



Queensland Coding Committee

10th July 2008

Minutes of the One Hundred and Ninety Third Meeting

1.1 Attendees

Stephanie Ferdinands (Chair)	Statistical Standards Unit
Laura Cleator (Secretariat)	Statistical Standards Unit
Ruth Curnow	Rockhampton Hospital
Lucy Kennedy	Logan Hospital
Kirsten Hinze	Gold Coast Hospital
Belinda Lai	Toowoomba Health Service District
Dr David Quigley	Medmin Pty Ltd
Kym Wimberley	Gympie Hospital
Kellie Marshall	Mater Health Services
Ann Stewart	The Wesley Hospital
Sophia Ovchinnikoff	Clinical Information Management, InfoInvestment Branch
Derelle Pratt	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
Meegan Snell	3M Representative
Jenny Nicol	Queensland University of Technology

Guests

Elisabeth Skubis	InfoOperations, Information Division
Giles Chapman	Logan Hospital

2. Apologies

Corrie Martin	Statistical Standards Unit
Lenore Berry	Northern Area Health Service
Wendy Adams	Clinical Information Management, Information Investment Branch
Debbie Abbott	NCCH Orthopaedic Clinical Coding and Classification Group
Tracey Matthies	Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Health Service District
Kirstine Sketcher-Baker	CPIC, Clinical Monitoring Team
Lisette Ramsden	Statistical Standards Unit
Julie Turtle	Statistical Standards Unit

3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Small amendments need to be made on the June QCC Minutes. The minutes will be amended and distributed before the August QCC Meeting.

L.Kennedy introduced G. Chapman as a guest attendee to the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- L. Cleator to amend minutes and distribute via email before the August QCC Meeting

4. Quality Hour Discussion Forum

No Quality Hour Presentation this month.

5. Business Arising from Minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 VLAD Update

No VLAD update this month as K. Sketcher-Baker was unable to attend.

5.2 HBCIS Update

The HBCIS 6.0 Phase 1 Release has been deployed state-wide. Software patches have been loaded to fix bugs in the:

- Deceased Details screen
- Incomplete and Overdue Booking Reports
- Unlinked Appointments Report
- Bulk Seen Update

As part of the HBCIS 6.0 Phase 1 Release a Post Implementation Review Survey has been distributed to all sites and the survey results will be collated and discussed at a post implementation review meeting.

The following enhancements have been noted for inclusion in the HBCIS 6.1 Release in March 2009:

- Incomplete Coding Flag
- ICD Coding Edits
- MRIC and OCOI indicator Report as the information is not available in Transition II

It has been noted the id of the coder/HIM who coded an episode is to be included in the PICQ extract and possibly in HQI extract. Further investigation is required.

The HBCIS Operational Process Review is near its completion. Operation processes of Change Management, Release Management, Incident Management, Configuration management are being aligned ID processes and the HBCIS team are working on business and technical impact documentation.

5.3 CSAC Update

No CSAC update this month as C. Martin was unable to attend.

5.4 PICQ Update

The January to March quarter PICQ reports have nearly been completed. The reports need confirmation by C. Martin to make sure they are correct before they are sent out.

ACTION ITEMS:

- PICQ reports for the first quarter of 2008 to be produced.

5.5 Clinical Coder Workforce Project

The Job Analysis Questionnaire (JAQ) with the comments made by QCC members during the June 2008 sent to committee members prior to the July meeting. S. Ferdinands noted that she has not received the draft report from R.Rule. No one else attending the committee had received the draft report either. The committee asked if S. Ferdinands would follow this up with R. Rule.

ACTION ITEMS:

- S. Ferdinands follow up with R. Rule regarding the status of the draft report

6 Other Business

6.1 Code Sequencing

K. Hinze reported that she is waiting for D. Bahr, to progress this agenda item.

6.2 Local Coding Rules

No Local Coding Rules discussion this month as J. Turtle was unable to attend.

6.3 Diabetes (and oncology) forms

No Diabetes (and oncology forms) update this month as J. Turtle was unable to attend.

K. Hinze notified that this agenda item is in relation to a possible enhancement in HBCIS.

6.4 Procedures normally not coded

No discussion this month as D. Abbott was unable to attend.

6.5 Cancelled Procedures

M. Snell informed that there has been a change in logic in relation to way cancelled procedures are now to be coded. Victoria have been coding it this way, but we need to think of the impact of the change. L. Kennedy notified that cancelled procedures were in the NCCH workshop material. K. Hinze advised that if a procedure was cancelled multiple times, we would not be able to capture it.

6.6 Incomplete Record Flag

No updates to be made, as information is still being compiled.

6.7 Action Items

S. Ferdinands Advised the committee that a new action item list listing all QCC action items from the start of 2008 to current had been put together as per QCC request at the June Meeting. S. Ferdinands asked members to provide feedback. The committee asked to go through each action item on the list (*Please note: Post-Meeting – The Action Items have been allocated reference numbers.*)

Action Item Reference Number: AI 45

The committee would like to see more detail under the Action Item column. The committee was concerned that the NACSCI and MRIC will come through on the VLADs. S. Ferdinands was unsure about this and will look into it.

