National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS)
April 11 -12, 2024 Full Committee Meeting

Invited SMEs

CMS Update
Thursday, April 11, 9:40 – 10:05 a.m.

Michael Cimmino
Director, National Standards Group
CMS/Office of Burden Reduction and Health Informatics

Standards for SDOH Data Elements: Successful SDoH approaches and challenges to promote health equity – Panel 1
Thursday, April 11, 1:45 – 3:25 p.m.
Moderators: **Jamie Ferguson & Lenel James,** Members, NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards

Dr. Gniesha Dinwiddie, PhD
Health Scientist Administrator, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMD), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Dr. Dinwiddie is a Program Official in the Office of the Director at the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). She is an expert in cardiovascular disease epidemiology, social determinants of health, affective disorders, rural health, immigrant health, maternal morbidity and mortality, racial health disparities, health equity, data science, quantitative research methods and DEIA. In her current position at NIMHD, Dr. Dinwiddie develops funding opportunity announcements, creates strategic initiatives and programs, conducts portfolio analyses, represents NIMHD as a subject matter expert on numerous trans-NIH, NIH Roadmap and HHS-wide committees.

Dr. Dinwiddie has an extensive career path with experience working in both academia and the federal government. As faculty, she held appointments at the University of Maryland College Park as an Assistant Professor and Associate Faculty at the Hopkins Center for Health Disparities Solutions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In these capacities, Dr. Dinwiddie conducted research on the macro-social determinants implicated in affective disorders and cardiovascular disease risk for disparity populations and the bio-social pathways that inform differential risk. Upon leaving her faculty appointment in 2016, Dr. Dinwiddie joined the National Institutes of Health's Center for Scientific Review (CSR) to oversee the peer review process for biomedical grant applications evaluated in the Cancer, Heart and Sleep Epidemiology B Study Section. As a Scientific Review Officer, she played an integral role in improving the peer review process, was extensively involved in outreach efforts, and served as the CSR review liaison to various ICs. Dr. Dinwiddie left CSR in 2019 to join the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality where she oversaw the grant review process for grant applications submitted to the Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research Study Section, COVID-19 Special Emphasis Panels, conducted research on disparities in healthcare access, utilization, and quality of cardiac care.

Dr. Dinwiddie received her B.A. in Social Science from the University of California at Irvine, M.A. in African American Studies from the University of California at Los Angeles and PhD in Medical Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania. She completed post-doctoral training in the Office of Population Research at Princeton University where her research focused on identifying the environmental and social risk factors that condition stress exposure increasing vulnerability to affective disorders in health disparity populations.

Julia Skapik, MD, MPH, FAMIA
Chief Medical Information Officer, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

Julia Skapik is a board-certified Internist and Clinical Informaticist and the Chief Medical Information Officer for NACHC. At NACHC she heads the development of data sharing and techquity strategies, technology-enabled public health and quality improvement projects, a next-generation HIT data infrastructure and warehouse, a unified data dictionary for community health, and a curriculum for informatics and human-centered design. Dr. Skapik is an ongoing leader in HIT standards development through her work as the Board Chair of HealthLevel7 (HL7) International and as a Director in HL7 Europe. She came to NACHC after serving as the Chief Health Information Officer for Cognitive Medical Systems, where she supported federal and private healthcare efforts in military health, care coordination, and clinical quality improvement. During her time as a Senior Medical Informatics Officer at ONC, Dr. Skapik worked to foster broad HIT stakeholder coordination and engagement, standards development, terminology, ONC certification, and electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) and clinical decision support development. She is currently a practicing community health primary care physician with Neighborhood Health of Virginia and PRN hospitalist with Inova Health System.

Meagan Khau, MHA
Director, Data Analytics & Research Group (DARG), Office of Minority Health (OMH),
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Meagan Khau is the Director of the Data Analytics & Research Group (DARG) at the at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Office of Minority Health (CMS OMH). DARG conducts research and analyses to identify areas disparities to improve quality of care and access to care for the underserved populations and implements initiatives to improve data collection and reporting of race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, primary language, disability, and other characteristics associated with health disparities. Meagan received her Master of Health Administration from the University of Southern California and B.A. in Sociology from the University of California, Irvine.

