



Pharmacy Health
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* Pharmacy HIT
Collaborative
Monthly Report

March 2019 2018

* March 2019 Overview

This month the Executive Director (ED) attended the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Stakeholder Action Group meeting in Phoenix, AZ. The ED attended American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. Congratulations to Dr. Lucinda Maine, Executive Vice President and CEO of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACPh, a PHIT founding member) for receiving the APhA 2019 Remington Award.

Please share with your membership these 2 PHIT Work Groups (WGs) guidance documents recently published on the PHIT website:

- * *Guidance for Use of Transitional Care and Chronic Care Management CPT Codes*
<http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/workshop-documents/WG1-Post-2019-01.pdf>.
- * *Health IT System Requirements for Pharmacists to Document Chronic Care Management Services*
<http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/workshop-documents/WG4-Post-2019-01.pdf>.

In addition, the ED participated in the following virtual gatherings:

- * The ED is an active participant in Standards Development Organizations (SDO) meetings including Health Level 7 (HL7) and NCPDP work groups and task groups.
- * The ED is participating in the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP) Allergy and Tolerance Expert Panel.
- * The ED is a member of New England (QIN-QIO) Medication Safety Advisory Group.
- * This month, the ED virtually attended the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) and provided public comments:
http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/collaborative-outreach/HITAC_Public_Comment_PHIT_Collaborative3-20-19.pdf.
- * The ED was appointed to the Partnership for Health IT Patient Safety Workgroup: Clinical Decision Support for Drug-Allergy Interactions (DAI) work group.
- * The ED is assisting on an National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) Innovation Center's project to ballot the next version of the HL7/NCPDP Pharmacist eCare Plan standard template.
- * The ED participated in ONC Post Acute Care (PAC) Interoperability Working Group meeting with contractor MITRE Corporation.
- * The ED participated in 2019 Stakeholder Advisory Panel A focused on diabetic patient's use of medications to prevent cardiovascular outcomes, insulin persistence, and specialty pharmacy turnaround time.

As part of the PHIT Value Set Committee. PHIT distributed a news release on March 7, 2019 for a 60 day comment period. The news release is posted on the PHIT website:
<http://www.pharmacyhit.org/index.php/news-releases/2019-archive/march-2019-press-release>.

PHIT released a quarterly newsletter posted on the PHIT website
<https://mailchi.mp/1f31f87e7ca8/phit-volume-14-march-29th-2019>.

Since our last update, our policy and advocacy efforts have submitted or are working the following comments:

- * On March 29, 2019, PHIT submitted a comment letter to Congressional Telehealth Caucus of United States Congress regarding the request for information on the revised Telehealth package.
* http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/collaborative-outreach/PHIT_FINALCongressional_RFI_Telehealth_3-29-19.pdf.
- * We are working on ONC and CMS proposed interoperability rules of almost 1000 pages. Comments for both are due on May 3, 2019.

National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) provided spreadsheets containing this month's health IT related state legislative and regulatory reports.

* March 2019 Key Accomplishments

The key accomplishments for March 2019 are as follows:

Outreach:

This period the ED attended and or presented at the following events:

- * NCPDP PDMP Stakeholder Action Group meeting in Phoenix, AZ. The goal of this meeting was to identify current issues and future solutions regarding PDMPs, in addition to exploring healthcare technologies and standards designed to better equip clinicians to care for their patients.
- * The ED attended APhA Annual meeting in Seattle, WA. and met with meetings with PHIT members, volunteers and other prospective PHIT members.

