

Agenda and Notes



Sex and Gender Working Group

Aug 23, 2022

Via Teleconference

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Item	Purpose	Allocated Time	Presenter	
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement		3 minutes	Karen Courtney
2	Purpose of the Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	2 minutes	Karen Courtney
3	Group Discussion Ground Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion	5 mins	WG
4	Group Discussion on future goals and work plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion	45 mins	WG
5	HL7 Gender Harmony Ballot update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update	2 mins	Karen Courtney
6	Schedule and Topics Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	1 mins	Karen Courtney
7	Adjournment			Karen Courtney



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1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Completed. See slide deck for details.

2. Purpose of Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group

Completed. See slide deck for details.

3. Group Discussion Ground Rules

Completed. See slide deck for details. No new updates to rules.

4. Group Discussion on Future Goals and Work Plans

Great discussion on potential projects, activities or ideas to pursue in near to immediate future.

Recommendations included:

- Review and feedback of upcoming PS Suite EMR updates for appropriateness, including patient as well as clinician perspectives
- Work on Sex for Clinical Use (SFCU) field and develop use cases (descriptions of situations where this field would be helpful to patients and clinicians)
- Focus on patient perspective and patients' needs in discussions and group output
- Focused discussions and presentations where the purpose was indicated prior to starting and outside presenters are given an orientation to the SGWG audience before presenting
- Definition list that is easily understood by patients/families/caregivers and clinicians and standardizing the list across implementations/systems. A related point may be developing crosswalks for definitions that other organizations are using with their data (ex. StatsCan)
- Representation of concepts within EHRs – what standards/codes are used in different places and how is this translated to what clinicians see
- Identifying best practices for data collection of GSSO data, noting that different types of data may need to be treated differently. Discussions would be inclusive of other types of health information systems such as patient portals, which collect information from the patient. Patient control over self-identification would need to be part of the discussion.
- Provide input to upcoming FHIR implementations in Canada – particularly how GSSO information could be used and what related policies are needed. In particular, can the expertise of the SGWG be consulted by other Infoway groups, standards organizations and policy makers.
- Focus on intersectionality, in particular look at how GSSO fits with Social Determinants of Health and best practices regarding intersecting identity analyses, care provision and systemic issues



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Following the group discussion, there seems to be consensus to work with Telus PS Suite EMR to look at how the Gender Harmony concepts are being integrated into an upcoming EMR update and provide feedback regarding potential issues before implementation. Group members have volunteered to share their “lessons learned” individually with our Telus group member. The SGWG co-chairs will work on the fall 2022 schedule for a Telus presentation and focused feedback discussion. It is likely this work will touch on many of the other ideas brought up today and the work will likely carry into 2023. A revised fall 2022 SGWG meeting topics schedule will be posted to our forum shortly.

5. *HL7 Gender Harmony Ballot Update*

Completed. See slide deck for details.

6. *Schedule & Topics Review Update*

Completed. See slide deck for details. Schedule likely to change based on today’s discussion.

7. *Adjournment*

