

Health Information Technology Oversight Council Call for Nominations

Purpose

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is seeking nominations for the Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC), which is the policy, strategy, and oversight body for health IT in Oregon. We are looking for motivated leaders to help us tackle important issues.

Today, more and more patients are using health IT to engage with their providers and participate in their health care. The field of health IT is evolving rapidly, creating challenges for Oregon health care entities that must make real-world business decisions about and investments in health IT.

OHA envisions a transformed health system where the care Oregonians receive is optimized by health IT. HITOC provides a forum to define strategies, remove policy barriers, provide transparency and accountability, and measure progress toward achieving health IT optimized health care, in which:

1. Oregonians have their core health information available where needed so their care team can deliver person-centered, coordinated care.
2. Clinical and administrative data are efficiently collected and used to support quality improvement, population health management, incentivize improved health outcomes, and inform policy development.
3. Individuals and their families access, use, and contribute their clinical information to understand and improve their health and collaborate with their providers.

Some of HITOC's highlights over 2017-18 include:

- Completing a five-year update for Oregon's strategic plan for health IT
- Scanning the behavioral health IT environment and convening behavioral health stakeholders
- Providing a forum for public input about health IT for the Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) 2.0 effort
- Studying Oregon's health information exchange environment to identify critical gaps and beginning work on the planned Network of Networks for statewide health information exchange
- Providing oversight for Oregon's HIT Program projects
- Launching the HIT Commons

Background

HITOC advises the Oregon Health Policy Board on critical health IT issues that affect Oregonians (see ORS 413.401). HITOC recommends health IT strategy for the state, provides input and advice on policy, and is a forum for stakeholder discussions about the role of health IT in health system transformation.

Duties

Per statute, the duties of HITOC are to:

1. Identify and make specific recommendations related to health information technology to the Oregon Health Policy Board to achieve the goals of the health system transformation.
2. Regularly review and report to the Board on the Oregon Health Authority's health information technology efforts, including the Oregon Health Information Technology Program, toward achieving the goals of health system transformation.
3. Regularly review and report to the Board on the efforts of local, regional and statewide organizations to participate in health information technology systems.
4. Regularly review and report to the Board on the state's progress in the adoption and use of health information technology by health care providers, health systems, patients and others.
5. Advise the Board or the Oregon Congressional Delegation on changes to federal laws affecting health information technology that will promote this state's efforts in utilizing health information technology.

Members

HITOC members represent a broad range of organizations that are impacted by the Oregon Health Information Technology Program, including consumer/patient advocates, providers, hospitals, health plans, and coordinated care organizations (CCOs). HITOC members represent organizations that use a wide array of health IT tools and systems, and strives to represent the diversity of Oregonians.

Note: *Technology vendors are not eligible to serve on HITOC.*

We are looking for members who can provide perspectives on health IT in:

- Behavioral health (both mental health and substance use disorder treatment);
- Oral health

In addition, we are looking for members who can provide perspectives on health IT in:

- Consumer/patient advocacy;
- Primary care;
- Long-term services and supports;

- Tribal health;
- Social determinants of health and equity;
- Corrections health; and
- Rural/frontier communities.

The Oregon Health Policy Board is committed to ensuring all committees reflect the racial, ethnic, gender, geographic, and disability diversity of Oregonians. We are particularly interested in nominations for those representing minority and underrepresented diversity.

HITOC periodically convenes short-term and recurring workgroups/subcommittees to advise HITOC; this call for nominations may be used to identify potential members for those groups.

Logistics

- **Commitment** – Members serve a term of 3 years. HITOC is an ongoing advisory council.
- **Meetings** – HITOC meets every other month for approximately 4 hours. All meetings of HITOC and its committees are public meetings and are broadcast through a webinar/conference line. In-person attendance is preferred, but members can participate remotely. OHA will reimburse travel costs, if needed.

