Technical Steering Committee Working Group Project Updates

HL7 Working Group Updates from the TSC for the 2012 January WGM

Approved Projects

The TSC approved no new projects for the HL7 Working Group.

The TSC approved its co-sponsorship of a project, pending cochair review, for the EHR System Function and Information Model (EHR-S FIM) Release 2.1, for EHR WG, at Project Insight # 688. Under the umbrella of the SAIF Architecture Program, this project is cosponsored by TSC, ArB, SOA, GovProjects, RIMBAA, MnM, Structured Docs, Patient Care, Clinical Interoperability Council, Clinical Statement and OO. This project will produce a set of Conceptual Information Models called EHR-S “data profiles”. Each EHR-S data profile corresponds directly with an EHR-S function profile. Pairs of EHR-S function profiles and data profiles can be used to define business objects, which can be composed into software components, capabilities, applications, systems and their information exchanges (e.g., messages, documents and/or services). The superset of EHR-S data profiles is called the EHR-S Information-Model, which supports the HL7 Service Aware Interoperability Framework (SAIF). The project will include the development and execution of a communication strategy to ensure that all affected stakeholders are engaged.

Other Approvals


The TSC acknowledges the change to the composition of the Domain Experts Steering Division (DESD), and the Structure and Semantic Design Steering Division (SSD SD); DESD welcomes Clinical Genomics Work Group, and SSD SD warmly receives the Imaging Integration Work Group. Best wishes to the Work Groups, their co-chairs and their Steering Divisions!

The TSC approved changes to the assessment of Work Group Health (WGH) criteria and metrics.

- Wiki presence will no longer be monitored as a WGH metric, but keeping Work Group wiki pages maintained is still a strongly encouraged best practice for Work Groups.
- Participation with harmonization, with the exception of the T3SD Work Groups, will be added.
- Any Work Group that has not posted minutes in the current WGH cycle will automatically marked red for their Work Group Health: minutes can be posted to either the Work Group's web page or to their wiki if indicated from the Work Group's web page under “Additional Resources”; and may use the meeting minutes templates provided for HL7 Work Groups, but use of the templates is not required.
- Work Groups which sponsor or co-sponsor projects in the current and past two ballot cycles will be measured as participation in balloting. This was previously only measure for the current ballot cycle.
- The criteria for the metric for presence of a Work Group's SWOT statement changed, to require the SWOT be reviewed within the last three years.

How to find TSC information

The TSC wiki site houses its minutes, process documents, templates, links to the ArB wiki and the TSC Issue Tracker, a list of current projects, and more. You can access the TSC wiki at: http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?TSCWiki. See the links below for instructions on how to view the list of projects and access the TSC Issue Tracker.

- TSC Tracker: link to http://gforge.hl7.org/gf/project/tsc/tracker/?action=TrackerItemBrowse&tracker_id=313
- Project Insight Searchable Database: link to http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?searchableProjectIndex
- Project List on GForge: link to http://gforge.hl7.org/gf/project/tsc/frs/?action=FrsReleaseBrowse&frs_package_id=98
- Project Insight: link to http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?ProjectInsight, (requires PMO-assigned log in credentials)