



## Meeting Notes

### Health Information Technology Advisory Committee

#### Information Blocking Task Force

April 12, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. ET

Virtual

The April 12, 2019 meeting of the Information Blocking Task Force (IB) of the Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC) was called to order at 11:30 a.m. ET by Lauren Richie, Designated Federal Officer, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC).

**Lauren Richie** conducted roll call.

### Roll Call

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Andrew Truscott, Co-Chair**, Accenture  
Cynthia Fisher, Member, WaterRev, LL  
John Kansky, Member, Indiana Health Information Exchange  
Valerie Grey, Member, New York eHealth Collaborative  
Steven Lane, Member, Sutter Health  
Anil Jain, Member, IBM Watson Health  
Sasha TerMaat, Member, Epic  
Sheryl Turney, Member, Anthem  
Denise Webb, Member, Individual

#### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

**Michael Adcock, Co-Chair**, Individual  
Arien Malec, Member, Change Healthcare  
Denni McColm, Member, Citizens Memorial Healthcare  
Aaron Miri, Member, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School, and UT Health Austin  
Lauren Thompson, Member, DoD/VA Interagency Program Office

#### ONC STAFF

Cassandra Hadley, ONC  
Mark Knee, ONC Staff Lead  
Morris Landau, ONC Staff Lead  
Lauren Richie, Branch Chief, Coordination, Designated Federal Officer  
Lauren Wu, ONC SME

**Lauren Richie** turned the meeting over to Andy Truscott, co-chair.

**Andy Truscott** slightly altered the agenda to focus on the definition of electronic health information.



## ELECTRONIC HEALTH INFORMATION

**Andy Truscott** initiated the conversation by suggesting an additional item be added to the definition of electronic health information.

- Administrative or financial information which may include pricing information that is not identifiable to a specific individual but that may be relevant to the care decisions of or for an individual.

There was significant discussion around price transparency with one minority point of view.

- **Cynthia Fisher** shared her insight that price transparency is essential.
- **Sheryl Turney** noted that it seemed that the task force is losing focus of the charge and expressed concern about broadening this scope.
  - **Anil Jain** and **John Kansky** made similar points.
- **Sasha TerMaat** suggested that price transparency should be defined outside of this definition of electronic health information.
- **Denise Webb** noted her appreciation for Cynthia Fisher's perspective but agreed with Sheryl Turney's point of view noting that if it is too broad, it will not be implementable.
- **Valerie Grey** shared that she also believes there is a need for better price transparency, but she agreed with most of the member's insight. She noted that this is difficult which is why there is a request for information around price transparency.

**Andy Truscott** suggested sharing a divergent minority opinion with ONC that expresses Cynthia Fisher's viewpoint.

**Cynthia Fisher** expressed concern that there was a missing voice on the call to represent technology innovation.

- **John Kansky** and **Anil Jain** both commented that they felt they both represent technology innovation.
- **Anil Jain** suggested changing the point of view to identify whether the current language is sufficient to do this is a way that makes sense. His concern is harming innovation and creating a challenging process in the future.

**Anil Jain** suggested that he would prefer a majority proposal without a minority. He suggested putting Cynthia Fisher's opinion into the discussion.

**Andy Truscott** asked for a vote to include the divergent minority opinion.

- Aye - None
- There was one abstention from Steven Lane
- Nay
  - Valerie Grey
  - Anil Jain
  - John Kansky
  - Sasha TerMaat
  - Sheryl Turney
  - Denise Webb



**Andy Truscott** suggested an alternative which was to move the divergent opinion into the discussion. There was a majority vote to move this to the discussion with no abstentions or nays.

**Lauren Richie** opened the lines for public comment.

## Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## Comments in the Public Chat

**Sasha TerMaat:** My name was a bit garbled, you got Sasha TerMaat, right?

**Lauren Richie:** Yes

**Cynthia Fisher:** I am on, but am on mute for the first 15 in.

**Lauren Richie:** ok Cynthia

**Sheryl Turney:** Would you please enlarge the text

**Sheryl Turney:** I did not get the document either.

**Sheryl Turney:** thank you

**Mark Knee:** no problem. sorry about that!

**John Kansky:** I share Anil's concerns. Yes, we want price transparency. But I can't wrap my head around what implementation of this regulation looks like if the definition is broadened in this way.

**John Kansky:** ...broadened in this way

**Sasha TerMaat:** I agree with John and Anil--we would need to further consider consequences of broadening the definition on the other places the term is used throughout the rule.

## Next Steps and Adjourn

**Lauren Richie** adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. ET.