

**HL7 FHIR Foundation Board Call**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2017**  
**4:00 PM ET**  
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Participants: Stan Huff, MD; Pat Van Dyke; Ed Hammond; Russ Leftwich, MD; Chuck Jaffe, MD, PhD; Wayne Kubick; Grahame Grieve; Viet Nguyen; Micky Tripathi; Todd Cooper; Dave Shaver; Karen Van Hentenryck (scribe); Grant Wood (invited guest)

Regrets: Ewout Kramer, Pat Van Dyke, Paul Biondich

**Agenda**

1. **Roll call/agenda review** – Huff called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.
2. **Approval of the minutes from the June 21 meeting** – **MOTION** by Cooper to approve the minutes; seconded by Nguyen. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Follow-up/vote on bringing DIGITizE under the HL7 FHIR Foundation** – Huff is supportive of bringing DIGITizE under the HL7 FHIR Foundation. He wonders if we should have any requirements in this arrangement for DIGITizE to have membership within the Foundation. For example, we could require each person in DIGITizE to be a member or one person from each organization that participates in DIGITizE. DIGITizE is not an organization with membership; it is a technology. There are 8-10 groups that are very active in DIGITizE. Grant Wood thinks of it as a lot of people contributing to the conversation (the action collaborative). There were 25 or so groups on conference calls leading to a pilot project. Within the pilot there are about 8 health systems, 2 EHR vendors and 2-3 lab service providers. Nguyen suggests that those organizations that are planning to implement as part of the pilot become members. Grieve asked what administrative services they would like. The list was distributed with the materials for today's call. Administrative services would be provided by HL7/AMG. This would be the first of many initiatives that are implementing FHIR that come under the HL7 FHIR Foundation. Huff suggests that we enter into this agreement, track the expenses and adjust from there.

**MOTION** by Nguyen: That we accept DIGITizE as a FHIR Foundation activity and ask that one individual from each of the organizations implementing the pilot to become members of the HL7 FHIR Foundation; occasionally, we will review fees vs. expenses and adjust as needed; seconded by Hammond. **ACTION ITEM:** The HL7 FHIR Foundation will need to develop an agreement with AMG or HL7 to provide these services. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **FHIR website/membership status**
  - Status of individual membership – Grieve has been working with David Johnson to connect the FHIR website to the HL7 member database. Need to do administrative work around creating the member services on the website. Grieve will work with David Johnson between now and the next meeting to complete this work. The technically difficult work is complete. Grieve needs to go through the

minutes, make a list of benefits members would get and ensure they are ready for membership launch. Ideally this will be ready in San Diego.

- Proposal for org membership – Nguyen and Kubick met and discussed how to define value to members and to leverage FHIR further. They discussed the possibility of a tiered membership such a corporate 10-user membership, a 50-member membership and unlimited membership. They also discussed the possibility of a discounted membership so that after the first year, 1<sup>st</sup> year members would be eligible to renew at discounted price. It is difficult to demonstrate value to large corporations. We could offer product certification, expert credentialing (early fast track to getting their engineers certified), opportunities for match-making, etc. We need to be very clear about what we are offering so we can bring large organizations to the table. We also need to define the timeline for rolling out the benefits. They plan to bring Dave Shaver into the next conversation about organization membership to help them sort through some of these issues. Cooper asked if they discussed dues amounts. They have not discussed that but will on their next call. Leftwich asked if each member would get a vote. They haven't discussed this but Kubick assumes that they would. Leftwich doesn't like the unlimited membership as he feel it is ill-defined and risky. They've also discussed discounting – the higher the number of members, the higher the discount. **ACTION ITEM**: Kubick and Nguyen will bring a proposal back to the group in September.

5. **Review PCHA liaison agreement** – Cooper reported this group absorbed Continua but the org is now part of HIMSS and known as PCHA. The proposed agreement was focused on a typical MOU type of relationship for collaboration/coordination. They want to ensure that there is a good way for people who aren't PCHA members to collaborate on FHIR-related activities. Cooper asked the Foundation Board members what they want from our side. Are there policies and other issues that need to be considered? The agreement that was distributed earlier was a stock PCHA agreement. The issue for today is whether we think this is an appropriate group to move forward with and if so what needs to be included in the agreement. Huff feels this would be a good group to have a relationship with because PCHA has an interest in implementing FHIR. Cooper responded that countries such as Finland and Norway are waiting for the FHIR IG to the Continua specification. Kubick referenced section 2 c (marketing) of the document and proposed limiting training to joint products. On 3a, is there is a cost to be a member of Continua. Are we proposing they can be a member without a membership? We should not give every Continua member a membership. We could designate a liaison for each organization that gets access. Grieve thinks we need to sort through which parts of the agreement relate to HL7 as opposed to the HL7 FHIR Foundation. It should be clear that we would welcome an agreement, but neither Continua, HIMSS or PCHA are members of HL7. Nguyen asked what PCHA's interested is in joining the Foundation. Cooper responses that they want to use FHIR to create implementation guides. Cooper is meeting with their Board on Monday of next week. He has been asked to define the line between the Foundation and HL7. Kubick feels we need to synch this agreement with HL7 before approving the agreement document. **Huff summarized**: We are interested in a relationship and we've raised a couple of issues that Cooper can take back for discussion with PCHA. We need good delineation of what they would do with HL7 vs. the HL7 FHIR Foundation and the other issues that Kubick raised.

- 6. Agenda for joint meeting with the HL7 Board (Sept 7 at WGM in San Diego) –** Kubick reported that the HL7 board doesn't have a great idea of what the HL7 FHIR Foundation does and we need to define the line between the Foundation and HL7, which is currently not clear. We need to delineate what each organization does and where we are going. The current plan is meet Q4 on Tuesday at the WGM (with the HL7 Board). This time does not work well for Grieve and others. **ACTION ITEMS:**
- Van Hentenryck will investigate possibility of moving the joint meeting to Tuesday Q5.
  - Kubick will develop the agenda. Jaffe feels we need to make a decision at the Foundation level what we need to be. Kubick doesn't have a clear idea of where the Foundation is going (e.g., will we have staff). We have a mission but not necessarily a vision.
  - Grieve and Kubick will work together to develop the vision of where we want to be.
  - Van Hentenryck will set up another Foundation call before the Sept WGM to review the proposed agenda for the joint meeting and other issues.

**7. Updates (5 minutes)**

- Registry – Kubick reported they awarded a contract to Furore. They hope to have a prototype by the Sept WGM.
- Registration of SMART on FHIR and CDS Hooks with trademark office – Kubick is meeting with them in September and should have more information after that.
- Olympics on FHIR – Given the time, this items was not discussed.
- Registration of the Foundation as a supplier to the US government – Completed

**8. Housekeeping**

- Next meeting
- Agenda items for next call

**Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm ET**