



On February 19, 2014, ONC convened the popHealth stakeholder community to review the draft governance plan that was developed based on feedback received during the January 21, 2014 meeting. The following is a summary of the meeting.

### Introduction

- ONC is working with the stakeholder community to come up with the best way possible to transition popHealth from government-owned to open-source.
- ONC believes that the community may need to have a governance structure in place to best facilitate this transition.
- The draft governance plan was developed based on feedback received in the previous call, one on one conversations with stakeholders, and the environmental scan.
- There are a number of possibilities for governance, including non-profit, not-for-profit, etc. The community should consider if an existing entity could provide governance for popHealth.
- Tentative dates for transitioning popHealth to the open source community: April 1, 2014 begin transition process - June 1, 2014 end transition project.

### Draft Governance Plan Review

#### Introduction

- The Scope & Document Maintenance sections will be built out once the discussion on the governance plan is further along.
- The Vision is based on feedback received during the last meeting and the environmental scan.

#### Stakeholders

- Three stakeholder groups were identified in the draft plan: Developers, Users, Promoters
- Developers are incredibly important as they will be moving popHealth forward, but may not be part of the entity requesting the enhancement
- Promoters – market popHealth to the larger community
- There is synergy between different stakeholders; important to recognize that some of the governance options may require a blend of what we have drafted
- ONC involvement needs to be defined to ensure popHealth follows the national direction on CQMs. ONC is a promoter and is also committed to supporting Cypress moving forward.
- An additional stakeholder group that should be added is strategic advisors, whose role is to interface with federal/state agencies on CQMs, and what's coming down the pipeline.

#### Responsibilities

- Users are responsible for roadmap development, prioritization, keeping track of forks and versions, and providing feedback to developers.
- Developers are responsible for developing practices and guidelines (documentation), performing code review and merging, and managing technical assets.
- General support from the community that a small group of developers should be responsible for merging code, but that the larger developer community should review code and provide feedback.
- There should be recognition that not all code can be merged into the branch, since some changes that are made may become part of proprietary products.
- User group should use the demo server to test code changes and report back to developers.
- Developers should provide small incremental code contributions that are well tested and well understood, match the vision of the group, though initially there may need to be larger



contributions since many have been working on popHealth and have not yet submitted code changes.

- User group should help to set the roadmap/priorities and should start with the initial set of use cases that will be posted on the Wiki.

### Governing Workgroups

- There are two options, a single workgroup with subcommittees or multiple workgroups (user and technical) that split responsibilities.
- There is general support from the community for a single workgroup that is inclusive of the whole community and will enable an integrative, collaborative approach to managing the tool.

### Membership Models

- There are two options for membership models: contribution based and fee based. Contribution based allows for a broader set of stakeholders to participate, based on contributing financial, code, bug fixes, community answers, etc.
- General support for the contribution based model to allow for broad engagement in the community.
- The community will need to define how contributions correlate to membership rights, i.e. how is a tangible contribution defined.
- There is a tension in popHealth that users will require particular developments, and the developers may be from a different organization. This creates a need for a financing mechanism, which has legal implications.
- This may require a non-profit organization that can manage popHealth's governance and finances.
- There could be a directory of people who have the technical expertise that users can reach out to, this may assist users who have financing but not developers in getting their use cases developed.

### Next Steps

- Community should submit their thoughts, feedback, etc. on the draft governance plan to Audacious Inquiry (Ai).
- Ai will refine the draft governance plan and send it back out to the community.
- Ai will work to schedule the next stakeholder meeting to review the updated draft governance plan and continue to refine it.