

# CIVITAS

Networks for Health

# NETWORK NEWS

April 2024



# AGENDA

- Civitas Welcome and Updates – *Jolie Ritzo and Jessica Little*
- Civitas Member News – *Jolie and Jessica*
- Spotlight Presentation: Policies and Governance of AI Applications in Health IT and Health Care
  - *Alan Katz, Associate Director of Advocacy and Public Policy*  
*Civitas Networks for Health*
  - *Ahmad Alkasir, Policy Lead, Ellison Institute of Technology*
  - *Shamekka Marty, Patient Advocate, Healthcare Interoperability Expert, Health Union*
  - *Jolie Ritzo, Vice President of Strategy and Network Engagement*  
*Civitas Networks for Health (Moderator)*



# HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- This is a Zoom webinar
- All webinar participants are automatically muted, and your video is not displayed
- If you would like to ask a question, please use the Q&A function on the taskbar
- Use the chat feature to introduce yourself (name, org, location), share resources, etc.
- For questions following the webinar, reach out to [contact@civitasforhealth.org](mailto:contact@civitasforhealth.org)



# CIVITAS UPDATES

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Network News – be sure to register for the series!](#)
- [AHIP and HL7 | Demographic Data Standards National Virtual Focus Group Sessions](#)
- [Healthier Together 2024 Summit – Quality Health Network - April 25 Grand Junction, CO](#)
- [National Association of Health Data Organizations \(NAHDO\) 4th Annual Meeting and In-Person Networking Session – May 7-8, New Orleans, LA](#)
- [AcademyHealth 2024 Health Data Leadership Institute – May 7-8, Washington, D.C.](#)
- [2024 WEDI Spring Conference – May 13-16, Exclusively on Zoom!](#)
- [2024 CMS Health Equity Conference – May 29-30, Bethesda, MD](#)



# #CIVITAS2024 UPDATES

The "Bridge Between Data and Doing" conference will be held October 15-17, 2024, in Detroit Michigan.

[Registration is Open- Early Bird Rates end on July 15!](#)

Call for Proposals opens on April 29.

**Thank you to our platinum sponsor, InterSystems!**



# THANK YOU TO OUR CONFERENCE SPONSORS



# 2024 Annual Conference Call for Proposals

- [Submit proposals \(Coming Soon!\)](#)
- Opens on Monday, April 29
- Closes on Friday, May 24
- Industry partners are invited to propose session presentations for this year's event to be featured on our conference agenda
- All submissions will be reviewed by the Proposal Selection Committee in early June
- Notifications about proposal selections will be sent out at the end of June
- Questions about submissions please contact [lross@civitasforhealth.org](mailto:lross@civitasforhealth.org)



# 2024 Annual Conference Call for Proposals

All proposals should be aligned with the conference theme of **Bridging Data and Doing** and fall within one of the three following tracks:

- 1. Interoperability, national networks, standards, and technology** – this track will explore how we further health data interoperability, compare local, regional, and state exchange to that of national networks while examining the broader ecosystem and opportunities for greater alignment, deep dive into implementation and use of standards, and highlight new uses of technology such as AI.
- 2. Promising partnerships** – this track aims to highlight key partnerships advancing health data utilities, health equity, population health, quality improvement, and value-based care. Sessions will highlight collaboration between APCDs, CBOs, HIEs, health-data organizations, RHICs, and QIOs. The emphasis will be on the outcomes resulting from data-led and multi-stakeholder partnerships.
- 3. Community-centric approaches to addressing unmet health related social needs (HRSN)** – With increased attention on improving individual's health, particularly those from underserved populations, this track will examine improved care coordination efforts and how we are expanding care well beyond health care settings. The sessions will further discussions about implementing community care hubs, leveraging community health workers, SDOH data sharing, close-loop referrals, and important policies and practices driving progress.

# CIVITAS COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT



Utilize our updated communications toolkit to promote your organization's membership with Civitas.

The toolkit includes:



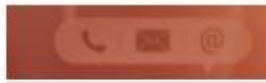



- Template social posts
- Graphics
- Newsletter blurb

Access [the toolkit](#) today!

## Member Area


Welcome to the Civitas Member Area where you have access to member-only content, resources, and collaboration opportunities. Please [contact the Civitas team](#) if you need assistance finding resources. Want to get engaged and active with our member network? Join our [councils and workgroups](#)!

