

Clinical Data Work Group
Highlights
June 1, 2010

Present: Ken Gerlach, Dave Campbell, Larry Derrick, Barry Gordon, Bruce Riddle, Leon Sun

NAACCR Staff: Lori Havener

May 4th and 18th minutes approved.

- I. **Simple XML proposal to the Board:** There was discussion about participants for this project. Virginia and California have agreed to participate. It would be good to get a small registry that uses Registry Plus.

The CDA specification reference in the 3rd bullet was changed to XML.

Leon suggested that the proposal should include purpose, challenges (work to be done and what needs to be done), previous work, current status and deliverables. Lori emailed Liora asking her to include the recommendations from the first phase of the project, the Board responses and a brief background in the draft proposal.

The outline is the Alschuler Team perspective of what needs to happen. Barry suggested that the calendar and resource requirement schedules be modified e.g., application development will take more than 3 months. Need to expand the application development to 6-9 months. Need to add how much time for Alschuler and how much time for pilot participants to complete this work. Need to further justify the timeline providing an explanation e.g., Requirement, design, specifications timeline is 8 months; need to specify what will be done in the 8 months.

The WG discussed the development of a NAACCR XML structure that would be used in the cancer community; however, if we wanted to transmit to a national organization such as a Health Information Exchange (HIE) or share cancer abstracts with electronic medical record systems that requires CDA we should be able to transform the NAACCR XML to CDA. The WG's major objective is to develop the NAACCR specific XML format for use within the cancer registry community. We need to include the CDA requirements if we hope to have a XML format that could be transformed to CDA. A comment was added in the outline purpose that the primary mission is to develop a NAACCR specific XML.

The exchange protocol to transmit data from the hospital to the state registry will be part of the pilot project. There was discussion on whether to use Web Plus in the Exchange Protocols section and whether ftp is even used anymore, i.e. meets basic security requirements. PHINMS may be a better model. It is important to retain the capability to submit batches.

Action: Ken will contact Joe Rogers and Sanjeev to see if Registry Plus could participate on this project. Lori will send the comments to Liora after this meeting. Liora will draft a proposal for the WG. Lori will work with Liora on a timeline to complete the proposal.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 6 at 3:30 pm ET.