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HITOC Updates

Submitted: House Bill 4150 (2022) Community Information Exchange (CIE) Legislative Report, Contact: hope.peskin-shepherd@dhsosha.state.or.us

House Bill (HB) 4150 directed HITOC to convene one or more groups to explore strategies to accelerate, support, and improve secure, statewide community information exchange (CIE) and provide recommendations to the legislature in a draft and a final report.

The HB 4150 (2022) Final Report: Supporting Statewide Community Information Exchange was submitted to the legislature on January 31, 2023.

The final report includes recommendations and considerations developed by the CIE Workgroup between March and November 2022, HITOC's comments on these recommendations, and input from 99 community-based organizations (CBOs) obtained through surveys and interviews. Priority recommendations and findings from the report include:

1. CIE requires sustainable investment in systems change, as well as building trust and relationships to achieve the intended value.
2. Support for CBOs is paramount, as they are a priority partner and must also be at the table in decision making.
3. CIE should promote equity and accessibility and be person-centered. Ensuring health equity across CIE efforts necessitates prioritizing culturally and linguistically specific organizations.
4. Inclusive and neutral statewide governance is needed and must be responsive to CBO and community needs.
5. Privacy and security of data must be prioritized, as must transparency and accountability about data.

In addition, the report identifies the critical next steps for CIE in Oregon as financial investment for participants, with an emphasis on CBOs, as well as the need for statewide governance of CIE. Please see below for links to the final report and executive summary:

- [Executive Summary: House Bill 4150 Final Report](#)
- [House Bill 4150 Final Report: Supporting Statewide Community Information Exchange](#)

What is HITOC?

The Oregon Legislature created the [Health Information Technology Oversight Council \(HITOC\)](#) to ensure that health system transformation efforts are supported by health information technology. HITOC is a committee of the [Oregon Health Policy Board \(OHPB\)](#), which sets policy and provides oversight for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), including OHA's health system transformation efforts.

HITOC has six responsibilities:

1. Explore health IT policy
2. Plan Oregon's health IT strategy
3. Oversee OHA's health IT efforts
4. Assess Oregon's health IT landscape
5. Report on Oregon's health IT progress
6. Monitor federal health IT law and policy

HITOC brings partners across Oregon together for centralized policy work, strategic planning, oversight of health IT efforts, and landscape/policy assessment, so health IT efforts are more coordinated. HITOC also provides health IT expertise to OHPB and to Oregon lawmakers so they are informed about health IT in Oregon when they make policies and laws about health.

OHA's [Office of Health IT & Analytics Infrastructure \(OHITAI\)](#) staffs HITOC and the Oregon Health IT Program.

HITOC Strategic Plan and Annual Priorities, Contact: Shannon.Cengija2@dhsoha.state.or.us & KRISTIN.M.BORK@dhsoha.state.or.us

HITOC is updating Oregon's strategic plan for health IT. Areas HITOC will explore under the Strategic Plan Update include CIE, statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE), patient access to data, Electronic Health Record (EHR) adoption and implementation, public health, and more. As part of this work HITOC chartered two workgroups, the HIE and CIE Workgroups. See below sections for additional information on this work.

Community Engagement, Contact: hope.peskin-shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us

HITOC received an overview of the community engagement plan for HITOC's Strategic Plan Update at their February 2023 meeting. The initial steps include assessing existing community input and identifying HITOC members to help oversee the engagement process and ensure that key partner groups are meaningfully engaged. The plan will center health equity with a goal of hearing from communities harmed by health inequities and those impacted by a health IT. Community engagement for HITOC's Strategic Plan Update is a priority focus area for 2023.

HITOC April Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is [April 6](#) from 12:30-3:30. Members will hear about the changing privacy landscape at the federal level from guest speaker Mark Savage, receive an update from the HIE Workgroup on their developing concept papers, and be kept informed on Oregon legislative session bills related to health IT.

Community Information Exchange (CIE) Workgroup, Contact: Hope.Peskin-Shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us

The HITOC-chartered [CIE Workgroup](#) met monthly from March to November 2022 and has concluded meeting. The CIE Workgroup brought together individuals representing Oregon's diverse landscape of community, health care, and social services partners to provide recommendations on strategies to accelerate, support, and improve CIE across the state. The CIE Workgroup's vision is that all people living in Oregon and their communities have access to CIE that creates seamless trusted, person-centered connections and coordination to meet people's needs, support community capacity, and eliminate siloes to achieve health equity. Workgroup recommendations have informed the HB 4150 legislative reports, and will inform HITOC's Health IT Strategic Plan for Oregon and OHA efforts. For more information on CIE please see the [OHA CIE Website](#).

