**Community Information Exchange (CIE) Workgroup**

**2022 Application**

**Due:** November 17, 2021

**Submit to:** HITOC.info@dhsoha.state.or.us

The Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA) [Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC)](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hpa/ohit-hitoc/pages/index.aspx) is seeking members for a new [chartered Community Information Exchange (CIE) Workgroup](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT-HITOC/Documents/HITOC-CIEWorkgroupCharter.pdf).

**Application Deadline:**

Applications are open now through November 17, 2021. To apply, complete this application and submit via email to HITOC.info@dhsoha.state.or.us.

For questions or support completing an application, please contact Hope Peskin-Shepherd at Hope.Peskin-Shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us or 971-239-3841.

**CIE Workgroup Purpose:**

OHA needs to hear from people providing and seeking social supports for individuals, as we consider how CIE may benefit from potential new statewide efforts such as funding, technical assistance, incentives, or other efforts. This is a great opportunity for individuals who want to help advance health equity in Oregon through health information technology (IT), and those who have experience with CIE or social determinants of health.

The CIE Workgroup will bring together individuals representing Oregon’s diverse landscape of community, health care, and social services partners whose aligned work is essential to address these issues and achieve the goal of eliminating health inequities.

See the goals and full scope in the [CIE Workgroup Charter](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT-HITOC/Documents/HITOC-CIEWorkgroupCharter.pdf). Workgroup recommendations will inform HITOC’s Health IT Strategic Plan for Oregon and OHA efforts.

For more information on CIE please see the [CIE Issue Brief](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT-HITOC/Documents/HITOC-CIEIssueBrief.pdf) and the [OHA CIE Website](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT/Pages/CIE-Overview.aspx).

**Background:**

OHA seeks to eliminate health inequities by 2030 and to create a more equitable, culturally, and linguistically responsive health care system, including through the [Oregon 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Demonstration waiver](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hsd/medicaid-policy/pages/waiver-renewal.aspx?utm_source=OHA&utm_medium=egov_redirect&utm_campaign=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.oregon.gov%2F1115waiverrenewal). A critical component of achieving this goal is addressing social determinants of health, such as food and housing insecurity, since research has shown that what improves a person’s health is often what happens outside of a medical setting.

Oregon communities are on the forefront of using technologies to connect individuals to social services, through new networks called [CIEs](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT/Pages/CIE-Overview.aspx). These networks are an important way that Oregon can address persistent health inequities caused by structural racism and other barriers, as well as improve health outcomes for people.

CIEs help further health equity by eliminating many of the barriers between people and the services designed to support them. CIEs help connect people to services by providing a common technology for health care, coordinated care organizations (CCOs), social services, and other partners to identify and refer individuals to social supports. Connecting social services and health care partners together and connecting individuals to services is integral to removing barriers and addressing health inequities and the overall health and well-being of individuals.

### **Oregon’s Health Equity Definition**

***Oregon will have established a health system that creates health equity when all people*** *can reach their full health potential and well-being and are not disadvantaged by their race, ethnicity, language, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, social class, intersections among these communities or identities, or other socially determined circumstances.*

*Achieving health equity requires the ongoing collaboration of all regions and sectors of the state, including tribal governments to address:*

* *The equitable distribution or redistribution of resources and power; and*
* *Recognizing, reconciling and rectifying historical and contemporary injustices.*

To be effective, CIEs must meet the needs of many groups, including people with social needs; community-based organizations (CBOs) providing social supports; and health care providers, hospitals, behavioral health providers, CCOs, and others that seek to connect their patients and members to social services and supports to improve their health outcomes.

**Who we’re looking for:**

Representatives from Oregon’s diverse landscape of community, health care, and social services partners. We expect to have 10-15 representatives, including:

1. Representatives of social service organizations and CBOs
2. Representatives of organizations that advocate for or serve communities who face health inequities
3. Representatives of organizations implementing or using CIE
4. Consumers of health care/social services or representatives from organizations that advocate for consumers of health care/social services
5. Representatives of health care, such as health systems, coordinated care organizations (CCOs), local public health agencies, clinics, and/or health care providers
6. Representatives of behavioral health, such as behavioral health providers or behavioral health organizations
7. Representatives of oral health, such as oral health providers or oral health organizations
8. Up to two HITOC members designated to serve as HITOC liaisons

*Technology vendors are not eligible to participate as CIE Workgroup members.*

**Meetings and Expectations:**

* Monthly meetings will begin in early 2022 and will run through the end of the year
	+ Meetings will likely be held in the afternoon the third Tuesday or Thursday of each month and run 2.5 hours.
* All meetings will be available virtually.
* Meetings will be open to the public and will include opportunities for public comment. Meeting materials and recordings will be posted on the OHA CIE Workgroup website.
* Members are expected to review materials ahead of the meeting and come prepared to discuss and participate.

