

## Oregon's HIE Strategic and Operational Plans Receive Federal Approval

Oregon has received official notification that the HIE Strategic and Operational Plans have been approved by Dr. David Blumenthal, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. Carol Robinson, State HIT Coordinator and Director of HITOC commented, "I am extraordinarily honored to have been able to work with so many talented, dedicated people on this project over the past year to get us to this point. This is great news, and confirms that while there is a lot of work ahead, Oregon is on the right path."

Steve Gordon, Chair of HITOC, added, "This is another proud day to be an Oregonian. These plans are Oregon at its best, blending innovation, diligence, collaboration and excellence. My appreciation goes out to the hundreds of Oregonians who participated in the development of these plans for Oregon. Thank you."

The Finance, Technology and Legal & Policy Workgroups, as well as the HIO Executive and Consumer Advisory Panels are focusing on recommendations on the next set of decisions to be considered by HITOC as outlined in the Strategic and Operational Plans. Many of these recommendations will be discussed by HITOC at its January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### About the Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC)

The Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) was created by the passage of HB 2009 within the Oregon Health Authority. The Council is comprised of eleven individuals appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski, and is charged with developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan for electronic health information exchange, coordinating public and private efforts to increase adoption of electronic health records, setting technology standards, ensuring privacy and security controls, and creating a sustainable business plan to support meaningful use of health information technology to lower costs and improve quality of care.

### [HITOC Member Photos & Bios](#)

### Upcoming HITOC Meetings:

Thursday, January 20, 2011  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Eola Viticulture Center  
215 Doaks Ferry Rd  
Salem OR

Thursday, February 3, 2011  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Oregon State Library, Rooms  
102-103  
250 Winter St NE  
Salem OR 97301

### Internship Opportunities

HITOC and the State HIT Coordinator have made a concerted effort to establish ongoing coordination among Oregon's several federally-funded state HIT and HIE-related programs.

Quarterly meetings have been scheduled with these federally-funded grantee "partner" organizations, including the Medicaid HIT Project, Portland Community College, Oregon Health and Science University, Oregon Health Network, Oregon's Regional Extension Center, O-HITEC, and its parent organization, OCHIN.

The first of these quarterly meetings was held in September 2010. Several coordination issues were discussed, including the desirability of coordinating internship and other job opportunities between the partner organizations. To achieve this, HITOC will solicit submissions of these opportunities from the partner organizations and post these to a new webpage on the HITOC [website](#). Check back to the website in early 2011 or subscribe [here](#) to receive an e-mail notification when the new webpage is up and running.

### HITOC 2011 Launch

On January 20, 2011, HITOC will launch its 2011 work.

The day will focus on key presentations and decisions on recommendations coming from the Workgroups and Panels, including:

- Financial Sustainability Plan
- Accountability and Oversight Program
- Technology Planning
- Consent Model
- Legislative Concepts

### Happy Holidays



Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2011!

## Looking for Information on Meaningful Use and the EHR Incentive Programs? Resources Available: Visit the newly updated Medicaid HIT Project website site

Oregon's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program has posted a [FAQ](#) (Frequently Asked Questions) resource on its [website](#). If you have additional questions, or suggestions for the FAQ, please email [medicaid-hit.project@state.or.us](mailto:medicaid-hit.project@state.or.us).

Visit the federal [CMS EHR Incentive Programs website](#) to learn about who is eligible for the programs, how to register, meaningful use, upcoming EHR training and events, and much more.

In Oregon, those providers who need help with meeting meaningful use, beginning with the selection of an EHR system or the assessment of whether a current system needs to be upgraded, should contact [O-HITEC, Oregon's Regional Extension Center](#).

## Update from DC: ONC National All-Grantee Meeting

Last week Oregon sent a small delegation to the recent ONC National All-Grantee meeting held December 14-16 in Washington, D.C., including Carol Robinson, State HIT Coordinator and Director of HITOC, and Greg Fraser, MD, HITOC member and Medical Director of Information Systems and Informatics of MVP Health Authority (Formerly Mid-Valley IPA). Also attending were representatives from OHSU and OCHIN/O-HITEC, Oregon's Regional Extension Center, Susan Otter, Project Director for the Medicaid HIT Project and Aaron Karjala, Deputy CIO of DHS/OHA.

ONC funds several regional and national meetings a year to bring people together from all across the country to share best practices, problem solve challenges and hear national updates. Sessions run all day, and conversations continue late into the night.

Upon his return, Greg Fraser commented, "I feel privileged to have been able to attend. The meeting was affirming and inspirational, and gave me a better sense of how the important work we are doing here in Oregon fits into the national context."

Many of the sessions are available for viewing at <http://www.tworldwide.com/events/hhs/101214>. "All of the presentations were informative and thought-provoking. However, if you are only going to watch one, I would suggest **Encouraging Innovation: Rapid Learning and Technological Advancement** with Aneesh Chopra, U.S. Chief Technology Officer and Associate Director for Technology, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Todd Park, Chief Technology Officer, HHS," suggested Carol Robinson.

Carol Robinson served on the conference planning committee. She also participated on a panel focusing on how states are leveraging the NHIN Direct Project for statewide HIE, and led a breakout discussion about different programs to monitor and enforce standards at the state level. Paul Matthews, Chief Technology Officer of OCHIN/O-HITEC, represented Oregon during one of the Privacy and Security sessions.

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