Rhode Island HIT Steering Committee

May 12, 2021

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions

- Review of the Minutes

- Strategic Planning Prioritization Exercise

- Report:
  - Interoperability Work Group

- Discussion:
  - Quality Reporting System – Community-Wide Use & Sustainability Discussion – Part 2

- Strategic Planning Conversations – What Systems and Use Cases are Members Interested in Discussing?

- Next Steps and Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 5:30 pm

- Public Comment

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Strategic Planning Prioritization Exercise

- During April's meeting, we reviewed a set of strategic and potential projects that the Steering Committee might take up for more research, discussion, and review.

- In a minute, you will be asked to identify what level of priority (High, Medium, Low, or Not Sure) you place on each of the strategic and potential projects discussed.

- Please note that everyone in the meeting is welcome to take part in the poll – Steering Committee members and Interested Parties.

- This is just a preliminary poll to assist in determining break out rooms for discussion later in the meeting.

Polling Starts

- Please fill out the Poll now.

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Interoperability Workgroup

Committee Recommendation Regarding Standardization of ADT Messages

After much discussion, the Interoperability Work Group has concluded that:

1. It is not feasible to standardize the admission, discharge and transfer messages

   - All hospitals are providing the CMS minimum required data elements

   - Hospitals are unlikely to be able to change what is in the message, and what the data element represents

   - Several providers and hospitals shared concerns that this CMS rule is being implemented in a manner that will not be as effective as desired (sending individual patient messages to individual providers/practices)

2. The Work Group recommends gathering experience now that rule is implemented and evaluating pain points in 1-2 months

3. The Work Group will determine how or whether to address identified any concerns at that time

Interoperability Workgroup

Next Steps

1. Provider Education:

    • RIDOH and EOHHS staff are drafting a joint communication to be sent by the Director of Health and Medicaid Director, informing them about the rule.

2. Workgroup will now transition its focus to implementation needs associated with CMS Rule on Patient Access through APIs.

    • Encourage anyone interested in this topic to join the workgroup. The next meeting is Monday April 17, 3-4 PM.

    • We are specifically requesting payers to have representatives on this workgroup.

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QRS Sustainability Survey Results

Summary of Responses
- 12 responses from 10 Committee members and 2 interested parties
  - 7 provider organizations, 2 health plans, 2 state agency, 1 community-based organization
  - 2 organizations willing to discuss funding contributions

Use Cases
- Feedback generally indicated our proposed use cases were on-target and useful
- Additional use cases included:
  - Commercial health plan measures for quality performance contracts
  - Fulfilling CMS interoperability requirements for patient access API and payer-to-payer API
  - "One stop shop" for data reporting needs
  - Support aggregation and sharing of SDOH data for quality reporting
  - Flexibility and capability for providers to customize or build various quality measures in a dashboard (*Note: this functionality is currently available to users with the capacity to create Python scripts*)
  - Support Medicare Shared Savings Program quality reporting requirements (CMS MIPS for ACO reporting in 2022)
  - Uniform Data System (UDS) reporting for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Next Steps
- Conversations with organizations that replied and indicated interest
- If you did not reply to the survey but are interested, please reach out to Liv King (olivia.king@bhddh.ri.gov)