The [Oregon Health Policy Board](#) (OHPB) hosted an educational webinar on CIE and the HB 4150 Legislative Report on February 21, 2023. Lead CIE Policy Analyst Hope Peskin-Shepherd was joined by CIE Workgroup Chair Carly Hood-Ronick to present an overview of CIE including the current landscape of CIE efforts in Oregon, priorities and recommendations resulting from the HB 4150 Final Report and CIE Workgroup, and discuss the ways CIE can support OHA's health equity goals. The webinar also included a presentation from Summer Sweet, CareOregon Triage and Data Integration Manager, who shared an on-the-ground perspective from an organization actively using CIE.

The meeting [recording](#) and [slides](#), as well as details about future OHPB webinars and meetings can be accessed directly through the [OHPB meetings site](#).

Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup, Contact: Luke.A.Glowasky@dhsoha.state.or.us

HITOC chartered the HIE Workgroup in April 2022 to provide recommendations to HITOC and OHA on strategies to accelerate, support, and improve HIE across the state. Recommendations should reflect perspectives from all interested parties and partners, specifically including those serving communities that face health inequities. The HIE Workgroup recommendations will inform HITOC's HIT Strategic Plan for Oregon and other OHA efforts. See the goals and full scope in the [HIE Workgroup Charter](#). For more information on HIE, see the [HIE Overview](#) and the OHA [HIE Workgroup website](#).

HITOC reviewed the HIE Workgroup’s five concept papers and received a deeper level of insight to each area’s subtopics at their February 2023 meeting. The five concept areas are:

1. Statewide vision for HIE: Health equity and approach to HIE in Oregon, including governance
2. Advancing population health tools: Quality improvement and value-based care
3. Demonstrating value with social determinants of health (SDOH) use cases of HIE, including some of the work of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver
4. Connecting the entire care team: HIE adoption and gaps in adoption, as well as closed loop referrals as a strategy to help connect dots across the care team
5. Additional considerations: Consumer needs and HIE will be addressed in addition to privacy, security, and data completeness

HITOC members reviewed details of each concept area and provided feedback for additional topics they feel the Workgroup should address. The Workgroup will continue to update HITOC on the progress of the concept papers.

At their February 2023 meeting, the HIE Workgroup reviewed the proposed structure of the Additional Considerations: Consumers & HIE, Privacy, Security, & Data Completeness concept paper. They discussed additional topics the concept paper could address, including legal implications of sharing information across different provider types, promoting existing data security standards, and flagging emerging issues related to privacy and security. The Workgroup also continued discussion around how HIE governance should be addressed in the Statewide Vision for HIE concept paper; members were split on whether to recommend promoting a health data utility model for HIE governance in Oregon and several felt they needed more time to digest the content in the presentation.

At their March 2023 meeting, the HIE Workgroup discussed the scope and structure of the advancing population health tools concept paper. The group discussed a variety of topics including capabilities of population health tools, important use cases, data sources needed for population health, and how to further highlight the role of HIE in population health strategies. The HIE Workgroup also concluded its ongoing discussion on HIE Governance, hearing from leadership at both HIT Commons and Reliance eHealth Collaborative. Each presenter spoke to how their organization approaches HIE governance and what they would like to see as future state. An emphasis was made on the role of the state and how it approaches its own data assets from an interoperability perspective. In April, the Workgroup will continue discussing population health use cases and begin discussion on SDOH data and HIE use cases.

Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs and Initiatives

CCO Health IT (HIT) Roadmaps and Support, Contact: Marta.M.Makarushka@dhsosha.state.or.us

Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are contractually required to maintain an OHA-approved HIT Roadmap. CCOs are required to submit an annual updated HIT Roadmap to OHA reporting the progress made on the HIT Roadmap from the previous year, as well as plans, activities, and milestones detailing how they will support contracted providers in future Contract Years. Starting in 2022, CCOs are also required to submit data files reporting on EHR and HIE adoption by contracted providers.

CCOs submitted 2023 HIT Roadmaps and Data Reporting Files to OHA March 15. These documents include 2022 progress and 2023-24 planned strategies to support EHR and HIE adoption, as well as HIT to support SDOH needs, including social needs screening and referrals. OHA will review CCO submissions and notify CCOs in June whether Roadmaps were approved or if revisions are needed.