[CONTACT US](#)

 <p>Civitas members are encouraged to participate in our Councils and Workgroups that support their work and interests. See a full listing of our offerings below.</p> <p><a href="#">COUNCILS AND WORKGROUPS</a></p>	 <p>Members have exclusive access to webinars featuring leaders within our network and industry. Access the recordings, presentations and materials from past Civitas events.</p> <p><a href="#">PROGRAMMING</a></p>	 <p>We strongly recommend that full members prioritize SB&amp;T members in procurement or partnership activities. See a full listing of our SB&amp;T members and their services.</p> <p><a href="#">PARTNERSHIP AND PROCUREMENT GUIDE</a></p>
 <p>Access content resources to communicate Civitas and our network to your audiences.</p> <p><a href="#">TOOLKITS</a></p>	 <p>Your membership with Civitas gives you access to discounted pricing for valuable services.</p> <p><a href="#">GROUP PRICING ON SERVICES</a></p>	 <p>View the full listing of Civitas Networks for Health's Full, Affiliate, and SB&amp;T members.</p> <p><a href="#">MEMBER DIRECTORY</a></p>

### Civitas Programming

Access the recordings, presentations and materials from past Civitas member events.

 <p><a href="#">Network News</a></p> <p>Upcoming:</p>	 <p><a href="#">Public Policy Briefing</a></p> <p>Upcoming:</p>	 <p><a href="#">Member Roundtables + Events</a></p> <p>Upcoming:</p>
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# REMINDER: CIVITAS MEMBER AREA IS AVAILABLE

The Civitas team has been working on revamping our member area to better suit members' needs! Check out our updated webpage for more information on Civitas offerings, the member directory, and useful resources.

[www.civitasforhealth.org/memberarea](http://www.civitasforhealth.org/memberarea)

# Civitas DC Fly-In

Civitas members from the GRAC came together from across the country to advocate for our policy priorities in Washington, D.C., championing interoperability, SDOH, quality improvement, and the HDU model during our inaugural Fly-In.



# MEMBER ENGAGEMENT – CIVITAS WORKGROUPS

All Civitas members are invited to participate in our workgroups which meet regularly over Teams. Current workgroups:

- Health Data Research
- Marketing and Communications
- Public Health
- Equity and Quality (formerly Digital Measures)
- SDOH and Interoperability
- Standards and Technology

If you have not signed up for a workgroup, you are encouraged to do so, use our [sign-up form](#) to be added to a workgroup.

# UPCOMING WORKGROUP AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **Government Relations and Advocacy Council:** Thursday, April 18, 12-1pm ET
- **Health Data Research Workgroup:** Wednesday, April 24, 3-4pm ET
- **Gravity Pilots Affinity Group:** Thursday, April 25, 2:30-4pm ET
- **Social Determinants of Health and Interoperability Workgroup:** April 26, 12-1pm ET
- **Equity and Quality Workgroup:** Friday, May 31 12-1p ET

# EQUITY AND QUALITY WORKGROUP (FORMALLY DIGITAL MEASURES WORKGROUP)

- Workgroup meetings every other month 12-1pm ET, starting May 31
- Co-chairs:
  - Ginny Weir, MPH, CEO at Foundation for Health Care Quality
  - Dan Crenshaw, JD, Executive Director at KC Health Collaborative
- This workgroup aims to assess how to **identify and measure quality and advancements in health equity**. The workgroup will provide a forum for shared learning for members involved in health equity, quality, and digital measurement.
- [Sign-up here!](#)

**DEMOGRAPHIC DATA STANDARDS  
NATIONAL  
VIRTUAL FOCUS GROUP**



# Demographic Data Standards Development

## Project Team

This effort is a partnership between Civitas Networks for Health (Civitas), AHIP, and Health Level 7 (HL7) International.

## Objective/Scope

AHIP has funded Civitas to launch a project in partnership with HL7 International to support refinement and development of improved demographic data **questions and response choices** for race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, gender, disability status, military experience, and spirituality.



# Demographic Data Standards Development

## Planned Phases of Work

- Host national convenings with key stakeholders to introduce demographic data **questions and response choices** and gather feedback. Publish white paper on findings.
- Phase 2 will be dependent on the finding in Phase 1 and may focus on the development and publication of new questionnaires, implementation guides, etc.
- Phase 3 will focus on curating existing materials and prioritizing development of future materials for putting the standards and guidance into practice. Development and/or refinement of materials would occur through a pilot project led by Civitas.

