Approved Projects
The TSC approved the following projects:

HL7/OHT Health Ingenuity Exchange Alpha Program Participation, for Tooling WG of Technical and Support Services Steering Division (T3SD) and cosponsored by Publishing and Templates WGs, at Project Insight # 904. HL7 is collaborating with Open Health Tools in the Health Ingenuity Exchange (HingX) project to develop and use a registry and repository for all Health IT related assets. The Alpha Program requires active participation to use HingX and provide feedback on desired enhancements to improve the usability prior to releasing to the public.

RIM Certification Test Upgrade, for Education WG of T3SD and cosponsored by MnM, at Project Insight # 886 will compare existing test to the version of the RIM to be published in Normative Edition 2012 and update all the questions/answers to be accurate and reflective of mastery of the newer version.

HL7/IHE Health Story Implementation Guide Consolidation – additional templates for patient assessment data, at Project Insight # 728 for Structured Documents Work Group (SDWG) of Structure and Semantic Design Steering Division (SSD SD). The Patient Assessment Summary Work group (PAS WG), a work group within the ONC Standards and Interoperability (S&I) framework, identified a subset of data elements from patient assessment instruments for exchange in a summary document. This project will review and map the PAS WG identified clinically relevant elements to templates in the Consolidated CDA Templates DSTU. When existing templates are unavailable, or underspecified, this project will update, or add new templates to the Consolidated CDA Templates DSTU as specified by SDWG. The new CDA templates can be derived from the source instruments automatically. An appropriate document-level title, template, and document type code will be determined under this project. The project will be scoped to elements in the PAS SWG identified subset. The ballot will be scoped to these new and updated templates, and the SDWG agreed upon errata. The project will not introduce a review of content of existing document-level templates. The entire DSTU will not be re-balloted.

CDA Implementation Guide for Patient Assessments, at Project Insight ID# 381 for SDWG. The scope of the project is to update the CDA Implementation Guide for Patient Assessments DSTU to conform to the new Consolidated CDA US Realm Header, and IG format. The DSTU will continue to include a universal header and body. Add guidance for communicating elements in the CMS Continuity Assessment Record and Evaluation (CARE) assessment tool.

QDM-based Health Quality Measure Format (HQMF) Implementation Guide at Project Insight # 756 for SDWG cosponsored by CDS. This project is intended to create a domain analysis model to describe the content required within EHRs to measure quality and performance and maintain safety standards. The information model content will be derived from the Quality Data Model (QDM) established in a public consensus process by National Quality Forum (NOF) in the United States. QDM is a model of information based on the needs of quality measure developers and clinical decision support rule creators. It has now been tested in the retooling of 113 existing quality measures into HQMF format and in a number of CDS rules in an eRecommendations project funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Health Quality Measure Format (HQMF) Specification, Release 2, at Project Insight ID#508. The DSTU will be updated to address new requirements identified through testing/implementation.

QRDA Draft Standard for Trial Use, Release 3, at Project Insight # 210, for SDWG. This project will further enhance the QRDA Category I DSTU following updates to the HQMF specification to support alignment.

HL7/S&I Framework QRDA II/III Draft Standard for Trial Use, Release 3, for SDWG at PI# 896. This project will define and bring to ballot a set of specifications for reporting quality data representing query results. The queries themselves use the Health Quality Measure Format (HQMF). This work effort will include a U.S. Realm QRDA Category II (QDM-based) and Category III Implementation Guide to direct implementers on how to construct QRDA Category II and III instances in conformance with HITECH eMeasures to represent the query results obtained from the distributed queries. This work effort will further align with the work taking place in HL7 to update the Health Quality Measure Format (HQMF) Implementation Guide. In addition, this project will leverage and harmonize with similar activities within and outside HL7 to avoid duplication of existing efforts.

Patient Authored Documents, for Structured Documents WG at PI# 900. In the “era of patient empowerment”, we want to define a specification for patient-authored clinical documents. Medical practices are looking for ways to allow patients to electronically complete certain tasks online such as filling out registration forms, health history forms, consenting to certain practice policies, and other types of clinical documents yet to be defined. As electronic document interchange increases, we see a growing need to communicate documents created by patients (including those needed by providers and/or those document types defined by patients). Often, this is done through a secure web interface controlled by the patient such as a patient portal or a personal health record. As more and more practices incorporate EMR technology into
their practice workflow, they want to be able to import patient provided structured information into their EMR's. This is being driven by the need to meet Meaning Use 2 requirements for patient engagement as well as other needs to reduce manual processes managing patient-provided data.

Other Approvals

In addition, the TSC approved mission and charter statements developed by the FHIR Governance Task Force for a FHIR Governance Board and FHIR Management Group. The implementation of these two bodies is still subject to review and recommendation by HL7 management.

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 more information.

- 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)