OHA has summarized the 2022 Roadmaps, which will be used to inform HITOC and OHA efforts. This [2022 CCO HIT Roadmap Summary](#) along with redacted 2022 HIT Roadmaps and reporting templates/guidance are posted

on OHA's [CCO Health IT Advisory Group \(HITAG\) website](#). HITAG's next meeting is April 27 1 pm – 4 pm and will include the following topics: 1115 Waiver; HIE Workgroup update and CCO priority information needs, and an HIT Legislative update.

Health IT Landscape and Environmental Scan, Contact: Marta.M.Makarushka@dhsosha.state.or.us

OHA's HIT team engages in ongoing environmental scan activities to inform health IT efforts and ensure strategies and programs address evolving needs. OHA's HIT team continues compiling data across the agency and other sources to serve various purposes, such as informing HITOC's progress monitoring, program oversight, reporting priorities and strategic planning. Refer to [the 2022 HITOC Report on Oregon's Health IT Landscape](#) for more information.

HIT Commons Partnership, Contact: Luke.A.Glowasky@dhsosha.state.or.us

The HIT Commons is a public/private collaboration to coordinate investments in health IT, leverage funding opportunities, and advance HIE across the state. HIT Commons is co-sponsored by the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLIC) and OHA, and is jointly funded by OHA, hospitals, health plans and CCOs. For more information see the [HIT Commons website](#).

EDIE and the Collective Platform (formerly known as PreManage)

The [Emergency Department Information Exchange \(EDIE\)](#) allows Emergency Departments (EDs) in real-time to identify patients with complex care needs who frequently use the emergency room for their care. [The Collective Platform](#) (fka PreManage) is a companion software tool to EDIE. The Collective Platform brings the same real-time hospital event notifications (ED and Inpatient Admit, Discharge, and Transfer [ADT] data) to those outside of the hospital system, such as health plans, CCOs, providers, and care coordinators. OHA supports a Collective Platform subscription that includes use by CCOs, Oregon Department of Human Services programs, Tribal clinics, and other Medicaid care coordinators.

- The HIT Commons [EDIE Steering Committee](#) met March 17, 2023. Topics of discussion included updates from Collective Medical; updates on priority EDIE/Collective Use Cases in development; quarterly analytics & key metrics updates; and approval of updates to the committee charter. Materials from that meeting, including the current HIT Commons priority EDIE/Collective Use Case list are available [here](#). The Committee will move from bi-monthly to quarterly meetings in 2023.

Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Integration Initiative

Oregon's PDMP Integration initiative connects EDIE, Reliance eHealth Collaborative HIE, EHRs, and pharmacy management systems to Oregon's PDMP. HIT Commons is overseeing the [PDMP Integration initiative](#) with guidance from the Oregon PDMP Integration Steering Committee and in coordination with OHA's Public Health PDMP program. For more information see the [HIT Commons website](#).

- Use of the popular PDMP Integration initiative continues to grow with 15 new organizations going live in Q4 2022, bringing the total number of Oregon facilities accessing the PDMP registry via Integration to over 1,400, and the total number of active prescribers to over 20,900. Additional information including a list of participating organizations can be found in the [Q4 2022 PDMP Integration Implementation Report](#).

Federal and State Health IT Policy Updates

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See past [HIT Policy and Program Updates](#) for news on federal health IT policy, updates to standards and guidance, including the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) efforts.

OHA submitted comment to request for information on standards for social risk factor data:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a Proposed Federal Rule change re: Access to Health Information and Improving the Prior Authorization Process. The rule also included requests for information on several topics, including standards for social risk factor data, to which OHA submitted comments based on the HB 4150 CIE Legislative Report and the CBO survey and interview input.

The comments period closed March 13, 2023. For more information, see the [announcement](#) and [fact sheet](#), and review the [proposed rule](#).

The 2022 Report to Congress: Update on the Access, Exchange and Use of Electronic Health Information is Now Available

[The new report](#) from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) highlights progress made by the federal government and private sector to build a nationwide foundation for the access, exchange, and use of electronic health information. The report also identifies barriers to a nationwide foundation, and includes recommendations to improve the use of health IT.

New Draft USCDI Available

ONC published the latest [Standards](#) with the new [Draft United States Core Data for Interoperability \(USCDI\) v4](#), including 20 new data elements in one new data class to advance health IT for improved care, reduced inequities, and stronger public health reporting. ONC is also seeking feedback on which data classes and elements should be included in the final USCDI v4. Public feedback accepted on the [ONC Draft USCDI v4 website](#) until April 17, 2023. ONC plans to release the final USCDI v4 in July 2023.

