

**November  
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Update**

# *Health Information Technology Oversight Council*

## **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, December 2, 2010**  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Portland State Office Building  
Room 1D  
800 NE Oregon St.  
Portland, Oregon 97232

**Thursday, January 20, 2011**  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Eola Viticulture Center  
215 Doaks Ferry Rd  
Salem, Oregon 97304

## **Workgroups and Panels Make Progress**

HITOC will be receiving input and recommendations from all of the Phase 1 Workgroups and Panels at its December and January meetings.

“We have over 70 individuals representing more than 50 organizations involved in our workgroups and panels in this first phase of HIE efforts in Oregon. It is very exciting to see the breadth of experience and commitment to this effort from all of our stakeholders,” commented Steve Gordon, MD, HITOC chair. He continued, “I am sure I speak for all HITOC members when I say that we are looking forward to hearing the recommendations from the workgroups about critical issues such as the core HIE services and consent policies.”

HITOC is responsible for gathering the recommendations and input from all of the workgroup and panels, making any necessary adjustments to the HIE Strategic and Operational Plans, and laying the foundation for HIE to help ensure that all eligible providers in Oregon can meet Stage 1 meaningful use in 2011.

The Legal and Policy Workgroup has held four meetings focusing on consent and privacy and security standards. The Technology and Finance workgroups have both been working on the core HIE services from their individual lenses of technology and finance. On December 8, those two workgroups will hold a joint meeting to talk about how potential ancillary services could impact the financial sustainability plan.

The HIO Executive Panel met with the Accreditation Subcommittee in October to begin conversations about how best to structure the Accreditation Program. That work will become more focused at two meetings in December.

The Consumer Advisory Panel spent much of its first meeting talking about when and how consent should be provided to allow health information to be exchanged electronically.

The HITOC Workgroups and Panels have a very fast-paced meeting schedule. All meetings are recorded and posted on the HITOC website. Meeting summary reports are produced for each meeting and can be found on the HITOC website in the meeting materials for the next meeting of each group.

## **December Workgroup and Panel Meetings**

Please visit the [HITOC website](#) for information on meeting times and locations. Below are the tentatively scheduled topics for upcoming workgroup meetings.

### **Finance**

December 8: Joint meeting with Technology Workgroup about Ancillary Services

### **Legal and Policy**

December 13: Accountability & Oversight: Monitoring and Enforcement

### **Technology**

December 8: Joint meeting with Technology Workgroup about Ancillary Services

### **Accreditation Subcommittee**

December 3: Accreditation Program Framework

### **HIO Executive Panel**

December 9: Review Accreditation Framework

## Dr. Hersh named to Top 25 Clinical Informaticists

William Hersh, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology, has been named one of the top 25 clinical informaticists of 2010 by Modern Healthcare magazine (MHM). He is the only full-time educator among the 25 awardees.

Dr. Hersh was acknowledged for directing one of the largest biomedical informatics education programs in the country. The article cited his work leading the 10x10 program in collaboration with the American Medical Informatics Association that aims to train 10,000 healthcare professionals in biomedical informatics by 2010.

Modern Healthcare is a leading print and online news source for the healthcare industry. [Learn more](#) at MHM website.

[This information is from the OHSU website.]

## Making Sense of Health Information Technology, Right Now!

A No-Cost Tele-Town Hall for Physicians and Practice Staff

Friday December 10, 2010

7:30 - 9 AM

Co-sponsored by the Medicaid HIT Project, Oregon Medical Association and O-HITEC

You don't want to miss this free tele-town hall meeting on Friday, Dec. 10 from 7:30 to 9:00 am. With three sites around the state, in Portland, Bend and Roseburg, and virtual connections from virtually anywhere, this event will pull together experts from O-HITEC, Oregon's Regional Extension Center, the Medicaid HIT project, and advanced users and self-described 'naysayers', all to ask the hard questions and help physicians and their staff make sense of the rapidfire changes in health information technology right now, and ahead in 2011 and beyond. Participants can join from their desktops via webinar, or attend in person at OMA headquarters in Portland, St. Charles in Bend, or Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg. **SPACE at the sites IS VERY LIMITED**; register early!

Register now or learn more at [www.theOMA.org/MakingSense](http://www.theOMA.org/MakingSense).

Participants will:

- Gain understanding of the provisions of the federal stimulus bill that provide incentive funds for physicians to adopt health information technology
- Learn key elements of the Medicare and Medicaid incentive programs
- Hear from and engage in dialogue with physicians and staff with real-life experience in small practices that have "gone electronic"
- Ask tough questions and hear from physicians who have not yet taken "the leap"
- Understand the larger health reform impacts on practice data - including legal implications

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