Prerana Laddha, MS
Director of Social Care and Behavioral Health

Prerana Laddha serves as the Director of Social Care and Behavioral Health at Epic Systems. In this role, she leads global product development in the areas of continuing care and population health. With over a decade of experience in healthcare and a master's degree in computer science, Prerana is driven by a commitment to leveraging technology and research to foster the well-being of individuals and communities across the globe.

Prerana was instrumental in leading Epic's development projects to advance the integration of social drivers of health into Electronic Medical Records, connect patients with community resources and close loop on community referrals. Prerana's influence extends beyond national boundaries; she has

collaborated with Finland, Norway, Northern Ireland, and Australia to deeply understand and address social needs on a global scale. Notably, she led the development project to implement the world's first integrated health and social record in Finland. She has represented Epic at the White House and is part of the White House Challenge to end hunger and build healthy communities across the nation. Additionally, as a member of the Alignment of Progress, she advises on national strategies for mental health and substance abuse disorders, aiming to inform policymakers and advocate for standardized, measurement-based care.

Prerana's global experience has equipped her with valuable insights, which she leverages to guide Epic's client community towards best practices in governance, implementation, interoperability, and outcome measurement within social and behavioral health workflows. Her blend of computer science expertise and a passionate commitment to social and behavioral health challenges empowers her to champion innovative technology solutions that address complex social and mental health issues.

Rachel Harrington, PhD
Senior Research Scientist, Health Equity, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)

Rachel Harrington, PhD, is the Senior Research Scientist for Health Equity at the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), where she leads NCQA's efforts to generate and implement evidence to advance equitable, high quality, health care for all. This includes methods to improve equity data, promote transparency, incentivize reduction of inequities and develop equitable systems of care. In this role, she directs the Equity in HEDIS program and serves as the scientific lead on multiple federal and foundation-funded projects, through which she has developed an expertise in equity research and related data, standards, conceptual models and measurement concepts. Dr. Harrington leads the CMS Office of Minority Health's Health Equity Accelerator contract that includes research to reduce disparities, improve care access and quality, support equity policy and evolve health equity methods and measures. A nationally recognized expert in equity and health care quality, Dr. Harrington has served as an advisor for initiatives at the National Quality Forum, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the National Academy of Medicine. She has also worked extensively in the areas of risk-adjusted utilization, medication safety, economic modeling and patient engagement in research.

Somava Saha, MD, MS
Executive Lead, Wellbeing in the Nation (WIN) Network

Somava Saha, MD MS is Executive Lead of the Wellbeing In the Nation (WIN) Network and President and CEO of Well-being and Equity (WE) in the World, a collaboration of change agents working globally. For the last five years, she has served as Founder and Executive Lead of the 100 Million Healthier Lives initiative, a global network reaching more than 500 million people to address boundary-spanning approaches to creating health, well-being and equity, and continues to serve as a major implementation lead in that network. Deeply committed to improving the health and wellbeing of underserved people and communities, she was previously Vice President, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, a primary care doctor for over 15 years, in global health for over 20 years, Vice President for Patient Centered Medical Home Development at Cambridge Health Alliance, and leader of a nationally awarded whole system transformation in the Triple Aim of better health, better experience and lower cost. In 2012, she was awarded the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Young Leader Award for her contributions to improving the health of the nation. With her daughter, Shohini, she also founded Raising Peacemakers, a grassroots, parent-child program that helps children (and their families!) develop the attitudes and skills to make a meaningful difference in the world.

Vanessa Candelora
Senior Consultant, Gravity Project Program Manager
Da Vinci Patient Cost Transparency Co-Lead

Vanessa Candelora is a senior consultant at Point-of-Care Partners (POCP) with over 20 years of experience in professional services, most of which are in healthcare technology, and has a passion for improving health care through data, technology and business practices. She currently serves as the Program Manager for the Gravity Project, a collaborative initiative and Health Level Seven® International (HL7®) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) Accelerator, focused on the development of consensus-driven data standards to address the social determinants of health (SDOH). She served on the HL7® Da Vinci Project, working to enable value-based care and solve interoperability challenges, as part of the Program Management Office (PMO) on 11 use cases, and continues her Da Vinci work as co-lead for the Patient Cost Transparency use case. Prior to joining POCP, she worked for two different healthcare technology companies that leverage agile product development methodologies: MedeAnalytics, where she led a team to drive increased value of health care data analytics products supporting Health Payers, Integrated Delivery Networks, and Providers, and NaviNet (now NantHealth), where she supported teams implementing standard data exchange projects for Payer – Provider interoperability across several workflows.

