Connecting for Better Health Meeting

March 14, 2024
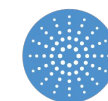
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Agenda

No.	Item	Minutes
1	Welcome and Introductions	5 minutes
2	March 7th C4BH Day at the Capitol Debrief	20 minutes
3	Guest Presentation - AB 1943 (Weber) - Health Information ● Leticia Alejandrez, Director of Policy and Communications California Emerging Technology Fund	10 minutes
5	State Updates ● California State Legislation Tracking ● Data Exchange Framework Updates ● CalHHS IT and Data Strategic Plan	20 minutes
6	News, Events and Announcements	5 minutes

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About The Coalition

Our Vision: Every Californian and their care teams have the information and insights they need to make care seamless, high quality and affordable.
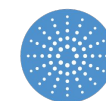

Policy Priorities

- **DSA Education & Implementation:** Promote awareness of the DSA and support data exchange implementation to realize the promise of AB 133

- **Funding:** Advocate for the state to dedicate continued funding for health and social services data sharing and encourage state agencies to seek federal match when and where appropriate

- **Integration of social services data:** Develop and communicate case studies and policy recommendations that support cross-sector data sharing, consent, and authorization

- **Advance DxF Governance, Enforcement, and Accountability:** Work towards the passage of DxF legislation, monitor state legislation and budgetary actions related to data sharing, and provide critical feedback to CDII and other state agencies to resolve challenges
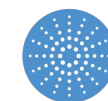
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March 7th C4BH Capitol Day

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C4BH Capitol Day - Thank You To All!

- DxF Policy Briefing with focus on storytelling: emphasized crucial need for timely health data to support delivery of services; warned of the consequences of delayed & incomplete data exchange; and showcased the wins that come from data exchange between health and social service entities
- **Let's continue to collect new patient and provider stories!**

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Legislative Meetings Summary

- **30+ coalition members in attendance; 30+ meetings with legislative offices**

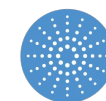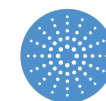| Themes	Common Questions
- Overall unfamiliarity with the DxF in many meetings - Interest in AB 1331 updates and how it supports the DxF - Connection to social services resonates with offices - General discussion around AI - A call for strengthened definitions in the bill to garner support	- How does the DxF relate to CalAIM? - How does the DxF coordinate benefits through different entities? - How does the DxF ensure privacy and security for individuals and their information? - What are the potential drawbacks of signing the DxF? Why are people reluctant to sign?

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C4BH Capitol Day Discussion

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Next Steps

- Collaborate with Dr. Wood's office on advancing AB 1331

- Continue to provide updates and resources to the Administration

- Follow up with staffers interested in C4BH and attending coalition meetings

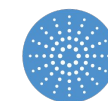- Plan C4BH's 2025 Day at the Capitol!

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Guest Speaker

Leticia Alejandrez

Director of Policy and Communications
California Emerging Technology Fund

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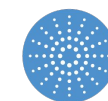Advancing data sharing to improve the health of all Californians

State Updates

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California Legislation Tracking (1/2)

No./Author	Summary	Recent Developments
AB 236 (Holden)	Requires health plans and insurers to annually verify and delete inaccurate listings from provider directories to be at least 60% accurate, with administrative penalties for failure to meet benchmarks. Authorizes DMHC and Department of Insurance to develop uniform formats for plans and insurers to request directory information from providers and authorizes the establishment of methodology and processes to ensure accuracy.	Passed Assembly; Awaiting Senate Committee Assignment (1/30)
AB 1011 (Weber)	Imposes new restrictions on the sale, disclosure of "social care Information" on users of "closed-loop referral systems" including public agencies, non-profits, health care providers, vendors.	Two-year bill in Appropriations
AB 1331 (Wood)	Establishes DxF governing board; outlines appointment of members; requires board approval for any amendments to DSA; requires QHIOs to be non-profits; decrease size of board to five members; require certain reports and educational efforts related to consumers and data; among other requirements.	Two-year bill in Appropriations
AB 2089 (Holden)	Require cities and counties to include additional collection categories for specified Black or African American groups when collecting demographic data related to ancestry or ethnic origin.	Introduced (2/5)
AB 2153 (Lowenthal)	Require public agencies to promptly provide written notice prior to release of any personnel, medical, or similar records of a public agency employee.	Referred to Judiciary Committee (2/20)

