

Health Information Technology Oversight Council

Thursday, August 2, 2012

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Council and Ex-officio Members Present: Ken Carlson, Ellen Larsen, Dave Widen, Steve Gordon (chair), Mel Kohn (partial meeting)

Council and Ex-Officio Members Present by Phone: Judy Mohr-Peterson (by phone, partial meeting)

Council and Ex-officio Members Absent: Carolyn Lawson, Erick Doolen, Greg Fraser, Rob Rizk, Bob Brown, Bridget Barnes, Sharon Stanphill

Staff Present: Carol Robinson, Lisa Parker, Chris Coughlin, Julie Harrelson, Chelsea Hollingsworth, Kate Lonborg, Ronit Zusman, Christy Lorenzini-Riehm, Matt Ausec, Steve Modesitt, Pete Mallord, Jan Greene, Karen Hale

Welcome, Opening Comments – Steve Gordon (Chair)

Refer to meeting materials: “Agenda”; “July 2012 HITOC Minutes”

- Because of the lack of a quorum, a vote to approve the minutes was postponed until the September meeting.

Meeting Objectives and Updates - Carol Robinson

Refer to slides 3-15.

- OHIT staff will be traveling to California soon to prepare for the Western States Consortium pilot, which the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) is watching as a possible model for interstate health information exchange (HIE) development.
- Question: Are other interstate pilots being conducted? Answer: Yes, but this will be the first that meets the challenge of a nationwide template including the broader scope.
- Question: How many Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program applications require follow up? Answer: About 60% of the applications need some follow up, but many of the clinics have one contact person, so staff often are able to resolve questions about multiple applications by working with one contact person.
- Question: How likely is it that Oregon will be selected as an HIT Trailblazer state? Answer: Oregon has a strong chance of being selected. The goal of measuring outcomes is aligned with CCO goals.
- Question: How many people are covered by coordinated care organizations (CCOs)? Answer: At this time, 22 of the 36 counties are covered, which equates to 500,000 of the 600,000 clients covered.
- Question: Who will determine whether CCOs have satisfied health information technology (HIT) requirements for the waiver? Answer: Presumably that will be part of contract renewal and reporting back to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on renewal of the waiver.

CareAccord™ Updates/Metrics - Chelsea Hollingsworth

Refer to slides 16-23.

- Question: Can CareAccord send emails to a group to replace a blast fax? Answer: A user could set up a group in the address book; more research is needed on other methods for sending to a group.
- Current engagement efforts are trying to target trading partners. The team is preparing more online training options.
- Final work on bulk upload will be completed in September, but bulk uploads can be performed now.
- One large health system is working with CareAccord team to bring a large number of provider onto the system, and a CCO is considering requiring members to participate in CareAccord.
- Question: What remains to be done to see the connection made between CareAccord and EHRs?

Answer: It is expected that some vendors will release EHR products as early as this fall that will include this functionality.

Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health Information Technology: Stakeholder Feedback - Kate Lonborg

Refer to slides 24-27.

- Additional feedback was received by email from a stakeholder who advocated including a personal health record (PHR) component in the strategies and advocated building a foundation for analytics for disease management.
- Question: Who participated in the webinar? Answer: Participants seemed to have a wide range of interests, with participants from across the health care industry as well as participants using personal email addresses.
- Question: Does each webinar have the same information? Answer: Each of the three webinars offered new information; they are not repeating the same points. The August 9th webinar will discuss action steps.
- The draft of Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT (OSP) will be posted for a two-week public comment period. The comments will be delivered to HITOC members for review in advance of September meeting.

Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health Information Technology - Kate Lonborg

Refer to slides 28-32.

Refer to meeting materials: "OSP draft."

- Question: Was health equity question raised because of doubts that it was addressed in the OSP? Answer: Staff wanted to clarify whether HITOC members felt that the issue was addressed explicitly enough.
- Members expressed satisfaction with the general approach to health equity and suggested calling out equity in the data analytics section.
- Question: Would it be worthwhile to assess HIT ability to support population health goals called out specifically? Answer: Population health measures would be covered by the analytics section and CCO measures. A draft strategy on population health will be distributed for HITOC's consideration.
- Question: Is there an update on the landscape for sustainability? Answer: The vehicle for the proposed Health IT Fund is still being developed. If a Health IT Fund is not established, then a subscription model is required to continue HIE, and other initiatives would not be funded. Various approaches are being researched and discussed.
- HITOC members discussed the audience for the OSP, additional information that might be required, and what information should be called out in a preamble to give the audience some context.
- Members discussed the role of the OSP relative to the health IT sector and economic development in Oregon; aspects of this could include workforce development, technical assistance, and fostering connections between organizations and coordinating activities.
- The cover letter or preamble could point out that economic development will occur due to the actions in the OSP.
- HITOC members commented that it would be useful to refer to the glossary at the beginning so that people take advantage of that resource and to add some more terms to the glossary.

Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health Information Technology: Next Steps - Carol Robinson

Refer to slides 33-34.

Public Comment:

- Andy Smith: Question: Is there a connection between the OSP and the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB)? Answer: HITOC will present the OSP to the OHPB; OHPB does not need to approve the OSP, but the hope is they will embrace and support it.