Value Based Care Models vs Fee-For-Service: Implications for HIPAA Standards – Panel 2

Thursday, April 11, 3:50 – 5:00 p.m.
Moderator: Deb Strickland, MS, Member, NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards

Farzad Mostashari, MD, ScM
Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Aledade

Farzad Mostashari, MD ScM is the CEO of Aledade - the largest network of independent primary care practices in the country. Since founding Aledade in 2014, he has helped the company grow to serve more than 1,500 practices in 45 states, be accountable for the care of more than two million patients, and prevent more than $1 billion in unnecessary health care costs. Dr. Mostashari currently serves on the Founder's Council of United States of Care, is a Visiting Fellow at the Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy at Duke University, serves as co-chair of the Health Evolution Summit and is on the board of directors for Resolve to Save Lives - a global health organization that aims to save millions of lives from cardiovascular disease and infectious disease epidemics. Dr. Mostashari is the former National Coordinator for Health IT at the Department of Health and Human Services, and served as a distinguished expert at the Brookings Institute's Engelberg Center for HealthCare Reform. Prior to his work at the Office of the National Coordinator, he founded the NYC Primary Care Information Project. Dr. Mostashari received his MD from Yale University School of Medicine and his Masters in Population Health from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Todd Couts, MS
Deputy Director, Business Services Group, CMMI, CMS

Todd Couts is the Deputy Director of the Business Services Group (BSG) in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) at the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

He leads technology, data, budget, and acquisition initiatives for innovative models such as Accountable Care Organization and bundled payment models. Prior to CMMI, Todd played key roles in other CMS programs such the ICD-10 implementation, CMS' EHR meaningful use implementation, and the Marketplace implementation.

Prior to CMS, Todd was a consultant delivering IT and operational services to commercial healthcare payors, banks, and CMS. Todd earned a M.S. from the University of Virginia in the Management of IT and a B.S. in Finance and Management Information Systems, also from UVa.

Erin Weber, MS
Chief Policy & Research Officer, CAQH

Erin is a 14-year veteran of CAQH, leading the Committee on Operating Rules for Information Exchange (CORE), an industry-wide collaboration dedicated to making healthcare more automated and efficient. She also oversees the research division of CAQH, Insights, which publishes the annual Index report, and Public Affairs.

Prior to joining CAQH, Erin served as a consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) where she managed engagements for government clients and led revenue cycle research at the Advisory Board Company. Erin is a strategic, results-oriented healthcare leader passionate about creating collaboration among diverse stakeholders and driving change through policy and innovation.

Erin holds a Master of Science in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University.

Aneesh Chopra, MPP
Co-Founder & President, CareJourney, Author, Innovative State

Aneesh Chopra is the President of CareJourney, an open data membership service building a trusted, transparent rating system for physicians, networks, facilities and markets on the move to value. He served as the first U.S. Chief Technology Officer under President Obama ('09-'12) and in 2014, authored, "Innovative State: How New Technologies can Transform Government." He serves on the Board of the Health Care Cost Institute, the New Jersey Innovation Institute, and earned his MPP from Harvard Kennedy School and BA from The Johns Hopkins University.

CareJourney uses population claims data to address use cases in network design and management, care model management, patient risk segmentation, spend and utilization trends, network integrity, low-value care, and provider, practice and facility (acute and post-acute) performance.

Office for Civil Rights Update
Thursday, April 11, 9:40 – 10:05 a.m.

