

Health Information Technology Oversight Council

Thursday, September 2, 2010

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Oregon State Library Room 103

Council Members Present: Steve Gordon, Bill Hockett, Greg Fraser, Sharon Stanphill, Marie Laper, Bob Brown, Rob Rizk; via phone: Bridget Haggerty, Brian Devore, Dave Widen.

Ex-officio Members Present: Melvin Kohn (via phone)

Council Members Absent: Rick Howard

Ex-officio Members Absent: Judy Mohr Peterson

Staff Present: Carol Robinson, Oliver Droppers, John Hall, Chris Coughlin, Dave Witter, Julie Harrelson, Rochelle Graff, Kahreen Tebeau, Sean Kolmer (via phone), Amy Cooper, Mindy Montgomery, Dawn Bonder

Opening and Welcome – Steve Gordon (Time code: 00:00:00)
Refer to slide deck, slide 1 Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steve Gordon introduced motion to approve minutes from July 27, and August 5, 2010 HITOC meetings.• Bill Hockett – Motion to approve; no discussion; all in favor; approved without any further discussion.
Meeting Overview and Outcomes – Carol Robinson (Time Code: 02:47)
Refer to slide deck, slide 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announcement: two Ex-officio HITOC members -- Mel Kohn, MD, and Judy Mohr Peterson, PhD.
HITOC's Role – Steve Gordon (Time code: 04:06)
Refer to meeting materials: "HITOC Guiding and Working Principles" Refer to slide deck, slides 3-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HITOC Chair acknowledges the hard work involved in the process thus far; HITOC members and staff have gone above and beyond the call of duty.• Key elements of HITOC's oversight role: Regional Extension Center work from O-HITEC, workforce development grants and opportunities, integration of additional telehealth broadband strategies, EHR adoption strategies, incentive strategies, and legislative strategies. A strong need for engagement of providers, consumers, patients, caregivers, and family on how to leverage the benefits that technology can bring to patient care.• Question: What can HITOC staff do better to engage you and prepare you for future meetings? HITOC member response: Council members need to stay educated.
Updates – Carol Robinson (Time code: 29:30)
Refer to meeting materials: "HITECH State Medicaid Director's Letter" Refer to Slides 9-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The final versions of the Strategic and Operational plans submitted to ONC; will be copied in color and mailed to the HITOC members.• HITOC staff will post Oregon's HIE full expected costs budget on the website along with a budget clarification statement.• Question: How do we have a sustainable plan over the next four years? Staff response: The Finance Workgroup will work to develop a sustainable finance plan.• In August, Susan Otter and Carol Robinson were able to attend the conference in Portland, OR. Dr. Goldberg, MD, Director, Oregon Department of Human Services and Director, designee, Oregon Health Authority was a keynote speaker at the conference.

Medicaid HIT Update – Susan Otter (Time code: 42:00)

Refer to slides 13-19

- Providers will have to decide if they will be applying for the Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentives.
- Question: Do we have an approach on communication with consumers? Staff response: We have been focused on the providers; a longer term goal is to coordinate with providers around their communications with their patients, and we will be developing consumer outreach as well.
- The State Medicaid Director Letter highlights linkages between HIE efforts and the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
- The Oregon Medicaid Health IT Project (MHIT) will be initiating a process to assess additional public health measures for Meaningful Use for Medicaid providers. MHIT will be working with HITOC to solicit input and feedback on any such recommendations.

O-HITEC Update – Clayton Gillett (Time code: 01:27:25)

Refer to: "O-HITEC Presentation"

- Review of O-HITEC milestones
- ONC is in charge of certifying EHRs; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has power over defining Meaningful Use.
- O-HITEC will provide a certification for MU, though O-HITEC's certification process is not recognized by CMS in terms of criteria for receiving EHR incentive payments. They will do on site assessments, as well as online.

Formation of Workgroups – Carol Robinson and Julie Harrelson (Time code: 2:08)

Refer to meeting materials: "HITOC HIE Planning Workgroup Charters, Draft, for Legal and Policy, Finance, and Technology"

Refer to slides 23-31

- An Orientation meeting is scheduled for all three workgroups and HIO Executive Panel on September 29th, 2010 in Salem. HITOC members are invited to attend.
- Question: On the list of nominations there is one that specifies "or designee." What does that mean? Staff response: that means they can designate someone to serve in their place from the outset.
- There were many highly qualified applicants that applied for the workgroups; the number of really impressive applications was stunning.
- Question: How will the chair and vice-chair be selected? Will HITOC select or will the group self-select? Staff response: the charters say that the Chair of HITOC will appoint the chair and vice-chair for each workgroup.
- Question: was representativeness taken into account in the workgroup selection process? Staff response: yes, HITOC was very fortunate in terms of the diversity of applicants.
- If a subject matter expert is needed for a short period of time, then the chair of a workgroup can appoint them. If someone is needed on a longer-term basis, then they would need to be appointed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of HITOC.
- Steve Gordon introduced a motion to approve all Workgroup charters and rosters of nominations for the workgroups. Bob Brown seconded the motion. All in favor; charters and nominations approved without any further discussion.

Formation of Advisory Panels – Chris Coughlin (Time code: 2:45)

Refer to meeting materials: "HITOC Panel Charters, Draft, Consumer Advisory Panel and HIO Executive Panel"

Refer to Slides 32-35

- The purpose of the HIO Executive Panel is to provide strategic input to HITOC regarding ongoing statewide HIE efforts and facilitate communication and coordination among HIOs.
- The purpose of the Consumer Advisory Panel is to provide strategic input to HITOC

regarding ongoing consumer interests and issues.

- The application process for the Consumer Advisory Panel was extended in order to facilitate more outreach after Labor Day, as suggested at the August HITOC meeting.
- Question: Are the members of the HIO Panel on the same page, or is it very diverse, in terms of experience with HIO implementation? Staff response: the goal is to have executive or senior level leadership from various HIO efforts in Oregon, so their experience and expertise will be different depending on the stage of maturity of each HIO.
- The HIO panel is meeting twice this year (September and October) because key decisions around technology and finance will be coming out of the workgroups and input from the HIO Panel is critical.
- The Consumer Advisory Panel's initial meeting is scheduled in November.
- Question: As new HIOs emerge, will we draw in new representatives from such entities onto the Panel? Also, might there be an opportunity for a HITOC member to serve on either Panel? Staff response: in regards to dual HITOC/HIO Panel membership, the answer is yes, because all decisions will still be made by HITOC. In other words, the roles are compatible.
- Steve Gordon introduces a motion to approve panel charters; Rob Rizk seconded the motion; All in favor; Panel charters and nominations approved without any further discussion.

Public Comment (Time code: 3:02:45)

Robin Moody, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (OAHHS):

- The EHR Incentive Program, Oregon MHIT Project and HITOC have some leeway in decisions around selecting the menu set of public health options for Meaningful Use (MU). Caution is urged on that potential menu set. The bar on MU is already very high, and there is a subset of hospitals within the OAHHS that will have difficulty just meeting the basic MU criteria.

Dr. Mike Saslow:

- Question regarding how best to access information and materials for the workgroups and panel meetings.