## Current Status

- Five national virtual focus groups held to date.
- Revisions are being made to proposed questions and response choices.
- Pending publication of whitepaper and preparing for final presentation.

# Proposed Optional: Pronouns

## Pronouns

We would like to be respectful. What pronouns do you use to identify yourself?  
(Select all that apply)

- He, him, his
- She, her, hers
- They, them, theirs
- Ze, hir, hirs
- Ze, zir, zirs
- Additional pronouns, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't know
- I choose not to respond

Adapted from Fenway Health's National LGBTQIA+ Education Center

# Revised Optional: Pronouns

## Pronouns

We would like to be respectful. What pronouns do you use to identify yourself?  
(Select all that apply)

- He, him, his
- She, her, hers
- They, them, theirs
- Ze, hir, hers
- Ze, zir, zirs
- ~~Additional pronouns~~, **Something else**, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- **Use my name**
- I don't know
- I choose not to respond **at this time**

# Next Steps

## Deliverables

- Whitepaper – Pending Publication, Anticipated May 2024
- Crosswalk of HL7 Standards

## Phase 2 – Build Consensus on Technical Standards

- Cognitive testing of questions and response choices with the Patient Advocate Foundation.
- Utilize HL7 standards development and consensus building process.
- Explore the development and publication of new FHIR Questionnaire representing the recommended data elements developed in Phase 1.
- Explore creation of corresponding HL7 Implementation Guides (IGs).

# Next Steps

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## Schedule

					<b>Coming Up!</b>
		SOGI, Pronouns, and Relationship Status   2:30pm-4:30pm ET		Language and Spirituality 3pm-5pm ET	Final Presentation of Findings 2pm-3pm ET
<b>January 31</b>			<b>March 4</b>		<b>April 11</b>
	<b>February 21</b>			<b>March 20</b>	
Military Experience & Disability Status 2:30pm - 4:30pm ET		Race and Ethnicity 2pm-4pm ET		Summary of Draft Findings 1:30pm-3:30pm ET	<b>June 6</b>

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- [Clareto](#) announced a new partnership with a health information exchange (HIE) within in the Northeast.
- [Connie](#) announced the expansion of its Medication Management tool to empower health care providers with storing critical medication data while also addressing deduplication processes.
- [CyncHealth Iowa](#) is seeking feedback from customers and asking for volunteers to join its Provider Portal user group, a platform aimed at helping providers gain access to critical patient data.
- [Data Across Sectors for Health \(DASH\)](#) and Civitas collaborated on a newly released blog, [Aiming for Whole Health with Community-Centric Health Data Exchange](#).
- [Delaware Health Information Network \(DHIN\)](#) announced a new partnership with Audobon Bioscience Co. to expand biomedical research opportunities through de-identified aggregate claims data.
- [HEALTHeLINK](#) just released its 2023 Report to the Community, showcasing advancements and initiatives benefiting the community's health care landscape.
- [Intrepid Ascent](#) just published a news release celebrating its tenth year of success: [Reflecting on 10 Years of Helping Build Healthier Communities](#).
- [Kno2](#) released a new MuleSoft Connector tool, enabling organizations to expedite growth, reduce time spent on repetitive tasks, and create efficient workflows and integrations.



# MEMBER NEWS

- Manifest MedEx recently joined NCQA's Digital Content Services Early Adopter Program to improve the quality of reporting for health plans.
- The Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services (MiHIN) announced that it has been awarded three respective grants from the 2024 Going PRO Talent Fund program.
- NAHDO is proud to share that the Non-Claims Payment Data Layout (NCP Data Layout™) is now publicly available on its website.
- Quality Health Network's Healthier Together 2024 Summit will kick off next week with Civitas CEO Lisa Bari as one of its keynote speakers.
- Trenton Health Team was recently recognized by the New Jersey Department of Human Services for its work on addressing food insecurity.
- SS&C Health collaborated with Civitas on a new member spotlight story highlighting its work with predictive modeling technology and driving change in health care delivery.
- West Health Institute released an article within the Health Affairs Forefront series: *Improving Hospital Compliance With Price Transparency Rules.*

# **Spotlight Presentation: Policies and Governance of AI Applications in Health IT and Health Care**

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## SCAN