Action Item Reference Number: AI 40

E. Skubis is currently looking into this. This will be hopefully incorporated in September with PICQ but HQI might be problematic.

Action Item Reference Number: AI37

S. Ferdinands informed the committee that she had emailed Julie Garret in regards to QCC's query about relaxation of submission times for facilities that opt into the pilot of NACSCI and MRIC. S. Ferdinands advised that in Julie's absence Toni Cunningham replied on behalf of the Casemix area. The advice received was that at this point in time there will not be any relaxation of submission times for facilities opting into the pilot collection of NACSCI and MRIC.

K. Hinze asked which areas have opted in. S. Ferdinands confirmed that Cairns Base, Redcliffe, Caboolture and potentially Prince Charles and Toowoomba may be participating with 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off but this is not confirmed yet. K. Wimberley informed that the Sunshine coast area has chosen to opt in. S. Ferdinands informed that she not received confirmation from Sunshine coast regarding opting in and would follow up. R. Curnow informed that she was unaware the pilot had started. S. Ferdinands advised that an email had been sent out to QCC members asking for volunteers in early July asking for volunteers. L. Kennedy would like to know if it is possible to start collecting in January 2009. S. Ferdinands advised she would investigate if this was possible.

E. Skubis notified the committee that she is currently looking into creating a coding module with C. Martin.

K. Hinze would like to know if Data Services are meant to be informing Casemix about hospitals reaching casemix deadlines. It is important as they would like to receive confirmation of incentives and penalties.

Action Item Reference Number AI 33

S. Ferdinands investigated the cost of teleconference and presented her findings. For QLD health sites a maximum of 10 can be used and will be no cost. S. Ovchinnikoff informed that she thought there was a cost involved and E. Skubis thought it depended on the number of lines and ports at a particular time. K. Hinze will be participating in a teleconference on the 11 July and will relay results back to S. Ferdinands.

Action Item Reference Number AI 31

Discussion was based around if the NACSCI (OCOI) and if this will be transferred across into HBCIS. E. Skubis remembers that a decision was made a while ago that it would not go. K. Hinze thought that this was the main selling point. S. Ferdinands to follow up with C. Martin.

Action Item Reference Number AI 25

Conversation was based on if NACSCI was assigned to a cancer code would this set off the cancer registration form in HBCIS. It was informed that it is possible to bypass this issue, but when running reports this will be flagged as not being completed.

Action Item Reference Number AI 18

Type C exclusion note in relation to admission policy has been completed by C. Martin.

Action Item Reference Number AI 15

This action item has been temporarily fixed with the new auto loading process. There was a problem where different dates were assigned to loaded and received. Questions were asked about end of year changes. E. Skubis informed that hospitals have to end of September to make changes. Information will be being distributed.

Action Item Reference Number AI 9

This action item has not yet progressed but D. Pratt will contact K. Hinze and M. Snell in near the future.

Action Item Reference Number AI 5

This action item has been marked completed, but to QCC knowledge this has not been reported at a QCC meeting.

Action Item Reference Number AI 3

This action item was completed. The QCC believe that a new flowchart should be developed incorporating the changes. S. Ferdinands to propose this idea to the Data Quality Team in particular the Clinical Classification Auditor/ Educators.

ACTION ITEMS:

- L. Cleator and S. Ferdinands to amend action item list and incorporate comments and suggestions.
- S. Ferdinands to investigate if the NACSCI and MRIC will impact the VLADs.
- K. Wimberley and S. Ferdinands to confirm Sunshine Coast participation in MRIC and NACSCI pilot.
- S. Ferdinands to see if it is possible to opt in to the trial in January 2009.
- S. Ferdinands to follow up with Data Services about casemix deadlines.
- K. Hinze to inform S. Ferdinands on how teleconferencing goes.
- S. Ferdinands to investigate more details about teleconferencing.
- S. Ferdinands to follow up about NACSCI and Transition.
- C. Martin to report of AI 5 findings.
- S. Ferdinands to propose this idea to the Data Quality Team in particular the Clinical Classification Auditor/ Educators

Courses at Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

The committee was informed that 2008 was the last intake of Health Information Managers (HIM) and Health Service Managers (HSM) because of falling numbers. University of Sydney no longer offer an undergraduate course but now have a post graduate in Health Informatics. Curtin University of Technology have now ceased the course. La Trobe University HIM program differs, with 2 year undergraduate component and 2 year post-graduate component.

QUT have developed a post graduate course and is trying to attract a different type of people. In 2009, a Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Clinical Classification) will be introduced. It will involve 4 units course will be offered face-to-face and online, and 1 year to complete. The subjects involved are Applied Medical Terminology, Introduction Coding Unit, Introduction to Casemix and 2nd Level Coding incorporating quality, auditing and advanced coding. This course has been finalised and it just needs marketing.

Another course, a Graduate Diploma or Masters in Health Management (HIM) is being created for release in 2010. This course will not involve coding but more of a management focus. This course has not yet been finalised but is very hopeful that it will be come into existence.