Timothy Noonan, JD
Deputy Director for Health Information Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity
Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

TEFCA Update – Panel 3

Friday, April 12, 20, 8:10 – 9:50 a.m.
Moderator: Michael Hodgkins, MD, Member, NCVHS Subcommittee on Standards

Chantal Worzala, PhD
Principal at Alazro Consulting, LLC

Chantal Worzala is Principal at Alazro Consulting and leads stakeholder outreach for The Sequoia Project's activities as the ONC Recognized Coordinating entity for TEFCA. An experienced policy expert, she helps provider organizations, associations, technology companies and patient advocates navigate health policy as they transform health and healthcare using digital health tools. She previously served as vice president at the American Hospital Association, where she was recognized as a leading voice for the provider community on meaningful use, interoperability, telehealth and other digital health policy issues. Chantal also worked at the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission. She holds a Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and an MPA from the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

JaWanna Henry, MPH, MCHES
Interoperability Systems Branch Chief, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)

JaWanna Henry serves as the Interoperability Systems Branch Chief in the Office of Policy at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Her branch is responsible for advancing ONC's policy goals through targeted implementation activities, specifically the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA), social determinants of health (SDOH) and Health Equity. JaWanna has served as the lead for the SDOH, prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMP), and women's health IT data integration and implementation activities while at ONC. Prior to joining ONC, JaWanna supported research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health that focused on environmental and multi-level systems effects, respectively, for population and community health. JaWanna earned her Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in population and community health from the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Mariann Yeager, MBA
CEO, The Sequoia Project (the TEFCA Recognized Coordinating Entity)

Mariann Yeager (CEO) has more than 20 years of experience in the health information technology field. She currently serves as CEO for The Sequoia Project, a non-profit solely focused on advancing secure, interoperable nationwide health data sharing in the US. She leads the Recognized Coordinating Entity (RCE) effort, in close collaboration with the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT to develop, implement, and maintain the Common Agreement component of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) and to operationalize the Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) designation and monitoring process. The Sequoia Project serves as a steward of independently governed health IT interoperability initiatives, including the RSNA Image Share Validation Program and the Interoperability Matters program, which engages experts from across the healthcare and health IT communities to collaborate to solve discrete challenges to nationwide health information sharing through various workgroups. Ongoing Interoperability Matters workgroups include Information Sharing

workgroup, Data Usability workgroup, and the Public Health workgroup. Under her leadership, The Sequoia Project supported, the startup, growth and maturation of two highly successfully interoperability initiatives, the eHealth Exchange and Carequality, which now operate as independent non-profit organizations. Prior to her tenure at The Sequoia Project, she worked with the HHS Office of National Coordinator (ONC) for five years on nationwide health information network initiatives. She also led the launch and operation of the first ambulatory and inpatient EHR certification program in the US.

Steve Gravely, JD, MHA
Founder, Gravely Group
Principal author of the Data Use and Reciprocal Support Agreement (DURSA)

In 2018, after more than 30 years in Big Law, Steve Gravely founded Gravely Group to provide smarter, more efficient, and more affordable legal services to clients in the healthcare industry. Gravely Group's legal and strategic services are driven by the group's unique combination of extensive legal knowledge, healthcare industry experience, and public health policy expertise.
Steve has spent his entire legal career providing legal counsel to healthcare organizations of every type and size. For the past ten years, he has focused his practice on the life blood of healthcare, electronic health information, advising clients on the myriad legal and policy issues related to interoperability of health information technology, health information exchange, health data sharing networks and cybersecurity. Steve is the principal author of the Data Use and Reciprocal Support Agreement (DURSA), a first-of-its-kind legal framework to support nationwide health information interoperability via the eHealth Exchange. He worked with the Carequality Framework to develop its foundational legal agreements and supported the work of The Sequoia Project and ONC to draft the TEFCA Common Agreement v. 1.0. He continues to work on TEFCA implementation for several clients. Steve is nationally recognized as a provider of strategic counsel to cutting-edge initiatives in the health information and technology space.
Steve's unique perspective on healthcare originates from his experience as a firefighter and EMS provider during college. Today, Steve serves as a volunteer member of the National Ski Patrol, responding to emergencies at ski resorts. First responders must be calm, skilled, and able to use whatever resources are available to overcome immediate challenges- and it's this "first responder" mentality that Steve brings to his work representing healthcare organizations on complex legal and strategy issues.
Steve graduated from The College of William & Mary with a B.A. in Economics before obtaining his Master's in Hospital Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University and his JD from University of Richmond School of Law. He also served as a law clerk to the Supreme Court of Virginia prior to entering private practice.