**Other opportunities for engagement on CIE and health IT:**

If you are not able to participate in the CIE workgroup, you might be interested in CIE interviews. OHA will engage external partners outside of the CIE Workgroup membership to inform the process and provide input to the CIE Workgroup’s discussions and recommendations. OHA will convene CIE interviews with individuals, CBOs (especially those who serve specific culturally and linguistically specific populations), and other interested parties to hear the challenges and barriers they face, and the solutions and incentives that would help in their adoption and participation in CIE.

HITOC also has member openings or will have other health IT committees or workgroups in the future.

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please complete the questions below and submit this form to HITOC.info@dhsoha.state.or.us.

Everyone has a right to know about and use Oregon Health Authority (OHA) programs and services. OHA provides free help. Some examples of the free help OHA can provide are:

* Sign language and spoken language interpreters
* CART (live captions)
* Written materials in other languages
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1. **General and Contact Information**

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| Name: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Pronouns (optional): | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Organization (if any): | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Position at Organization: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| City or County: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email: | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Phone: | Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Please check all that apply:**

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| [ ]  | I am interested in serving on the CIE Workgroup as a member |
| [ ]   | I am interested in participating in CIE interviews |
| [ ]   | HITOC also has member openings or will have other committees or workgroups in the future. Check this box if you are interested in learning more about these opportunities. |

1. **Membership Representation**

**The charter specifically looks for representation across these areas. Please select the role(s) or area(s) you would like to represent as a workgroup member** (select all that apply)**:**

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| [ ]  | Social service organization or CBO |
| [ ]   | Organization that advocates for or serves communities who face health inequities |
| [ ]   | Consumer of social services or representative from an organization that advocates for consumers of social services |
| [ ]   | Consumer of health care or representative from an organization that advocates for consumers of health care |
| [ ]   | Organization implementing or using CIE |
| [ ]   | Local public health agency |
| [ ]   | Oral health, such as oral health provider or oral health organization |
| [ ]   | Behavioral health, such as behavioral health provider or behavioral health organization |
| [ ]   | Health care provider or clinic |
| [ ]   | Health system, health plan, or CCO |
| [ ]   | Other (explain): Click or tap here to enter text. |

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1. **Please answer the following questions:**
2. Why are you interested in participating in the CIE Workgroup?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please describe your experience regarding social services, social determinants of health, and/or CIE, and/or other relevant experience that you would bring to the CIE Workgroup?

Click or tap here to enter text.

## **Health Equity Expertise** (See [OHA’s definition of health equity](#_Oregon’s_Health_Equity) above)

1. Please describe any knowledge or expertise you have with health equity?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. If you are selected as a CIE Workgroup member, what opportunities do you see for the Workgroup to address health equity? Racial equity?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Lived experience/Cross-cultural experience**

1. If applicable: Please describe any lived and/or cross-cultural experience you would like to share that may relate to the work of this Workgroup.
* This question refers to **self-reported identity**, such as race, ethnicity, language, disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, social class, and intersections among these identities, or other socially determined circumstances that may impact health equity and an individual’s ability to reach their full health potential and well-being.
* **Lived experience** (Refers to one’s life experience based on self-reported identity,meaning someone who has personal knowledge about the world gained through direct, first-hand involvement in everyday events such as racism, houselessness, mental illness, etc.)
* **Cross-cultural experience** (Refers to one’s volunteer, personal, or professional experience with populations and communities different than their self-reported identity.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. **Is there anything else you would like us to know?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Thank you for your interest in the CIE Workgroup. By sharing your time and experience with OHA, you can make a positive difference in the lives of people in Oregon.

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