

Agenda and Notes



Sex and Gender Working Group

Oct 25 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	Ground Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	1 mins	Karen Courtney
4	PS Suite EMR Implementation Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation & Discussion	50 mins	WG
5	HL7 Gender Harmony Ballot Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion	1 mins	Karen Courtney
6	Schedule Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	1 min	Karen Courtney
7	Gender Harmony Meeting Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	2 min	Francis Lau
8	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. Ground Rules

Completed. See slide deck for details.

4. Presentation & Group Discussion on PS Suite EMR Implementation Plans

Presenters: Jim Kavanagh, Cameron Bales

- Review and feedback of upcoming PS Suite EMR updates for appropriateness, including patient as well as clinician perspectives
- 1 questions posed prior to meeting:
 - How much privacy would be appropriate for these gender fields? As part of the Patient Demographics they will be visible to all users of the EMR, both clinical and non-clinical.
- Sex for Clinical Use (SFCU) field.
 - Based on feedback from last month's discussion, SFCU is not being considered for implementation
- Discussion regarding names
 - "Name to Use" has more support over "Preferred Name" among commenters. "Name to Use" should be displayed rather than Legal Name. Name to Use should be asked at each encounter for updates rather than assumptions made about using Legal Name instead
 - Two fields (first and last) would be preferred over a single field
 - Canadian-ized names are another use case for Name to Use field.
 - Careful consideration needs to be given to how name fields flow throughout the system – in particular transition care use cases should be considered. Cameron will follow up offline with Trans Care BC regarding their prior consultation in this area.
- Pronouns
 - Group supported use of 3 common sets (he, she, they), plus a write in option and plus an option requesting no pronoun use and that this be a multi-select field



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- It was suggested that the order in which options were offered could be determined through configurable displays at the institution/facility level
- Gender Identity
 - Discussion regarding choice of man vs male vs male gender and what's available in SNOMED CT Canadian edition.
 - Recommendation to consult with Stats Canada or Treasury Board regarding considerations for French translation
 - Group supported multi-select option and suggested that Two-Spirit include Indigenous as part of the wording but not limit the use to only those who have reported an Indigenous identity elsewhere
 - There was a discussion on whether or not “intersex” was a gender identity. Recommendation to consult with Andrew Pinto’s SPARK study group about it’s prior inclusion in a gender identity list
- Privacy question has been saved for a future follow up discussion. The group expressed interest in follow up on how discussions influenced EMR design – will schedule a return in 2023

5. Follow up HL7 Gender Harmony Ballot Process

Members are asked to think about what worked and didn’t work in this process so we could make changes for future ballot initiatives. Please send comments to Karen, Francis or Kelly or comment in the SGWG Forum.

6. Schedule Review

Next month we’ll have a presentation and discussion from CIHI. We’ll also do some planning for 2023.

7. Gender Harmony Meeting Update

Francis provided an update on the Oct 24 2022 meeting. Work on resolving the issues identified in the ballot process is commencing. There was interest in the GH meeting in proceeding with work on organ/anatomical inventory. Meeting notes may be found at:

<https://confluence.hl7.org/display/VOC/2022-10-24+Gender+Harmony+Meeting+Agenda+and+Notes>

Telus is also interested in the organ inventory. Cameron and Trans Care BC will connect offline to discuss further consultation.

8. Adjournment

