

Pharmacy Utilization Meeting

May 12, 2023

Attendees

Linda Coyle (IMS)
Jennifer Stevens (IMS)
David Angelaszek (IMS)
Emily Carver (IMS)
Kevin Ward (Georgia) – absent
Randi Rycroft (Idaho)
Serban Negoita (NCI)
Peggy Adamo (NCI) – absent
Marina Matatova (NCI)
Jennifer Hafterson (Seattle)
Tiffany Janes (Seattle)
Kaitlin Akif (NCI)

- David gave an update on implementing the pharmacy data items in SEER*DMS. The work had been on hold during the NAACCR 23 updates and has now started.
 - Marina would like to schedule a demo of the new fields for GA, SE and ID. She would like Kathy Cronin and Nadia Howlader to attend. Earliest date is July 7th.
 - David confirmed he is available and can support that timeline.
- Serban stated he wasn't able to coordinate with Nadia and Kathy about joining a meeting to discuss releasing datasets to research community.
 - He will try to discuss with Kathy directly next week.
 - Marina is also meeting with Kathy next week and will discuss the July 7th meeting with them.
- NCI had an internal meeting to discuss development of a database to track first course agents by cancer type. Serban, Marina, Valentina, Lois and Peggy attended the meeting.
 - The meeting focused on whether the maintenance of the system will be automated or manual.
- Marina commented that automation by utilizing FDA/NCCN APIs might be possible but it will require coordination with staff from FDA and NCCN.
- Lois drew up a draft protocol about this and sent it to Marina this week. There will be an NCI internal June 1st meeting to review and discuss the protocol.
- Marina commented she will reach out to Donna Rivera at FDA and contacts at NCCN about using their APIs to automate the maintenance of the system.
- Valentina said during the meeting that even hiring a full time employee to manage this manually might not be enough to maintain it.
 - Serban believes this is because she was considering doing this for all drugs in CanMED while our work has focused a subset of drugs for specific cancers.
 - Valentina's wider scope of the work is likely the reason for her concern about manual maintenance.

- A new pharmacy fellow is starting in Surveillance Informatics that might be able to help with this project.
 - Marina will be discussing the new pharmacy fellow with Betsy next week.
 - Serban is considering using the pharmacy fellow to manually work and maintain the database for a limited set of sites and treatment modalities as an initial step.
 - As automation capabilities become available the system can be expanded to cover more sites and modalities.