Root Cause Mapping Working Group (RCM WG) Charter

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Mission: To enable accurate, decentralized root cause mapping throughout the vulnerability management ecosystem.

Goals:
1. **Define the business case for doing accurate root cause mapping and disclosure**
   – (Obj.1) Socialize and confirm with the broader community

2. **Determine the feasibility of accurate, decentralized root cause mapping**
   – (Obj.1) Identify the capabilities, processes, and information needed to make root cause mapping easier

The working group will remain in operation until its members determine that it no longer needs to be.

1. Working Group Activities

The RCM WG may pursue any number of activities that help to advance the practice of accurate vulnerability root cause mapping using the common languages of CVE and CWE information. Generally, these activities should be limited in scope to issues and topics that affect the CVE Numbering Authority (CNA) community in their efforts to identify effective CWE mappings for their CVE Records.

1.1 Regularly Scheduled Working Group Meetings

The WG will meet, either remotely or physically, on alternating Wednesdays throughout the year, counting from the first meeting which was held on [DATE]. The issues discussed at these meetings or via the WG mailing list or other channels shall be subject to the [Chatham House Rule](.

2. Working Group Membership

Membership to the working group is open any member of the vulnerability management ecosystem. Potential members to the group can request to formally join by emailing asummers@mitre.org or erin.alexander@cisa.dhs.gov. As the SIG grows, the number of representatives from a single organization may be capped.

2.1 Working Group Materials

WG members shall have access to all live and recorded meetings and other material generated by the WG. WG members agree that these materials are to be treated as [TLP: Green](materials (unless otherwise explicitly noted in those materials).

2.3 The Role of the Working Group Chairperson

The RCM WG shall elect two of the working group members as chairperson and co-chairperson for a one-year term. The WG chairperson will moderate the meetings of the WG, set the agenda for those meetings, manage membership to the WG, and maintain the online infrastructure needed to conduct the business of the WG.

In the event the chairperson cannot attend a regularly scheduled WG meeting, the chairperson shall designate a proxy from the WG membership at the earliest opportunity. The chairperson may also elect to cancel a meeting due to a conflict with a local holiday, provided this cancellation is agreed to with unanimous consent among meeting attendees during the meeting prior to that holiday.

3. Amending this Charter

The initial adoption of this charter and all changes to this document will be proposed at a regularly scheduled meeting of the RCM WG, and its adoption or update requires unanimous consent among all WG members participating in that meeting. Additionally, proposed changes must be announced as an agenda item at least one day prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the WG.

4. Code of Conduct

Members of the RCM WG agree to abide by the professional conduct guidance as described in the CVE Board charter, section 2.5, Board Member Professional Conduct Guidance. Complaints regarding inappropriate behavior are welcomed by the RCM WG chairperson and co-chairperson.