSI under the DxF.

ASCFI Initiative

The ASCFI (pronounced “ask me”) initiative seeks to promote coordinated, person-centered care for all Californians by streamlining consent to share HSSI.

The Issue

Broad and secure access to HSSI is limited, in part, by:

- » Complex privacy rules governing consent and data exchange
- » Outdated technology and use of paper forms
- » Fragmented and incomplete HSSI exchange ecosystem

Source: [Why California Needs Better Data Exchange](#) (CHCF)

The ASCFI Approach

Care partners can use standardized tools for obtaining a Client’s consent to share data, and store that consent record in a secure database that other Care Partners can access.

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ASCFI Form describes what information a Client agrees (or does not want) to have shared about them and how it may be shared and used with other Care Partners

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Consent Management Platform stores and manages Clients’ consent preferences electronically

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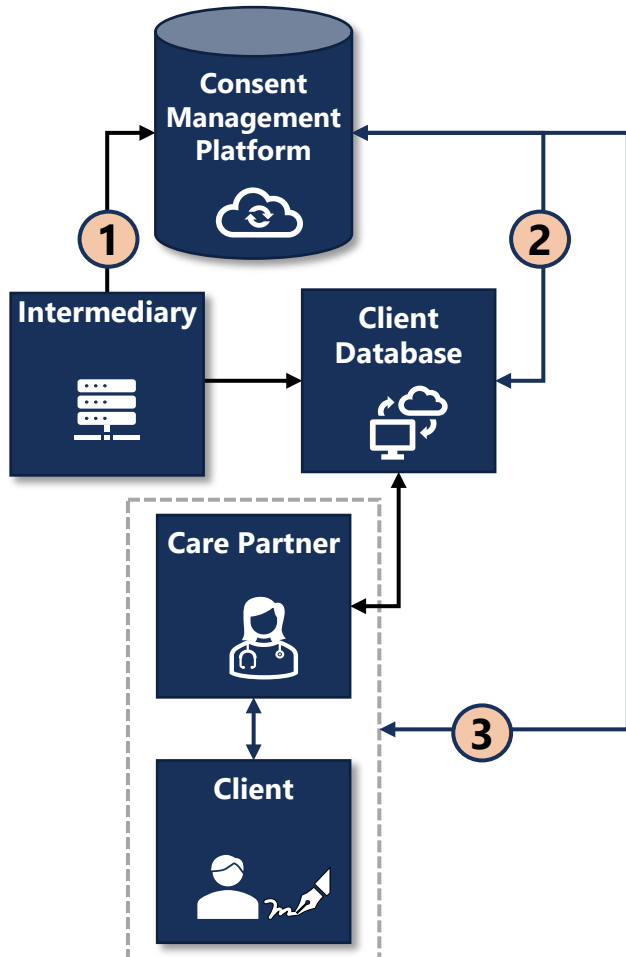


Care Partners (e.g., health plans, providers) access and update Clients’ consent preferences via the consent management service



Consent Management Service Overview

DHCS proposes launching a **Consent Management Platform (CMP)** that would include a statewide repository to store consent records and is exploring how QHIOs and other Intermediaries could facilitate Care Partners' access to the CMP.



Potential Pathways to Access CMP

- 1) Intermediary Integration:** Care Partner is connected to an Intermediary which facilitates the exchange of consent information between Care Partner and CMP
- 2) Care Partner Integration:** Care Partner is connected directly to CMP via API with client database (e.g., EHR)
- 3) Portal:** Care Partners and/or their Clients can access the CMP via a portal to update consent preferences

Key Terms

- » **Consent Management Platform (CMP)** would be a central database that stores the consent records of Clients
- » **Intermediaries**, such as Qualified Health Information Organizations (QHIOs), other health information exchanges (HIEs), and community information exchanges (CIEs), would collect, transform, and send consent information from Care Partners to CMP; query CMP for a Client's consent preference and facilitate the exchange of protected HSSI where a Client has provided consent to share data
- » **Care Partners:** Organizations providing health care or social services to a Client, including behavioral health delivery systems; managed care plans with whom a Client is enrolled; and state and county agencies including housing, reentry, and other providers.
- » **Clients:** An individual who signs the ASCMI Form. They may or may not be a Medi-Cal Member.

Questions for Today:

Component Parts of Consent

1. What core elements of consent should be captured to ensure that the process is both legally compliant and can integrate with backend programming and interoperability?
2. How should we define and structure those core elements of consent? By legal frameworks? (e.g., HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2, AB 133), by data domains (e.g., housing, SUD), or by use cases (e.g., care coordination, benefits eligibility)? Should certain components be intentionally left out (e.g., reproductive health)?
3. How can we turn consent choices into actionable system logic that link what individuals agree to with the data systems that those choices affect? Are there other models we can use to test this mapping?
4. What does digital informed consent look like, such that it can be programmed and automated and can comply with interoperability standards as well as legal requirements?

Public Comment

Next Steps

CDII will:

- Post meeting materials and recording to the DxF webpage.
- Share pre-read materials for next TAC meeting with members.

Members will:

- Review and familiarize themselves with the ASCMI's Model for Centralized Consent.
- Be prepared to discuss specific recommendations on what the model for consent should be under DxF at the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

| Consent Management TAC Focus Group | Date |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Meeting #2B | Thursday, June 12, 2025, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM PT |
| Meeting #2C | Thursday, June 26, 2025, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM PT |
| Meeting #2D | Thursday, July 10, 2025, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM PT |