OHA Request for Applications for HIT Advisory Group Members

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is requesting applications and nominations for its Common Credentialing and Provider Directory Advisory Groups. Members for each of these groups represent project stakeholders and provide advice and guidance on policy, program, and technical considerations for the design and implementation of the project.

The Common Credentialing and Provider Directory projects are part of OHA’s Office of Health IT’s broader portfolio of work to support health system transformation though HIT optimized care. Specifically, OHA is seeking a:

* Hospital representative, health plan representative, and an Independent Physician Association (IPA) representative for the Common Credentialing Advisory Group (CCAG); and
* Provider representative for the Provider Director Advisory Group (PDAG).

Attached is a combined application that allows potential applicants to outline their interest in becoming an official representative of one of the two advisory groups. Completed applications (see attached application) must be completed and submitted [ohit.info@state.or.us](mailto:ohit.info@state.or.us) no later than **December 18, 2015**.

Through 2016, the PDAG will meet for three hours each month and may extend these meetings into 2017. PDAG meetings generally alternate between Portland and Wilsonville locations. The CCAG is on ongoing advisory group that currently meets for two hours bimonthly, but may increase in frequency during 2016 to accommodate an increased need to work through programmatic details during final implementation stages. CCAG meetings alternate between Portland and Salem locations.

**Common Credentialing Advisory Group Background**

With the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 604 (2013), OHA is required to establish a program and database for the purpose of providing credentialing organizations access to information necessary to credential health care practitioners in the State. OHA is seeking a hospital, health plan, and IPA representative for the CCAG.

The CCAG provides consultation to OHA on the implementation of SB 604 which will include a common credentialing solution. Health care practitioners must enter their credentialing data into the solution that will then be used by credentialing organizations for credentialing purposes. The CCAG is responsible for advising OHA on credentialing application and submittal requirements, the process by which practitioner and credentialing organizations may access the system, and the imposition of fees. This includes standards for the process of verifying credentialing information.

Additional information about the CCAG is available on the OHA’s website at <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/occp/Pages/index.aspx>.

Questions regarding the CCAG can be directed to Melissa Isavoran with the OHA’s Office for Health Information Technology at [melissa.isavoran@state.or.us](mailto:melissa.isavoran@state.or.us) or by phone at (503) 559-7886.

**Provider Directory Advisory Group Background**

A statewide provider directory is a source of accurate healthcare practitioner and practice setting information that can be accessed by health care entities, such as providers, hospitals, health plans, coordinated care organizations (CCOs), researchers and state staff. The provider directory will leverage data from existing, authoritative data sources, such as Common Credentialing and will offer a rich source of provider information that can be shared across care settings. It will centralize data where needed, and allow for the federation of existing provider directories. Health care organizations can use information from the provider directory to support:

* **Operations and oversight:** As an accurate single source of key provider information such as contact information, provider affiliations to practice settings demographics, licensing data, etc.
* **Health information exchange:** Find Health Information Exchange addresses and provider information outside a clinic, CCO or designated system facilitating clinical data to be sent to the correct recipient securely and electronically.
* **Analytics and quality reporting:** Access historical provider affiliations and other authoritative data for use in generating outcome data, metrics and research.

PDAG provides the Oregon Health Authority subject matter guidance on the development of the statewide provider directory. The PDAG is comprised of external stakeholders representing a wide range of roles and affiliations within the health information technology arena. OHA is seeking a representative from the provider community who can participate and engage in discussions regarding provider directory operations, technical, policy, and governance needs.

Additional information about the PDAG is available on the OHA’s website at <http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHIT/Pages/Provider-Directory-Advisory.aspx>.

Questions regarding the PDAG can be directed to Karen Hale with the OHA’s Office for Health Information Technology at [karen.hale@state.or.us](mailto:karen.hale@state.or.us) or by phone at (503) 602-3252.

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| Provider Directory Advisory Group |  |
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| 1. What perspective do you represent? | | |
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| 2. Please describe your areas of related experience and content expertise that would assist in this process. | | |
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| 3. Why are you interested in participating? | | |
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| 4. Can you commit to reviewing and potentially editing materials resulting from work sessions? | | |
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| 5. Please describe other successful collaborative efforts you have been involved in and how you contributed. | | |
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| 6. Can you commit to the frequency and duration of meetings as identified in the Request for Applications, with some potential for additional assignments or materials review to be completed between meetings? | | |
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PLEASE submit your nomination form no later than **December 18, 2015** to: [ohit.info@state.or.us](mailto:ohit.info@state.or.us). Thank you!