

**HL7 FHIR Foundation Board Call**  
**Wednesday, June 21, 2017**  
**5:00 PM ET**  
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Expected Participants: Stan Huff, MD; Russ Leftwich, MD; Chuck Jaffe, MD, PhD; Grahame Grieve; Viet Nguyen; Todd Cooper; Dave Shaver; Ewout Kramer; Micky Tripathi; Karen Van Hentenryck (scribe); Grant Wood (invited guest)

Regrets: Wayne Kubick, Ed Hammond, Pat Van Dyke

**Agenda**

1. **Roll call/agenda review** – Huff called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm ET. Grieve requested the addition of a discussion around the FHIR Mapping Language Enhancement project (he forwarded this via email) to the agenda. No other changes were suggested.
2. **Approval of the minutes from the May 7 meeting** – Huff  
**MOTION** to accept the minutes carried unanimously.
3. **Proposal to bring DIGITizE under the HL7 FHIR Foundation** – Grant Wood reported that in 2013 the National Academies convened a meeting around translating genomics data for health. He was invited to speak to that group about the importance of getting family health history and genetic testing information into EHRs to do decision support. The National Academies formed an initiative around this issue and brought together representatives from the healthcare system, the lab that is ordering the generic test, and the EHR vendors. In those early meetings they discussed creating a pilot around this scenario and Wood was asked to serve as a co-chair. For the pilot they put together an implementation guide based on the V2 genetic variation spec. It was simplified by using just LOINC codes for a couple of drugs. That group is now looking to continue its work using FHIR. The National Academies likes to incubate these collaboratives by getting them up and running, and defining a pilot, etc. Once the pilot gets going, they try to find them a new home in the real world. They have been searching for the right organization for DIGITize. Grant spoke to Jaffe at HIMSS at which time it suggested that DIGITize might come under the FHIR Foundation umbrella. The idea is that we would continue with the same leadership and use cases/pilot, but move it under the Foundation. The National Academies is preparing an agreement for this move for our review. For phase II of the pilot, FHIR would be used to transmit genotypic data to an EHR where it would be stored and used for CDS. The ask is for staff support for organizing meetings, call-ins, sending out email communications, etc. There hasn't been any other cost beyond that and they don't expect any. There was discussion around whether the HL7 Foundation would expect those participating in the DIGITize to become members of the HL7 Foundation, which seems reasonable. Wood will draft for Board member review a formal description of what DIGITize's mission/charter and plans. The Board will delay formal approval until it has the document. Grieve requested that Wood's document include an explanation of what DIGITize wants from the FHIR Foundation. Grieve asked about the current model of membership in DIGITize and how that might be

affected. Wood responded that DIGITizE is a voluntary activity and they are focused on development of genetic FHIR resources. **ACTION ITEM:** Wood will supply more details particularly on what is expected for administrative support. Jaffe noted that he has been encouraging this since HIMSS. A key deliverable is a draft agreement that has been created based on a call earlier this week. The agreement will be approved by the leadership of DIGITizE and then forwarded to the FHIR Foundation Board for approval. It will be incumbent on us to determine whether the agreement is suitable or needs modifications, particularly around membership within the FHIR Foundation.

4. **FHIR.org website** – Grieve reported that David Johnson will assist with the FHIR.org website. Over the last few weeks the two of them have discussed how to progress the needed work. To date, they haven't done anything substantive, but it is work in progress. No decisions needed from the Board today.
5. **FHIR membership status** - Grieve reported that the status is the same as the FHIR.org situation. He and David Johnson have talked about the needed work but it has not progressed yet. Cooper asked if there is a target date to get the membership up and working. Grieve would like to have it available by the September WGM. Van Hentenryck reported that Johnson has indicated that we should be ready to offer membership online in about a month.
6. **MOTION** by Grieve: To add Russ Leftwich as a signatory on the HL7 FHIR Foundation checking account (bank requires a formal motion from the Foundation board ); seconded by Jaffe. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Devices on FHIR program and PCHA liaison agreement** – Cooper reported that there is strong support for a program within the FHIR Foundation. One of the key items here is the PCHA liaison. There are concerns around IP and publication. Cooper distributed a Word document before the call that covers the key points and areas requiring discussion. Questions: 1) is establishing a liaison appropriate for the intended alliance; 2) are there any concerns with the draft liaison agreement; 3) are there any additional points from the Foundation Board that should be added to the agreement? Since Board members have not had a chance to review the document, discussion will be postponed until next month.
8. **Update on Registry** – Shaver reported that there has been no progress and nothing material to report. Business model questions were raised at the WGM and we need circle back around and delineate those issues. How do we contract to have a registry on FHIR.org website vs. the commercial registry that Furore offers? Huff asked for their plan for resolving this. The individuals on the Foundation side need to recap and provide the issues to Furore and determine whether Furore is going to allow us to move forward. Shaver is talking with Rein Wertheim (Furore) next week. Are there any external forcing factors that are driving when this needs to be resolved? Shaver doesn't think there are any other than wanting the registry sooner rather than later. Cooper also noted that a membership benefit is access to the registry so we need a clear plan of when this will be available.
9. **FHIR Mapping Language Enhancement Project** -Grahame forwarded the project scope statement to the FHIR Board list. This is an HL7 project but it is not a standards project. It is an implementation project. They discussed in committee and it is unclear

who would own the project and who would need to approve it. He suggested that we adopt it as a FHIR Foundation project. What he would like from this Board meeting is approval for the Foundation to host projects. Grieve will work with a small group of Board members on a proposal for what it means to have a FHIR Foundation project, what obligations the Foundation would have, what obligations the project would have, etc. The specific project was about building an implementation community around a mapping language. This seems like the sort of the thing the Foundation should be working on. Jaffe asked how the Foundation will identify and vet projects. We need a process that applies to all Foundation projects and this one would be an exemplar project. Nguyen asked if the project goal is to implement the mapping language or create the language. Grieve responded that we have a mapping language. The project deliverables include building an implementation community, a library, experience, etc. Tripathi feels we should get additional scope on this and then we can think through the details. **ACTION ITEM:** Grieve will draft the Foundation project processes that Jaffe described. Cooper volunteered to work with Grieve.

#### **10. Updates – Huff**

- Registration of SMART on FHIR and CDS Hooks with trademark office – (placeholder as Kubick will miss the call) – Grieve reported that we are still collecting data on this.
- OHI/Olympics Update – Cooper has been advancing the discussion in Tokyo, Korea, and Beijing, which are the locations of next 3 Olympics. The area we are focusing on is providing content and funding that might be leveraged for similar events. The Southern California HIMSS chapter is working on this and there is lots of excitement about leveraging this across Southern California. In conjunction with that, Cooper has been queuing up FHIR events in Korea, Tokyo and China as well and has received positive response. Cooper asked about the status of the Argonaut project coming under FHIR foundation and whether that has happened or is in progress.
- Registration of the Foundation as a supplier to the US government – Van Hentenryck reported that she is working through the paperwork to get the Foundation registered as a supplier. We've gotten a DUNS number and she is now working on registering the Foundation in the System Award Management (SAM) website. To complete this we need to identify an Accounts Received point of contact, which will be Renee Previch, from HQ. The Government Business point of contact will be registered as Wayne Kubick. Once the SAM submission is complete, there is a two-week waiting period before we can create a Grants.gov username and password. Van Hentenryck estimates that we should be registered within the month.

#### **11. Housekeeping (1 minute) - Huff**

- Next meeting – About a month from now.
- Agenda items for next call
  - PCHA liaison agreement
  - Status of membership
  - Status of FHIR.org

Meeting adjourned at 6 pm ET.