K. Hinze asked J. Nicol about the cost of these courses. J. Nicol informed that all courses would contain HECS places. If hospitals are to pay for course, the process would be that the students pay and then are reimbursed by there employer. Questions were raised in relation to HIMAA and O10. J. Nicol notified that there will be recognition of prior knowledge and experience and the graduate certificate is different as it looks at casemix and auditing. K. Hinze inquired about how long would need to be allocated to each subject for on-line students. J. Nicol estimated approximately 6 hours per subject.

ACTION ITEMS:

- J. Nicol to email course brochure to S. Ferdinands.
- S. Ferdinands to email course brochure to QCC Members.

Ideas and Queries suggest by QCC Members

Gastroenteritis

- A query was raised about the use of K52 in relation to gastroenteritis.
- K. Hinze noted that we do not code it anymore. K. Wimberley informed that A09.9 is causing issues for some private sector groupers that automatically assign a code for less than 15 years.
- L. Kennedy informed QCC members that this is documented in the NCCH Workshop Material on page 141 and 402. K. Hinze would like to see this be reported in codefile.

CVC and IDL under LA

- Discussion about when to code CVL and IDC took place. No decision was finalised.

Suggested Changes and Updates

- The committee would like to see lots of pieces of information be incorporated into codefile.

NCCH Database

- Discussion was about the removal of the NCCH Database. Committee members believe that there should be something to replace it, as it was extremely useful.
- M. Snell informed that auditors were not allowed to use it as it was not actually a part of the classification. In theory, all important information will be incorporated into Coding Matters.
- L. Kennedy directed members to look at the QCC and Victoria queries. M. Snell notified that Victoria does not always follow the same advice.
- A recommendation was proposed that 1 person from each state, could be involved with updating the NCCH Database.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Information about gastroenteritis to be incorporated into a Codefile article.

7 CAEU Update

S. Ferdinands informed the committee that the draft report for Ipswich hospital has been completed and is nearly ready to be sent out. Redlands, Gold Coast and The Prince Charles draft reports are to be completed within the following weeks.

M. Snell asked if there were any thoughts about releasing de-identified audit data. S. Ferdinands was unsure and would investigate

ACTION ITEM:

- S. Ferdinands to look into releasing de-identified audit data.

8 3M Codefinder Update

L. Cleator notified the committee that Codefinder was incorporated successfully with minimal problems. A Codefinder problem with morphology sequencing had been identified and this problem was being resolved and a document was supplied with information about this issue. An email was sent to the Codefinder group about using the new notes functionality. The committee informed L. Cleator that they did not receive this documentation.

A. Stewart commented about the changes in lead terms and how some coders are finding it particularly hard to find the correct lead term. It was asked if it would be possible for some lead terms to be incorporated into the codefinder.

M. Snell informed that this version of Codefinder was re-started from the pathway index. If the lead terms were anatomical terms there is a high chance that these have been removed. M. Snell informed that we could try and get some back in but the cut off is getting stricter and it may not be possible.

L. Kennedy asked if it would be possible to get rid of the message that occurs if a prefix for principal diagnosis has not been assigned. This message is annoying as the principal diagnosis will automatically be assigned a prefix when transferred into HBCIS. M. Snell informed that this is unique to QLD PAS and would not be removed as CPoA is national. However it is possible that this edit could potentially be turned off for Queensland.

K. Wimberley and L. Kennedy raised the issue about baby birth weight and if it under 400 grams, Codefinder is unable to group it. M. Snell informed that a later version of the grouper is able to group this.

D. Pratt informed that there is an error when grouping Q66.0x codes. Information was provided to M. Snell. L. Cleator to assign bug number and inform M. Snell

M. Snell asked for feedback from the QCC regarding the new codefinder version. L. Kennedy responded that she is currently using fifth edition and likes the new version especially the other notifications. D. Pratt informed that the new coders

are having no problems with the new version. L. Kennedy mentioned that obstetric coding is better with the new version. Discussion about this was centred on if it reflects the new changes.

ACTION ITEMS:

- L. Cleator to send Note functionality documentation to QCC members via email.
- L. Cleator to assign a bug number in relation to D. Pratt codefinder error. Bug number to be emailed to M. Snell.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Incoming

9.1.1 QCC queries

0708-01	Orthopaedic – Buford Complex
0708-02	Port-a-Cath exploration and suture
0708-03	Prophylactic Surgery
0708-04	ACS 0033 COPD & Bronchiectasis
0708-05	ACS 0401 DM – CRF and Nephropathy

9.1.2 NCCH Response to QCC queries

Decision:

0407-07	Seprafilm
0407-09	Procedural Components

Deleted and Moved:

1107-02	Reaction to Food
1107-06	Coding Matters FAQ vs. PICQ

9.1.3 Correspondence to the Committee

Nil

9.2 Outgoing

9.2.1 QCC Queries to the NCCH

Nil

9.2.2 QCC Grouper Anomalies to DoHA

Nil

9.2.3 Correspondence from the Committee

Nil

10 Next Meeting

Next QCC meeting is on 14th August 2008. This meeting will be held at QHB.

11 Closure of Meeting

Meeting ended at 2:45 pm.