

October 2021 eNews

The Office of Health Information Technology eNewsletter is back! After a brief hiatus due to staff changes and the pandemic, we will begin regularly sending out updates on health information technology in Oregon and at the federal level. If there are specific items you would like to see in this newsletter, please send ideas to Ashley.Ashworth@dhsoha.state.or.us.

October HITOC meeting

The next Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) meeting is Thursday, October 7, 12:30-3:30 and will focus on strategic planning and Community Information Exchange (CIE). HITOC will review a draft charter for a new CIE Workgroup, which will advise on the strategies to support, accelerate, and improve CIE in Oregon. HITOC members were encouraged to review the OHA CIE webinar from April 2021, see: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT/Pages/CIE-Overview.aspx>

HITOC meetings are open to the public, and public comment is always welcome either at the meeting or in writing at any time (send to: HITOC.INFO@dhsoha.state.or.us). For more information please see: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT-HITOC/Pages/HITOC-Meetings.aspx>

HITOC welcomes new members:

HITOC is pleased to announce the appointment of 5 new members and renewal of 5 members as approved by the [Oregon Health Policy Board](#) (OHBP) on July 6, 2021. The new members fill important gaps in oral health, social determinants of health, public health, rural health, and academic perspectives, as well as adding racial and ethnic representation and geographic diversity. Their terms began August 5. Welcome to Dr. Manu Chaudhry of Capitol Dental Care, Dr. David Dorr of Oregon Health & Science University, Carly Hood-Ronick of Project Access NOW, Abdisalan Muse of Multnomah County Health Department, and Diane Tschauner of Yakima Valley Farmworkers Clinic! [See the HITOC roster here.](#)

Seats remain open to fill additional gaps related to racial/ethnic and geographic diversity and behavioral health representation. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis. The application and background information can be found on our [recruitment page here.](#)

Final Year to Participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (aka Promoting Interoperability Program)

The deadline to submit your Program Year 2021 attestation is October 15, 2021. Start your attestation today! (You must have initiated participation no later than 2016. Eligible providers can participate for six years to receive the full amount.) Information about specific requirements can be found on our [Program Year 2021 page](#). Contact staff with questions at 503-559-0709 or Medicaid.EHRincentives@dhsoha.state.or.us.

Federal Policy

Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)

The 21st Century Cures Act calls on the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) to “develop or support a trusted exchange framework, including a common agreement among health information networks nationally.” To that end, the Common Agreement would establish the infrastructure model and governing approach for users in different information exchange networks (“networks”) to securely share clinical information with each other—all under commonly agreed-to expectations and rules, regardless of which network they happen to be in. Feedback on the Common Agreement portion of TEFCA is due October 21. [Submit comments here.](#)

Upcoming Events

Health IT Commons: EDIE/Collective Platform Webinars

For past HIT Commons events, see: <https://orhealthleadershipcouncil.org/edie-utility-learning-resources-and-webinars/>

HIT Commons website resources and Collective Community

October 18, 2021 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Register Here](#)

Engaging and Onboarding Post-Acute Care facilities

November 15, 2021 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Register Here](#)