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California Legislation Tracking (2/2)

No./Author	Summary	Recent Developments
SB 294 (Wiener)	Requires health plans and disability insurers that uphold grievance decisions to automatically submit decisions to the Independent Medical Review System within 24 hours, along with relevant information.	Passed Senate; Held at Desk in Assembly (1/29)
SB 957 (Wiener)	Mandates that state health agencies must collect SOGI data to identify and address disparities.	Referred to Health and Judiciary Committees; Set for Senate Health Hearing March 20 (3/1)
SB 1016 (Gonzalez)	Requires CalFresh to use separate collection categories for Hispanic or Latino groups using OMB standards and require use of separate collection categories for each major Latino group, Mesoamerican Indigenous nation, and Mesoamerican Indigenous language group with reporting requirements.	Referred to Health and Human Services Committees; Set for Senate Human Services Hearing April 1 (3/5)
AB 2198 (Flora)	Exclude dental or vision benefits the APIs that health plans and insurers are required to maintain.	Referred to Health Committee (2/26)
AB 2250 (Weber)	Establish SDOH screeners as a covered benefit for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and require health plans and insurers to cover SDOH screenings. Additionally, requires providers to use specified tools or protocols to document patient responses and require health plans and insurers to provide PCPs access to peer support specialists, lay health workers, social workers, or community health workers.	Referred to Health Committee (2/26)
AB 1943 (Weber)	This bill would require CDII to collect appropriate data and identify indicators for tracking telehealth outcomes associated with impacting individual patient outcomes and overall population health. The bill would require the department to use the data collected to measure health outcomes of populations, as specified.	Referred to Coms. on Health and Privacy and Consumer Protection; Set for Asm. Health Hearing April 2 (2/20)

California Legislation Tracking - Artificial Intelligence

No./Author	Summary	Recent Developments
AB 2013 (Irwin)	Requires developers of AI made available to Californians for use to publicly post documentation regarding the data used to train the artificial intelligence system or service.	Referred to Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee (2/14)
SB 892 (Padilla)	Requires the Department of Technology to establish safety, privacy, and nondiscrimination standards relating to AI services and require state contracts to meet these standards.	Referred to Governmental Organization and Judiciary Committees (2/14)
SB 893 (Padilla)	Establishes the California Artificial Intelligence Research Hub to facilitate collaboration between government agencies, academic institutions, and private sector partners.	Referred to Governmental Organization and Judiciary Committees (2/14)
SB 1047 (Weiner)	Enacts the Safe and Secure Innovation for Frontier Artificial Intelligence Systems Act to require a AI developers to determine whether it can make a positive safety determination before initiating training, among other provisions.	Referred to Governmental Organization and Judiciary Committees; Set for Judiciary Hearing April 2 (3/5)
SB 1120 (Becker)	Requires health plans and insurers to have licensed physicians supervise AI decision making tools used to review prior authorizations.	Referred to Committee on Health; first hearing canceled at request of author (3/13)

Additional AI Legislation With No Recent Progress

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AB 1791 (Weber)	**AB 2058** (Weber)	**AB 2930** (Bauer-Kahan)	**AB 3095** (Waldron)
AB 1824 (Valencia)	**AB 2885** (Bauer-Kahan)	**AB 3050** (Low)	

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DxF Policies & Procedures - Proposed Administrative Modifications Due April 8th

CDII is proposing changes that are not intended to have material impacts on DxF Participants for the following P&Ps:

- Participant Directory (PD) P&P - Comment Form (Support/Object)
- Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P - Comment Form (Support/Object)

Summary of proposed changes:

1. **Technical Requirements for Exchange P&P:** Clarifying that only Participants that maintain health and social service information must respond to queries

2. **PD P&P:** Standardize deadlines with "business days" vs "calendar days"

3. **Both:** Update effective dates to be "upon publication"

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DxF Technical Advisory Subcommittee Meeting - March 5th

Purpose: Develop policy recommendations for technical improvements to the DxF

Priority Topics:

- Technical Standards Evolution
- Admit, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) Strategy
- Integration of Social Services
- FHIR Roadmap

Organizations Represented: Oracle, Adventist Health, Gravity Project, Anthem Blue Cross, LabCorp, SacValley, Providence Consulting, UC Davis, ONC, CalMHSA, PATH, Hills Physicians Medical Group, EMSA, Alameda County

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DxF Policies and Procedures Subcommittee Meeting - March 6th

Potential Concepts to Address in 2024:

- **Exchange Method Conflict**
  - Does the Information Blocking Rule Manner Exception fill the gap where organizations cannot agree on the method for data sharing?

- **Non-Participant Intermediaries**
  - Should non-participant intermediaries be required to be subject to certain flow-down requirements in contracts?

- **Standards Guidelines with ONC's Removal of USCDI v2 from SVAP**
  - Should we follow SVAP?
  - How should we account for lag in adopting newer standard versions, like USCDI v3?

- **Other Topics From Committee Members**
  - Alignment with TEFCA, push interoperability, enforcement, information blocking accountability, reporting malware attacks

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CalHHS IT and Data Strategic Plan

Published on March 5th, the [strategic plan](#) establishes a detailed roadmap to drive cross-agency collaboration using data and technology for equitable health solutions

Five Strategic Objectives

- Person-centered solution strategies
- Integration
- Solution and Data Optimization
- Technology and Data Inform insights and drive decisions
- Equity through understanding

Eight Foundational Approaches

- Governance
- Strategic Asset Management
- CalHHS Strategic Data Portfolio Managment
- CalHHs Integrated Data Infrastructure
- Optimized Resource Usage
- Service Delivery Innovation
- Workforce Development and Support
- A Culture of Deliberate Partnership

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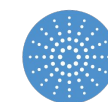Advancing data sharing to improve the health of all Californians

What We're Reading – Check Out C4BH's Newsletter!

ONC and CalHHS Collaborate on TEFCA and DxF Data Exchange
Dr. Micky Tripathi, National Coordinator for Health IT, and Marko Mijic, Undersecretary of CalHHS partnered to examine how participating in the federal TEFCA initiative can be a starting point to help California organizations meet their DxF clinical exchange obligations. [Read More](#)

Claims Data Impacted Following Change Healthcare Hack
Insurers have reportedly experienced a 15 to 20% reduction in claims data coming from providers, however trends are stabilizing. As the cyberattack continues to be managed, providers are working with other clearinghouses to submit claims. [Read More](#)

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Upcoming Events

- **March 19, 12-2:30PM PT:** CalHHS CDII | Implementation Advisory Committee | [Register here](#)

- **March 20, 1:30-2:30PM PT:** CalHHS CDII | DxF Technical Advisory Subcommittee Meeting | [Register here](#)

- **March 22, 10-11AM PT:** HIMSS Northern California | Interoperability Check-up: TEFCA and DxF are live Webinar | [Register here](#)

- **March 26, 10-11:15AM PT:** Center for Health Care Strategies | Tech-Enabled Solutions for Addressing Health-Related Social Needs: Experiences from Iowa and Kentucky Webinar | [Register here](#)

- **March 26, 10-11AM PT:** CMS| Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule Info Session | [Register here](#)

- **April 16:** NorCal State of Reform Health Policy Conference | Sacramento, CA | [Register here](#)

- **April 26:** Riverside County Medical Association | First Annual AI Healthcare Conference | Rancho Cucamonga, CA | [Register here](#)

- **May 7-8:** California Medical Association | Annual Health IT Summit | San Francisco, CA | [Register here](#)

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