HL7® Da Vinci Project Announces New Steering Committee Leadership to Continue Real World Implementation Efforts

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – July 12, 2024 – The Health Level Seven® International (HL7®) Da Vinci Project recently announced its new leadership. Anna Taylor, associate vice president, population health and value-based care of MultiCare Connected Care, will serve as chair of the Steering Committee, filling the role previously held by Kirk Anderson, Cambia Health Solutions chief technology officer, as he steps down from the committee. Ryan Bohochik, vice president of value-based care of Epic, will serve as vice chair.

“This work has been the most satisfying of my career and I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside Da Vinci members on this journey,” Anderson noted. “Anna has been a great champion of interoperability and payer-provider partnerships to improve quality and accessibility of health care for patients and providers alike.”

Incoming chair Taylor said, “Da Vinci’s strength is its people. Our strong collaborative spirit that harnesses provider, payer and vendor thought leadership has led us to essential groundbreaking innovation in interoperability – interoperability that ultimately serves to better the health of our members, patients, and communities.”

She commented that the benefits her organization is experiencing by using HL7 FHIR® (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) and Da Vinci implementation guides – saving time by automating processes from manual data re-entry and speeding up prior authorization decision turnaround time from weeks to seconds – fuels her passion to help others on their implementation journeys.

Taylor thanked outgoing chair, Anderson, and vice chair, Hans Buitendijk, senior director of interoperability strategy for Oracle Health, for their leadership in these roles, and Jessica Bartell, senior vice president/chief medical officer, clinical policy and population health/value-
based care, UnitedHealthcare, for her service to the committee. Taylor also expressed gratitude for their commitment to continue participating in Da Vinci efforts.

Da Vinci Program Manager Jocelyn Keegan echoed Taylor’s sentiments, stating, “Kirk and Hans were instrumental in our progress, and their leadership inspired the diversity of stakeholders involved in our efforts to fund and provide the in-kind resources that empower us to get the work accomplished. Their stewardship continues to guide Da Vinci’s trajectory of success.”

Vaishali Dubey, director, provider interoperability program, Florida Blue Cross Blue Shield, was recommended by Anderson and approved by the Steering Committee as his replacement on the payer committee.

Steering Committee members now include:

**Governance Reserved:** Lorraine Doo, senior policy advisor, Health Informatics and Interoperability Group, Office of Burden Reduction and Health Informatics, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Charles Jaffe, M.D., Ph.D., CEO, HL7

**Payers:** Vaishali Dubey, director, provider interoperability program, Florida Blue Cross Blue Shield; Amy Neftzger, senior director, advanced research and analytics, UnitedHealth Group; Erika Pabo, M.D., chief operations and transformation officer, Centerwell Primary Care and senior vice president, Humana

**Providers:** Deepak Sadagopan, chief operating officer, population health, Providence; Anna Taylor, associate vice president, population health and value-based care, MultiCare Connected Care

**Vendors:** Ryan Bohochik, vice president, value-based care, Epic; Bill Howard, board chair, eHealth Exchange

Taylor noted the addition of a Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) to the leadership team is important, as Da Vinci recognizes the criticality of scalability in our work to automate data exchange to eliminate burden and empower providers with the data needed to provide quality care for patients.

**About Health Level Seven International (HL7)**

Health Level Seven® International (HL7) is an ANSI-accredited, not-for-profit standards developing organization with the mission of empowering global health interoperability. With affiliates in over 30 countries, HL7’s global membership envisions a world in which everyone can securely access and use the right data when and where they need it. Widely implemented by vendor and healthcare systems, and required by governing bodies around the world, HL7

About the HL7 Da Vinci Project

As an HL7 FHIR Accelerator, the HL7 Da Vinci Project is a private sector initiative comprised of industry leaders and health information technology technical experts who are working together to accelerate the adoption of HL7® FHIR® as the standard to support and integrate value-based care (VBC) data exchange across communities. The Da Vinci Project focuses on minimizing the development and deployment of one-off solutions between partners with a goal to help all clinicians and health plans to better deliver clinical quality, value and care management outcomes. The core focus of phase one of the project is to deliver implementation guides and reference software implementations to the public for data exchange and workflows necessary to support providers and payers entering and managing VBC contracts and relationships.

To learn more about the HL7 Da Vinci Project and to sign up for the listserv, please visit: hl7.me/davincinews.