The 2019 HITOC schedule is as follows:

| Meeting Date | Time | Location |
|------------------|------------------|----------|
| February 7, 2019 | 12:30pm – 3:45pm | Portland |
| April 4, 2019 | 12:30pm – 3:45pm | Portland |
| June 6, 2019 | 12:30pm – 3:45pm | Portland |
| August 1, 2019 | 12:30pm – 3:45pm | Portland |
| October 3, 2019 | 12:30pm – 3:45pm | Portland |
| December 5, 2019 | 12:30pm – 3:45pm | Portland |

Resources

- **Oregon’s Strategic Plan for HIT and HIE** (<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT-HITOC/Documents/OHA%209920%20Health%20IT%20Final.pdf>): This plan sets the vision and strategic direction to advance the adoption and use of health IT in Oregon. Highlights include:

- progress in spreading health information exchange through HIE efforts, health care organizations investments, vendor-led networks and national approaches;
 - planned work to address regional HIT and HIE gaps; new opportunities for public/private partnerships; and
 - Oregon Health Information Technology Program's work and key results.
- **HITOC's web page:** <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/OHIT-HITOC/Pages/index.aspx>

Staff Contact

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- Francie Nevill, Lead HITOC Analyst, Office of Health Information Technology, OHA, francie.j.nevill@state.or.us

Interested in HITOC or its work groups? Please complete a nomination application and submit to Francie Nevill at francie.j.nevill@state.or.us

If you are not interested in participating in HITOC, but would like to stay informed about OHA's health IT work, please visit our website: <http://healthit.oregon.gov>

Nomination Application

Name:

Title:

Organization:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Please check all that apply:

- I am interested in serving on HITOC
- I am interested in serving on a future HITOC work group. OHA anticipates that HITOC will periodically call both short-term and recurring work groups and subcommittees on particular topics.

Please select the subject areas you have expertise in:

- Health Information Exchange
- Analytics
- Law & Policy
- Interoperability
- Governance
- Finance
- Security & Privacy
- Consumer Advocacy

Please select the stakeholder groups that you represent:

- Behavioral Health
- Consumers/ Patients
- Rural/frontier communities
- Oral Health
- Corrections
- Primary Care
- Social determinants of health and equity
- Long-term Services and Supports
- CCO
- Hospital or Health System
- Other _____

Please answer the following questions (you can attach additional pages):

1. Please describe your relevant experience and how it would benefit HITOC.
2. Have you served on HITOC in the past or on one of its subcommittees/work groups?
3. Why are you interested in participating in HITOC?
4. Can you commit to attending regular, bi-monthly meetings and to reviewing materials prior to meeting?
5. Please describe any other experience serving on a committee, board, or collaborative group to which you were a contributor.
6. Is there anything else you would like us to know that may be relevant to serving on HITOC?

OHA and OHPB are committed to ensuring diverse representation on all boards and committees. To help achieve this goal, we would appreciate you providing the following information. However, these questions are optional.

Gender Identity: _____ Decline to answer

LBGTQ (check if applicable) Decline to answer

Have a disability (check in if applicable) Decline to answer

Please see the next page regarding race/ethnicity demographic information.

1. Do you need written materials in an alternate format (Braille, large print, audio recordings, etc.)?

- Yes No Don't know/Unknown Decline/Don't want to answer

If yes, which format? _____

Race and Ethnicity

2. How do you identify your **race, ethnicity, tribal affiliation, country of origin, or ancestry?**

3. Which of the following describes your **racial or ethnic identity?** Please check **ALL** that apply.

American Indian or

Alaska Native

- American Indian
- Alaska Native
- Canadian Inuit, Metis, or First Nation
- Indigenous Mexican, Central American, or South American

Hispanic or Latino/a

- Hispanic or Latino Central American
- Hispanic or Latino Mexican
- Hispanic or Latino South American
- Other Hispanic or Latino

Asian

- Asian Indian
- Chinese
- Filipino/a
- Hmong
- Japanese
- Korean
- Laotian
- South Asian
- Vietnamese
- Other Asian

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Micronesian*
- Native Hawaiian
- Samoan
- Tongan*
- Other Pacific Islander

Black or African American

- African American
- African (Black)
- Caribbean (Black)
- Other Black

Middle Eastern/Northern African

- Northern African
- Middle Eastern

White

- Eastern European
- Slavic
- Western European
- Other White

Other Categories

- Other (please list) _____
- Don't know/Unknown
- Decline/Don't want to answer

4. If you selected more than one racial or ethnic identity above, please **CIRCLE the ONE that best represents your racial or ethnic identity.**