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Weekly Round-Up

Thanks to all who joined us for our Data Exchange Framework (DxF) discussion at America's Physicians Group 2023 Spring Meeting last week! What a great opportunity for C4BH's Timi Leslie to share the stage with experts from Manifest MedEx, 211 San Diego, Elevance Health, and California Health and Human Services (CalHHS) Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII) for a discussion about DxF implementation and available funding to support these efforts.

And make sure to join us for C4BH's 6/8 meeting! We'll focus on CalAIM opportunities to fund data sharing efforts, provide an update on the DxF, and revisit federal regulatory comments.

If you're not registered for C4BH's twice-monthly meetings, send an email to info@connectingforbetterhealth.com.

Read: C4BH Shares Letters Related to Data Sharing & DxF Funding Resources

C4BH has submitted several comment and position letters, available [here](#). In addition, we published a [DxF funding resources](#) fact sheet.

Read: HHS Plans to Select Next TEFCA Coordinating Entity

Ben Leonard, Erin Shumaker, and Carmen Paun reported for *Politico* that the the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) plans to select the next coordinating entity for the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) interoperability work. The Sequoia Project currently manages the TEFCA engagement and will put their hat back in the ring.



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Learn: DSA Signatory Grant Applications Open

CDII is accepting round 1 applications from health care providers and other entities for DSA Signatory Grant funding. The deadline to apply for round 1 funding is June 15.

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Read: More Than 50% of Hospitals Plan to Join TEFCA

Naomi Diaz reported for *Becker's Health IT* that 51% of hospitals and health systems plan to join a health information exchange network, according to a survey by the American Hospital Association. While nearly 30% of independent hospitals plan to participate in TEFCA, 61% of multisystem hospitals plan to participate.



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Learn: Researchers Propose Best Practices for Collecting Race, Ethnicity Data

In a *Health Affairs* commentary written by Nancy Wittmer, Maria Casaverde Marin, Cory Hussain, and other experts from Colorado School of Public Health, Denver Health, and University of Colorado School of Medicine shared best practices for collecting race and ethnicity data. Among their findings: Including granular ethnic background questions, such as the opportunity for self-reported ethnic identity, leads to substantial improvements.

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Read: HIE Use Supports Better Clinical Outcomes for Older Adults

Hannah Nelson reported *EHR Intelligence* that older adults were more likely to be discharged with home health when a shared HIE was involved. Included in the study were Medicare beneficiaries who had been hospitalized for heart attack, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary failure, among other conditions.



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Learn: Data Sharing Can Ease Young Medicaid Beneficiaries' Access to WIC & CalFresh

A new brief from The Children's Partnership highlights ways CalHHS can prioritize the needs of children and young people. One specific recommendation: Use technology to share data to streamline Medicaid beneficiaries' access to programs such as the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Cal-Fresh (formerly known as Food Stamps).

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Tell Us: Has Your Organization Signed the DSA?

Has your organization signed the DSA using the new online signing portal? If you have, send an email to Robby.Franceschini; we'd like to celebrate your accomplishment on our social media channels.



Sign Up: C4BH Events Roundup

We have curated a list of events, which includes:

- **June 8, 12 noon PT:** The Future of Interoperability: Is It the Health Data Utility Model? Organized by Manifest MedEx. Register [here.](#)
- **June 8, 1:30 PM PT:** Policy Forum: Digital Equity is Health Equity. Organized by Insure the Uninsured Project and The Children's Partnership. Register [here.](#)
- **June 9, 12 noon PT:** DSA Signatory Grants Workshop. Organized by DxF Multi-Association Initiative. Register [here.](#)
- **June 14, 12 noon PT:** DSA Signatory Grant Program Office Hours. Organized by CalHHS CDII. Register [here.](#)
- **June 15, 5 PM PT:** Northern California HIMSS Summer Social. Perry's Restaurant - Embarcadero in San Francisco. Register [here.](#)

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