

**Date: 4/8/21**

**Break Out Session Title: Privacy/Policy/Consent**

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### Summary:

Our group met to discuss specific questions surrounding Social Determinants of Health and how privacy affects them. We discussed multiple angles including authority to share information, purposes of sharing information, and patient consent.

### Key Takeaways:

- **The authority to share SDOH information without patient consent is available in certain contexts; however, further discussion of if we should collect consent to enable patient autonomy and foster patient trust.**
  - Parallels to behavioral health information sharing (e.g. mental health)
  - Thinking about stigma of pieces of information
- **Patient education and potentially patient consent is key.**
  - Need to educate patients on why this information is being collected
  - Need to educate staff on how to communicate with patients
    - True if we require consent or not- education is important!
  - On why it is beneficial for them to share
  - On how the information will be protected
  - But ultimately leave the choice to them
- **If we did allow for patient consent for sharing SDOH, what would that look like?**
  - Who should administer the education and the consent form? Who has the best relationship with the patient and is the most trustworthy?
  - What should the education look like? E.g. videos?
  - How granular of options should we allow for?
  - Open text boxes? Yes or No?
- **For what purposes do we feel SDOH data should be shared? Who should it be available to?**

- Coordination of care
- Population health (geographic areas, address the gaps in resources)