[Exploration of Privacy and Security in Artificial Intelligence in Technology and Healthcare – Panel 4](#)

Friday, April 12, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Moderator: **Val Watzlaf, PhD,** Chair, NCVHS Subcommittee on Privacy, Confidentiality & Security

Garrett Adams
Lead, EpicCare Ambulatory Research and Development
Epic Systems

Garrett Adams leads the EpicCare Ambulatory Research and Development division at Epic Systems and is deeply involved in defining how AI can be responsibly applied to healthcare in a way that advances patient care, enables efficiency and unlocks new opportunities. He is the spokesperson for Epic's new DAX Express service, an AI-powered clinical documentation solution that creates draft clinical notes automatically from patient encounters for clinician review. A partnership with Microsoft's Nuance Communications, DAX aims to improve healthcare by reducing administrative workloads that lead to burnout and expanding access to care by allowing physicians to focus on patients instead of paperwork.

Jennifer Goldsack, MChem, MA, MBA, OLY
Chief Executive Officer, Digital Medicine Society (DiMe)
Member, Board of Directors, Coalition for Health AI (CHAI)

Jennifer C. Goldsack founded and serves as the CEO of the Digital Medicine Society (DiMe), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to advancing digital medicine to optimize human health. Jennifer's research focuses on applied approaches to the safe, effective, and equitable use of digital technologies to improve health, healthcare, and health research. She sits on the Coalition for Health AI (CHAI) board, is a member of the Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health at the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine and serves on the World Economic Forum Digital Health Action Collaborative.

Previously, Jennifer spent several years at the Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative (CTTI), a public-private partnership co-founded by Duke University and the FDA. There, she led the development and implementation of several projects within CTTI's Digital Program and was the operational co-lead on the first randomized clinical trial using FDA's Sentinel System. Jennifer spent five years working in research at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, first in Outcomes Research in the Department of Surgery and later in the Department of Medicine. More recently, she helped launch the Value Institute, a pragmatic research and innovation center embedded in a large academic medical center in Delaware.

Jennifer earned her master's degree in chemistry from the University of Oxford, England, her masters in the history and sociology of medicine from the University of Pennsylvania, and her MBA from the George Washington University. Jennifer is a retired athlete, formerly a Pan American Games Champion, Olympian, and World Championship silver medalist.

Jonathan Jungck
Enterprise Technical Lead and HIPAA Security Officer
Palantir Technologies

Jonathan Jungck is the HIPAA Security Officer and commercial technical lead for Palantir's work with US health systems, which include Cleveland Clinic, HCA, Tampa General, Mount Sinai, MD Anderson, and

more. Four years ago, Jonathan was leveraging Palantir Foundry for clinical research in oncology supporting COVID studies. Shortly thereafter, he and a couple of engineers started a project improving capacity management and day-of staffing at Cleveland Clinic and formed the Hospital Operations business unit within Palantir. Today, the team has deployed workflows improving operational, research, and financial problems across a wide variety of health systems, ranging from large urban hospitals to disparate rural health systems. Their reach today is nearly 20% of all hospital beds in the US.

Jonathan spends much of his time architecting AI-driven workflows leveraging Large Language Models, with a focus on AI ethics, human in the loop, and reliable safe use of AI. Prior to co-founding the Hospitals team at Palantir, Jonathan worked on Palantir's Ferrari Formula 1 project, a philanthropy for the unhoused in Santa Clara County. Prior to working at Palantir, Jonathan spent a few years dedicated to process improvement in oncology and insurance. Jonathan is also a father, a board game designer, and a tap dancer.

Von Nguyen, MPH, MD
Clinical Lead, Population Health
Google

Von Nguyen, MD, MPH, is the Clinical Lead for Population Health at Google where he supports enterprise-wide efforts to build digital health products. He guides the development of solutions for global health, health-focused climate adaptation, and health care delivery systems. Before joining Google, Von led value-based care transformation as the Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President at BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina, a large private sector health insurance company. Von also spent 7 years working in the U.S. public sector where he worked at CMS and CDC, directing efforts to address health care access, social determinants of health, and public health policy. He is a primary care physician and epidemiologist.

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