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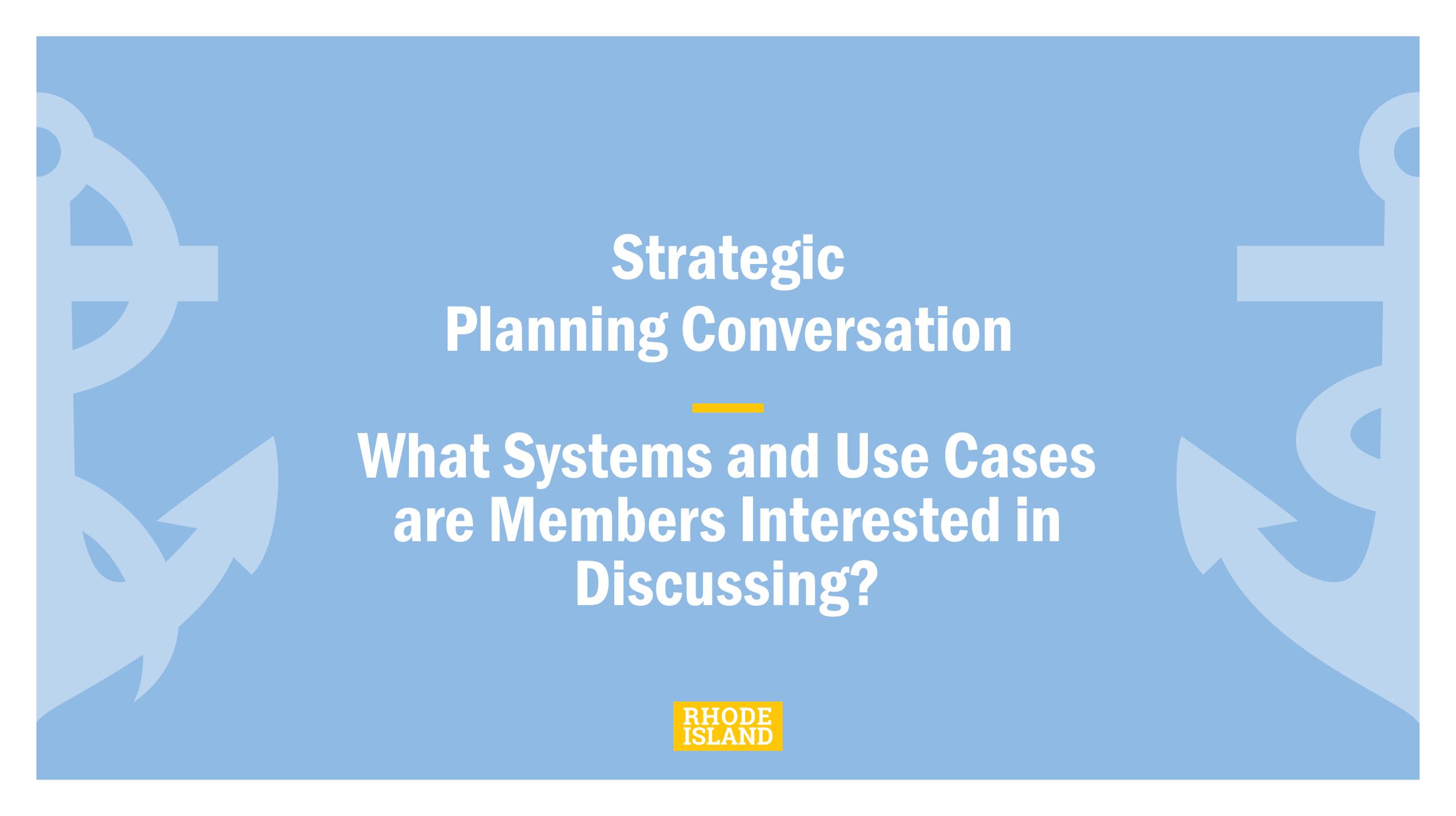
Strategic
Planning Conversation

What Systems and Use Cases are Members Interested in Discussing?

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Small Group Discussions

- Click on the "Break-Out Rooms" tab on the bottom of your Zoom screen and choose the group that you are most interested in.
- You will have approximately 10 minutes to discuss the topic with your group.
- Goal: Summarize the importance, benefits, and challenges of the strategic HIT initiative you are discussing – and share findings with the entire Committee – to prioritize next steps.
- Each group will report out a brief summary of benefits, impact of de-prioritization, implementation and/or funding needs discussed.

Discussion Questions

1. To what extent—or not—are stakeholders ready to tackle this initiative?
2. What are the benefits of acting on this initiative here and now versus later in time?
3. What key challenges, barriers, and concerns does this initiative face in moving it forward?
4. What would the negative impact be—short-term and long-term—by not prioritizing now?

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NEXT STEPS for the
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