

Data Exchange Framework Digital Identity Consumer Privacy Focus Group Meeting #2

California Health & Human Services Agency

Monday, March 28, 2022

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

2:30 PM	Welcome and Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Rim Cothren, Independent HIE Consultant to CDII</i>
2:35 PM	Review of <u>DxF</u> Vision and AB-133 Requirements for a Strategy for Digital Identities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Rim Cothren</i>
2:40 PM	<u>Public Comment</u>
2:50 PM	Use Cases for Digital Identities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Rim Cothren</i>
3:30 PM	Data Elements in a Digital Identity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Rim Cothren</i>
3:55 PM	Closing Remarks and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Dr. Rim Cothren</i>

Welcome and Goals

Vision for Data Exchange in CA

Every Californian, and the health and human service providers and organizations that care for them, will have timely and secure access to usable electronic information that is needed to address their health and social needs and enable the effective and equitable delivery of services to improve their lives and wellbeing.

Goal



Of the Focus Groups

To gain input from specific stakeholder perspectives on a strategy for digital identities for the Data Exchange Framework

The development of a robust and effective Digital Identities Strategy will require expert counsel. CalHHS will convene several expert focus groups to inform our understanding of the need and project approach.

- Health information exchanges
- [Consumer privacy](#)
- Health care providers
- Health plans
- Social service organizations
- State health and human service departments

Digital Identities Strategy

Statutory Requirement

AB133 requires that, by July 31, 2022, CalHHS in consultation with the Stakeholder Advisory Group, develop:

“a strategy for unique, secure digital identities capable of supporting master patient indices to be implemented by both private and public organizations in California.”

Public Comment Period

Discussion Questions on a Strategy for Digital Identity

Recap

1. Difficult to assess privacy needs without use cases
2. Some demographics may be of concern for some populations
3. Use only those demographics necessary to link data (similar to “minimum necessary”)
4. Use health-related local identifiers (e.g., insurance member IDs, not driver’s license)
5. Prefer a statewide MPI operated by non-government organization

Discussion Objectives



To begin to explore:

- ① Use Cases for Digital Identities
- ② Data Elements in a Digital Identity

1 Use Cases



What use cases may not be appropriate for the use of digital identities?

AB-133

Purposes:

- Treatment
- Payment
- Health care operations

Exchange:

- Health care providers: EHI
- For health plans: claims, encounters, USCDI v1

Work to encourage:

- County health
- Public health
- Social services

DxF

Scenarios:

- Care coordination
- Population health
- Emergency response
- Public health response
- Transitions from incarceration

DSA

Purpose for use:

- Treatment
- Payment
- Health care operations
- Benefits determination
- Health and social services public benefit determination
- Public health

Exchange:

- Health information as called out in AB-133

2 Data Elements



What personal data should not be included, used, or shared for use in digital identities?

Demographics

USCDI v1

- Name
- Previous name
- Date of birth
- Race and ethnicity
- Sex (assigned at birth)
- Preferred language
- Current address
- Previous address
- Phone number
- Email address

USCDI v2

USCDI v1 plus...

- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity

USCDI v3

USCDI v2 plus...

- Date of death
- Tribal affiliation
- Related persons
- Occupation

Local Identifiers

Federal identifiers:

- E.g., VA ID

Federal health identifiers:

- E.g., Medicare ID

State identifiers:

- E.g., driver's license

State health identifiers:

- E.g., Medi-Cal ID

Private health identifiers:

- E.g., health plan member ID
- E.g., medical record number

2 Data Elements



What personal data should not be included, used, or shared for use in digital identities?

- Do your answers change if demographics or local identifiers are shared in a statewide index?
 - Considering “minimum necessary”?
 - Considering use cases?
 - Considering entities might expand beyond covered entities?
- Should digital identities share the same protection as PHI?

Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Digital Identities Strategy

Development Plan: Approach and Timeline

- Mar* Refine strategy components with emphasis on privacy, security
- Apr* Complete a draft strategy
- May* Refine strategy with AG; align potential requirements with DxP, DSA
- Jun/Jul* Finalize strategy for delivery to legislature (June, July 2022)

CDII will keep the Stakeholder Advisory Group apprised of progress at each meeting, elevating key issues raised by focus groups for discussion.

Meeting Schedule

#	Date and Time
3	Monday, April 25, 2022 at 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

For more information or questions on Digital Identity Focus Group meeting scheduling and logistics, please email Rim Cothren (Robert.Cothren@chhs.ca.gov).