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Oregon Legislation Impacting Health IT: 2023 Legislative Session

Oregon's 2023 legislative session began January 17, 2023. As of March 23, 2023, OHA's health IT staff is tracking multiple bills with health IT and/or HITOC impacts, including:

2023 proposed legislation that specifies CIE or similar technology

- [House Bill \(HB\) 3303](#): Establishes a CIE Board and specifies membership and duties. There is a proposed amendment. For information on hearings, work sessions, and the latest on scheduled events see information on how to engage [below](#).
- [Senate Bill \(SB\) 1074](#): Directs OHA to administer two-year demonstration project in two counties to test whether expanding scope of reimbursable services provided by community health workers (CHWs) can improve outcomes for families and children.
- [HB 2440](#): Did not have a work session scheduled in a house policy committee by the first posting deadline of 3/17, and therefore will not be moving forward this session.

2023 proposed legislation being tracked for Health IT-related Impacts

- [SB 2959](#): Establishes the Task Force on Health Care Services in Oregon Schools. Among other things, the Task Force will examine possible health record systems or solutions for schools, and OHA may be asked to assist with subject matter expertise in this area.
- [SB 704](#): Establishes the Universal Health Plan Governance Board tasked with creating a plan for implementing a Universal Health Plan by 2027. The plan will need to identify IT infrastructure needed for overall Plan operations.
- [HB 2642](#): Requires practitioners to query Oregon's PDMP before prescribing Schedule II-IV controlled substances starting in 2024. OHA's partnership with HIT Commons to provide PDMP Integration into EHRs is the predominant method used by Oregon practitioners to access the PDMP, with 80% of queries driven by

Integration as opposed to direct access to the PDMP web portal. Use of PDMP Integration to query PDMP is not referenced in the introduced bill.

- [HB 3040](#): Requires CCOs to share claims and encounter data with contracted community providers or their EHR vendors for their covered patients. As introduced, community providers would include community health centers, safety net clinics, and federally qualified health centers.
- [SB 619](#): Requires organizations to provide certain data rights to consumers, including rights to know how their data is processed, to correct or delete data, and to opt out. Organizations must also place higher protections on “sensitive data” such as biometric data or for children’s data. This proposal grew out of Oregon’s Consumer Privacy Task Force.
- [HB 3258](#): Requires prescriptions of schedule V drugs under the federal Controlled Substances Act to be reported to and included in Oregon’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) registry. A proposed amendment adds requirements that the PDMP program contract to ensure the operation of any technology integrations between the PDMP system and health IT systems used by authorized practitioners; exempts naloxone and drugs containing pseudoephedrine or ephedrine from PDMP monitoring and reporting requirements; and requires disclosure of minimal PDMP data to authorized Oregon Medicaid leadership and program staff, and CMS to ensure the PDMP system meets CMS Medicaid Enterprise Systems certification requirements.

How to engage in legislative session:

- The best way to follow bills, hearings, testimony, and work sessions is to e-subscribe to each bill on the [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#). This helps ensure you can get notified if hearings are scheduled or other action is occurring on a bill.
- Information on how testify at future public hearings (in person or remotely) can be found [here](#) and to provide written testimony [here](#).

Oregon 2022-2027 Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver, Contact: 1115Waiver.Renewal@dhsoha.state.or.us

On September 28, Oregon received federal approval to pilot first-in-the-nation changes to the state’s Medicaid program over the next five years. Under the agreement, Oregon will receive \$1.1 billion in new federal funds to address inadequate food, housing and other root-cause issues that lead to poor health for people and families struggling to make ends meet. The agreement between Oregon and the federal agency Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) renews Oregon’s current section [1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver](#) for the next five years (covering 2022 – 2027) and provides federal sign-off and funding to implement the new changes.

Health IT plays a critical role in supporting [approved changes in the waiver](#) related to stabilizing transitions for Oregon Health Plan members, including supporting members transitioning from corrections, psychiatric, and foster care settings. Health IT tools can also play an important role in supporting information sharing between health care and social services to capture health related social needs, referrals, and services.

For more information, see the [Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application webpage](#).

Stay Connected

You can find information about HITOC at our [website](#). Meetings are open to the public and public comments are accepted at the end of each meeting or in writing to the HITOC Chair and Vice-Chair in care of OHA (HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov).

Refer to past [Health IT Policy and Program Updates](#) to review previous health IT resources, historical state and federal updates, and more.

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