Intersection of Clinical and Administrative Data
Task Force Kickoff Meeting

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Today's Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions

- Overview of Task Force Charge and Timeline

- Review of Task Force Procedures

- Discussion of Task Force approach to work streams

- Next Steps

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Task Force Roster

Name	Organization
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Debra Strickland	Conduent/NCVHS
Jacki Monson	Sutter Health/NCVHS
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Introductions

Please state your name, title, and organization.

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Task Force Charge

Vision: Support the convergence of clinical and administrative data to improve data

interoperability to support clinical care, reduce burden and improve efficiency—

furthering implementation of "record once and reuse."

Overarching Charge: Produce information and considerations related to the merging of

clinical and administrative data, its transport structures, rules and protections, for

electronic prior authorizations to support work underway, or yet to be initiated, to
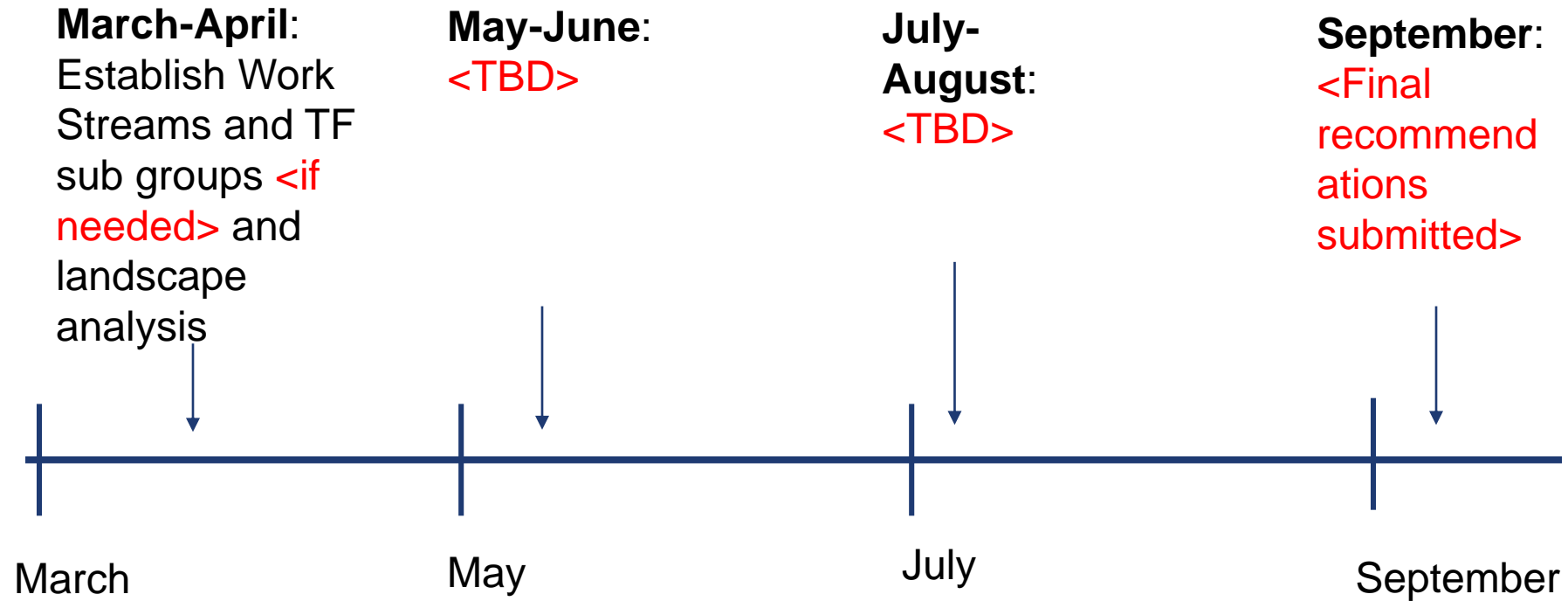
achieve the vision.

- Leverage existing information from HITAC and NCVHS prior authorization hearings, and other sources, to inform the Task Force's information acquisition and analysis efforts.

Task Force Charge cont'd

Specific Charges: Design and conduct research on emerging industry innovations to:

- validate and extend landscape analysis and opportunities

- invite industry to present both established and emerging end-to-end solutions for accomplishing medical and pharmacy prior authorizations that support effective care delivery reduce burden and promote efficiencies.

• Identify patient and process-focused solutions that remove roadblocks to efficient medical and pharmacy electronic prior authorization and promotes clinical and administrative data and standards convergence.

• Produce Task Force recommendations and related convergence roadmap considerations for submission to HITAC for their consideration and action. The Task Force will share deliverables with NCVHS to inform its convergence and PA activities.

• Make public a summary of its findings once task force activities are complete, no later than September 2020.

Estimated Task Force Timeline

March-April: Establish Work Streams and TF sub groups <if needed> and landscape analysis

May-June: <TBD>

July-August: <TBD>

September: <Final recommendations submitted>

March   May   July   September

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TF Structure and Processes

- The TF will meet weekly to deliberate on the scope and specific tasks.

- All TF meetings are open to the public and will include a public comment period.

- The process used for reaching agreement is decision-making through a majority consensus.
  - Deliberation among all TF members
  - Consider all expressed points of view
  - Resolve differences of opinion through discussion
  - Identify areas of agreement and disagreement

TF Structure and Processes, cont'd

- Task forces **do not** provide advice or recommendations directly to ONC

- Draft recommendations are submitted from the TF to the HITAC for final vote and approval

- Final recommendations are transmitted from the HITAC to the National Coordinator for consideration

- National Coordinator will consider recommendations to inform ONC policy and/or programs

- Recommendations will also advance to NCVHS Standards Subcommittee

- Final recommendations are posted on HealthIT.gov

TF Support

- Accel Solutions, LLC handles all logistical and scheduling needs

- Michael Wittie – Task Force Staff Lead

- Lauren Richie - Designated Federal Officer (DFO)

- Cassandra Hadley - HITAC Support

- Meeting materials, audio recordings and notes are posted on the ONC website

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Task Force Work Stream Discussion

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Current Landscape

- Previous ONC and NCVHS work has described numerous challenges for payers, providers, and patients when conducting prior authorization related activities and tasks.

- Examples of disparate requirements and opportunities for improvement and action include:
  - HIPAA-mandated use of the X12 278 Version 5010 rather than the NCPDP SCRIPT transaction standard for medication authorization requests

  - Limited adoption of, or support for the mandated HIPAA transaction standard X12 278 for medical services

  - Outdated and complex workflows

- ONC is compiling a list of key artifacts outlining the current landscape of standards and mechanisms for exchanging clinical and administrative data, with a focus on prior authorization, which will be shared with the TF to inform our work.

TF Work Approach

- Step 1: Examine the landscape in a holistic manner to identify:
  - Specific gaps and opportunities to fully enabling electronic flow of information needed at the point of care within the electronic health record workflow
  - Availability and use of appropriate, harmonized standards (transport and business rules) to support desired flow
  - Data protections risks, gaps and best practices
  - Barriers in existing regulations to achieve care delivery and system efficiencies
  - Considerations for converging clinical and administrative data frameworks

- Step 2 Options:
  - The results of Step 1 may suggest that different solution approaches will be needed across Medical Services, Pharmacy, Devices, and Specialty prior authorization processes
  - The TF could divide into subgroups to examine each of these
  - Apply lessons learned along the journey

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Questions?

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Next Task Force Meeting:

March 17th
3:00PM Eastern

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Meeting Adjourned