

**California Health & Human Services Agency**  
**Center for Data Insights and Innovation**  
**Data Exchange Framework**  
**Digital Identity Health Care Providers Focus Group Meeting #1**  
**(February 14, 2022, 2:30PM – 4:00PM PST)**  
**Public Comment**

The table below shows public comments that were made verbally during the February 14<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting. Additional public comments can be found in the meeting’s “Chat Log,” as well as in other documentation submitted and posted on the CHHS Data Exchange Framework [website](#).

Count	Name	Comment
1	Gil Shalmovitz, MD, University of Southern California	Hi everybody, Gil Shalmovitz. I’m an emergency physician and Chief Medical Informatics Officer for tech medicine of USC. I was wondering if we have to reinvent the wheel here, or would it make more sense to align with the recommended demographics and information that Common Well or Care Equality follow. I would argue that should be our approach and our patients receive care across state lines. I can tell you as an organization that has been live and sharing a lot of information for about four years now. It’s really unbelievable how powerful information is and it comes from Arizona and Nevada as well as our own California hospitals and clinics. And saving lives, so I would recommend that we align with the two national health information exchange organizations and rather than create our own identifier. There are only five or six degrees of separation, as long as we know somebody is correct first name last name, date of birth, gender, zip code and telephone number. We don’t need much more than that and that’s the direction that I would recommend that we follow, so thank you Rim for all that you do and for getting us together.

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