Meeting Notes

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee
Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Task Force
June 20, 2019, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET
Virtual

Executive Summary

The June 20, 2019 Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) Task Force (TF) meeting focused on refining the privacy and security recommendations. The TEFCA TF continues to refine recommendations in preparation for presenting to the HITAC at the July 11, 2019 meeting. There were no public comments.

Event Summary

12:30 p.m.	**Call to Order/Roll Call**
12:35 p.m.	**Review Draft Recommendations**
01:50 p.m.	**Public Comment**
02:00 p.m.	**Next Steps and Adjourn**

Roll Call

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Kansky, Co-Chair, Indiana Health Information Exchange
Arien Malec, Co-Chair, Change Healthcare
Noam Arzt, HLN Consulting
Laura Conn, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
David McCallie, Individual
Carolyn Petersen, Individual
Sasha TerMaat, Epic
Grace Terrell, Envision Genomics, Inc.
Sheryl Turney, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield
Denise Webb, Individual

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Cynthia A. Fisher, WaterRev, LLC
Anil K. Jain, IBM Watson Health
Aaron Miri, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School and UT Health Austin
Steve L. Ready, Norton Healthcare
Mark Roche, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Federal Representative
Mark Savage, UCSF Center for Digital Health Innovation
Andrew Truscott, Accenture

ONC STAFF

Cassandra Hadley, HITAC Back Up/Support
Zoe Barber, Staff Lead
Michael Berry, SME
Alex Kontur, SME
Morris Landau, SME
Lauren Richie, Branch Chief, Coordination, Designated Federal Officer
Kim Tavernia, Back Up/ Support

Opening Remarks

Arien Malec welcomed members and shared that draft recommendations were shared at the June 19, 2019 HITAC meeting. Good feedback was received from HITAC members to help refine the recommendations, but there is still quite a bit of work to do to get to consensus and finalize the wording of the recommendations.

This Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) Task Force (TF) meeting focused on refining the privacy and security recommendations. Future meetings will focus on refining all of the recommendations to ensure that they reflect the full opinion of all TEFCA TF members.

Review Draft Recommendations

PRIVACY

Recommendation 13

The TEFCA TF discussed adding clarity that a Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) audit needs to be made available through a direct relationship entity. There also was a discussion that this would be a significant technical lift.

SECURITY

Recommendation 14

ONC should focus on a set of risk-based security requirements for QHINs and not make where the data resides the central criteria for security.

Recommendation 15

After significant discussion the TEFCA TF agreed to the following:

- The burden of CUI and other security designations for electronic health information (EHI) should rest on the federal agencies that have those requirements.
- Notwithstanding the federal agency requirements, the presence of the additional burden should not lead to nonreciprocal exchange whereby they request but never send data back.

Recommendation 17

The TEFCA TF discussed that there are appropriate standards available, but the policy is problematic. There should be a single aligned set of recommendations around the United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) and certification. The already were recommendations made by the HITAC in

response to the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), and there should be alignment around those recommendations.

Recommendation 18

Clarity is needed to state that this provision should be removed because it should be part of a broader security program (not that it shouldn't be done).

Identify Proofing and Authentication

- Agree with proposed ONC Minimum Required Terms and Conditions (MRTCs).
- Recommend an appropriate time for organizations to harmonize identification and authentication practices with the MRTCs.
- Recommend that ONC and Recognized Coordinating Entities (RCEs) allow identity assurance and authentication be appropriately fulfilled by flow-down terms to participant members.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There will be a fairly extensive round of edits done to the recommendations, and there may be a change to the numbering as recommendations continue to be refined. A few more passes of the language will be conducted with TEFCA TF members to gain approval at the July 11, 2019 HITAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m. ET