

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 the governor, 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.

Upcoming Events:

HITOC Meeting

Thursday, September 8, 2011
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Portland State Ofc Bldg, Rm 1E
800 NE Oregon St.
Portland, OR 97232

AIM Conference

Wed., September 14, 2011
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Oregon Convention Center
777 NE MLK Jr Blvd
Portland, OR 97232

Consent Rules Hearing

September 21, 2011
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
State Library Rms 102-103
250 Winter St.
Salem, OR 97301

AIM Conference Draws National Level Speakers to Portland

Sept. 14 event will focus on the promise of health information exchange

Accelerate, Innovate, Motivate. These are the goals of the September 14 AIM conference, sponsored by Portland State University’s Center for Public Service and the Oregon Health Authority’s Office of Health Information Technology.

Keynote and featured speakers include:

- Farzad Mostashari, MD, ScM, National Coordinator for Health IT
- Regina Holliday, Patient Advocate
- Dr. Bruce Goldberg, Director of the Oregon Health Authority
- Claudia Williams, Director, State Health Information Exchange Program, Office of the National Coordinator
- Phyllis Albritton, Executive Director, Colorado Regional Health Organization
- Shaun Alfreds, Chief Operating Officer, Maine HealthInfoNet
- George Beckett, Tennessee Health IT Coordinator
- Hunt Blair, Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Health Care Reform
- Jac Davies, Director, Beacon Community for Inland Northwest
- Dr. Paul Matz, Medford Medical Clinic
- Brian Ahier, Health IT Evangelist, Gorge Health Connect

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Oregon’s Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Starts Sept. 26

Providers can use website to learn more, prepare to sign up for payments

Now is the time. Find out if you are eligible for Medicaid EHR incentive payments!

Hospitals and eligible health care providers who serve Oregon's most vulnerable individuals have access to federal funds to help support the implementation and use of certified electronic health record systems in clinics and hospitals across the state.

Oregon's Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will be up and running on September 26, 2011. So [prepare to apply](#) now.

Aim Conference, continued

AIM 2011 will focus on the potential of health information exchange to help improve coordination of patient care. A full day of speakers, panels and demonstrations will offer strategies and lessons from across the country on the use of electronic health records and health information exchange (HIE).

The conference has a long and growing list of sponsors, noted at right.

Visit the [AIM conference website](#) for more information. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 9.

All conference proceeds will be distributed to community benefits.



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Consent Hearing Postponed to Allow Extended Public Comment Period

Hearing will now be September 21 to discuss informed consent for health information exchange

The public hearing scheduled for August 22, 2011, from 2 p.m. 3 p.m. has been cancelled to allow for an extended public comment period. The hearing has been rescheduled for September 21, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the State Library, Rooms 102-103, 250 Winter St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. The new public comment period close date is September 23, 2011, at 5 p.m.

The rules involve informed consent requirements for health care providers participating in electronic health information exchange. They provide clear and consistent language for health care professionals to use as they communicate with their patients about the sharing of electronic health information.

The original notice, statement of need, and proposed rule documents are available and can be accessed on the [HITOC website](#).

To submit comments, please email or mail them to:

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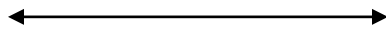
Carol Robinson Named Administrator of OHIT

Continues as Oregon's Coordinator for Health IT

Carol Robinson has been named Administrator of Oregon's new Office of Health Information Technology, which oversees HIT projects including health information exchange and the Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program. Robinson also serves as the State Coordinator of Health Information Technology for Oregon and is also the Director of HITOC.

Prior to her current appointment, she served Governor Kulongoski as the Interim Executive Director of the Oregon Health Fund Board during the 2009 legislative session. In that position, she helped to coordinate the political effort that resulted in the passage of HB2009, Oregon's renowned health reform bill.

From 2006 to 2009, Robinson held the post of Executive Director of Oregon Health Forum, where she also served as publisher of Oregon Health News. Previously she was Director of Public Relations and Development for Oregon Business Association.



Articles of Recent Interest

- [Top Social Media Voices for the HIT Industry](#) (Health Data Management)
- [13 States Get Federal Insurance Exchange Grants](#) (HDM Daily)
- [Orszag: Health IT Tools 'Central' to Enhancing Value in Care Delivery](#) (Bloomberg)

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HITOC well represented on CCO work panels

Governor John Kitzhaber has appointed 133 people to serve on the Oregon Health Policy Board's four health system transformation work groups. Several of them also work on HITOC or its panels:

- Bob Brown, Oregon Health Action Campaign board member and on HITOC; on Outcomes, Quality and Efficiency Metrics Work Group
- Brent Eichman, executive director of the Douglas County IPA and on HITOC's HIO Executive Panel: Global Budget Methodology panel
- Lisa Ladendorff, executive director of the Northeast Oregon Network and on the HIO Executive Panel; on the Global Budget panel
- Jill Sanders of the National College of Natural Medicine, and on HITOC's Consumer Advisory Panel; on CCO Criteria Work Group
- Adam Nemer, a finance officer at Kaiser Permanente, and on HITOC's Finance Workgroup; on the Global Budget panel
- Sandra Hernandez of the TREE Group and HITOC's Consumer Advisory Panel; on CCO Criteria Work Group
- Barney Speight, a vice president at ODS and on HITOC's Finance Workgroup; on CCO Criteria Work Group

[Health system transformation](#) establishes a vision for improving the way Oregon delivers care through the Oregon Health Plan by creating Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs). The four workgroups will meet between August and November to develop recommendations.