In addition to the face to face meetings, the Collaborative participated in other virtual gatherings as follows:

- * The ED is an active participant in SDO meetings including HL7 and the NCPDP work groups and task groups.
- * The ED participated in ONC Federal HITAC meeting and provided public comments during the electronic prior authorization meeting on behalf of PHIT. These comments are posted on the PHIT website: http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/collaborative-outreach/HITAC_Public_Comment_PHIT_Collaborative3-20-19.pdf.
- * The Pharmacist eCare Plan project is on the Office of National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) Interoperability Proving Ground (IPG) Project website and can be viewed at: <https://www.healthit.gov/techlab/ipg/node/4/submission/1376>.
- * The ED is participating in the USP Allergy and Tolerance Expert Panel.
- * The ED is a member of New England (QIN-QIO) Medication Safety Advisory Group.
- * The ED is working with the HL7 and NCPDP Pharmacist eCare Plan standards where vendors are in the process of implementing the Pharmacist eCare Plan. <http://www.hl7.org/Special/committees/medication/projects.cfm?action=edit&ProjectNumber=1232>.
- * The ED is assisting on an NCPA Innovation Center's project to ballot the next standard version of the HL7/NCPDP Pharmacist eCare Plan template. The HL7 May 2019 ballot is open.
- * The ED participated in ONC Post Acute Care (PAC) Interoperability Working Group meeting with contractor MITRE Corporation.
- * The ED participated in 2019 Stakeholder Advisory Panel A focused on diabetic patient's use of medications to prevent cardiovascular outcomes, insulin persistence, and specialty pharmacy turnaround time.

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Policy and Advocacy:

With the help of David Kosar (Collaborative's Policy Analyst) PHIT was active this month with the following:

- * On March 29, 2019 PHIT submitted a comment letter to Congressional Telehealth Caucus of United States Congress regarding the request for information on the revised Telehealth package. Pharmacists are users of health IT and telehealth. The Collaborative supports the use of health IT and telehealth, which are important to pharmacists for working with other health care providers to transmit patient information related to overall patient care, transitions of care, immunizations (historical and administered), immunization registry reporting, medication lists, medication allergies, allergy reactions, patient problem lists, smoking status, reporting to public health agencies, clinical decision support services/knowledge artifacts, drug formulary checking, and electronic prescribing. http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/collaborative-outreach/PHIT_FINALCongressional_RFI_Telehealth_3-29-19.pdf.
- * ONC and CMS proposed interoperability rules of almost 1000 pages. Comments for both are due on May 3, 2019. We are working on the draft comments explained in the following links:
 - * ONC Proposed Interoperability, Information Blocking Proposed Rule <https://www.healthit.gov/topic/laws-regulation-and-policy/notice-proposed-rulemaking-improve-interoperability-health>.
 - * CMS Interoperability and Patient Access for MAO Proposed Rule <https://www.cms.gov/Center/Special-Topic/Interoperability/CMS-9115-P.pdf>.
 - * CMS Interoperability Proposed Rule Fact Sheet <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/cms-advances-interoperability-patient-access-health-data-through-new-proposals>.

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Collaborative WGs and Committees Activity:

With Jesse Spiro's (Collaborative Administrative Manager) help; Collaborative Work Groups (WGs) and Committees met regularly to work on already approved projects and new projects are posted on the Collaborative's website for the Collaborative's voting members review and approval.

* The Collaborative Steering Committee's (SC's) met on Feb 20th and in March 2019, and these are the new PHIT WG chairs and vice chairs:

- * WG1: Chair - Anne Burns - Representing APhA & Vice Chair - Jenny Arnold - Representing NASPA
- * WG2: Chair - Patty Lind - Representing APhA & Vice Chair - Beth Brusig- Representing AMCP
- * WG3: Chair - David Pope- Representing NCPA & Vice Chair - David Pope- Representing NCPA
- * WG4: Chair - Marie Link - Representing ASHP & Vice Chair - David Butler - Representing APhA



* WG1's "Guidance for Use of Transitional Care and Chronic Care Management CPT® Codes" guidance document is posted on the PHIT website:

* <http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/workshop-documents/WG1-Post-2019-01.pdf>.

* WG2 is working Pharmacogenomics sub-WG to update the June 2015 Environmental Scan of Pharmacogenomics Coding: Current Practice and Barriers document
<http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/workshop-documents/WG2-Post-2015-01.pdf>.

* The WG2 completed the "Guidance on the Use of Standardized Codes for Capturing Discontinued Medication Reasons" document and the document is in copyediting. With the help of Jenna Ventresca (APhA representative and WG2 Staff Liaison, the FDA's Shannon Thor was added to WG2 to observe this and future efforts).

* WG3 is working on guidance document "Workflow for Documenting Pharmacists' Patient Care Process Using Standards."



* WG4 completed the guidance document "Health IT System Requirements for Pharmacists to Document Chronic Care Management Services" guidance document
<http://www.pharmacyhit.org/pdfs/workshop-documents/WG4-Post-2019-01.pdf>.

* WG4 is working on "Assessing Electronic Health Record (EHR) Adverse Drug Event (ADE) Documentation" guidance document.

* WG descriptions, members, and guidance documents are on the Collaborative's website <http://www.pharmacyhit.org/index.php/workgroups-and-committees/about-workgroups>.

* As part of the PHIT Value Set Committee and with the help of David Kosar and Simon Anderegg, PHIT distributed a news release on March 7, 2019 for a 60 day comment period.

* In the news release, PHIT presented a revised draft version of pharmacy value sets and is requesting comments from stakeholders. A copy of the news release is posted on the PHIT website:
<http://www.pharmacyhit.org/index.php/news-releases/2019-archive/march-2019-press-release>.

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Twitter Pictures:

CPESN @CPESN · Mar 3
 "Plans want to contract with a network; a network of clinical services, like CPESN" shared Pamela Schweitzer, former Assistant Surgeon General and 10th Chief Pharmacist Officer for U.S. Public Health, during her keynote session during #NCPAMLC2019 @pschwei54 @Commpharmacy #CPESN



APhA HQ @pharmacists · Mar 22
 Congratulations Lucinda Maine, PhD, FAPhA, for being the 2019 recipient of APhA's most prestigious award - the Remington Honor Medal. Maine is a leader, role model, mentor, and #pharmacy visionary. #APhA2019 #Pharmacists @AACPharmacy @LMaineAACP



Shelly Spiro @shellyspiro · Mar 24
 Stop by @RhoPiPhi booth #APhA2019 sign the book meet Bob Heyman a legendary #pharmacist. Rho Pi Phi will donate to @MarysPlaceWA



Shelly Spiro

Ron Fitzwater @RonFitzwater · Mar 12
 I am privileged to attend the NCPDP "Improving Safety for Patients" program in Scottsdale. It is an amazing group of pharmacy leaders focused on developing strong/effective PDMP programs to provide patient safety. @NCPDP @TheMPA @StatePharmacy



Shelly Spiro @shellyspiro · Mar 25
 So pleased to be attending #APhA2019 Digital Strategies for Documenting and Sharing Patient Information session w Olivia Bentley Rx Clinic Pharmacy & Suzanne Higginbotham @duquesne Duquesne University



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Social Media and Website:

- * This period, PHIT has 1700 twitter followers and 1255 LinkedIn connections.
- * PHIT newsletter section captures the emails from 194 individuals interested in receiving the newsletter and this month a quarterly newsletter was published.
- * The Collaborative distributes newsletters which are posted on the Collaborative website <http://www.pharmacyhit.org/index.php/news-releases/newsletter-archive>.
- * Guidance for Pharmacy Use of HL7 EHR Functional Profile
 - * NCPDP recently published Guidance for Pharmacy Use of HL7 EHR Functional Profile. This document provides guidance to pharmacy system vendors to incorporate Electronic Health Record functionality using the HL7 EHR-S Functional Profile: Meaningful Use, Release 1 - US Realm (MU EHR-S FP) and demonstrates the value for adoption by the pharmacy industry to facilitate interoperability. It is available on the NCPDP website on the Meaningful Use webpage under Resources.

Other Activity:

The Collaborative Council 2019 meeting dates are:

- * Tuesday May 7, 2019 9AM-Noon ET (breakfast 8:30AM and lunch Noon-1PM ET) at AMCP 675 North Washington Street, Suite 220, Alexandria, VA 22314
 - * The presenter will be Jim Bialick, Managing Director of Health Innovation Alliance.
- * Monday August 19, 2019 9AM-Noon ET (location same as above)
- * Wednesday November 20, 2019 9AM-Noon (location same as above)