

**Health Information Technology Oversight Council**  
**Network of Networks Advisory Group Charter**  
 June 2018

**Objective**

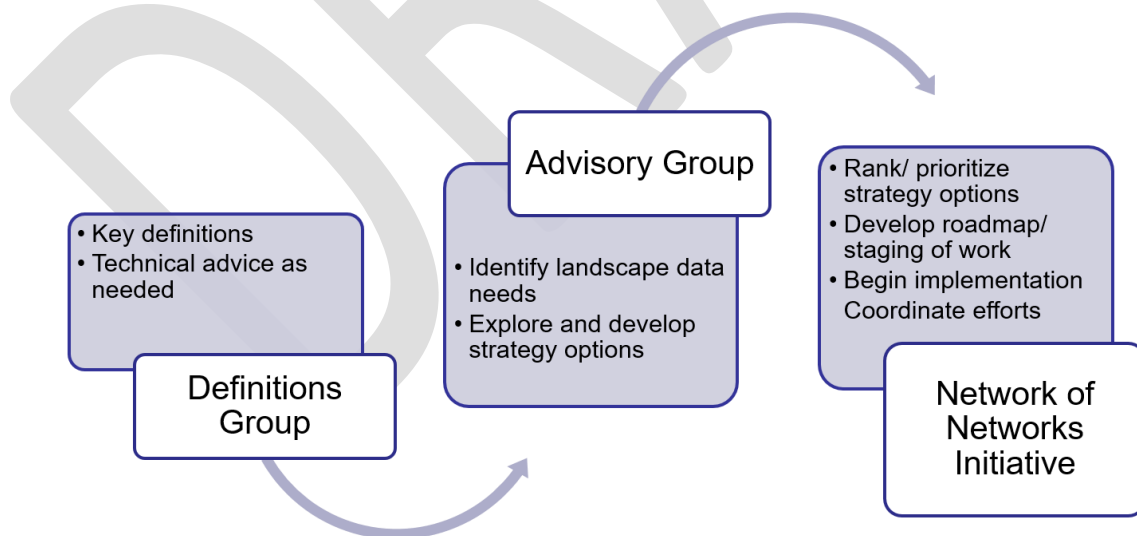
The Network of Networks Advisory Group will provide HITOC with recommendations to begin the Network of Networks initiative described in HITOC’s 2017-2020 HIT Strategic Plan. It will help clarify definitions and evaluate strategies. HITOC anticipates that the Network of Networks initiative will begin under the guidance of the HIT Commons in 2019.

In its mature form, the Network of Networks may include:

- Coordinating and convening key stakeholders to develop the necessary trust framework, including legal and data use agreements, policies and dispute resolution approaches.
- Identifying and implementing needed infrastructure to facilitate exchange.
- Ensuring interoperability to improve the use and value of information exchanged, while enabling seamless use of state services that rely on data and technology residing in multiple organizations.
- Ensuring privacy and security practices are in place.
- Providing neutral issue resolution.
- Monitoring environmental, technical and regulatory changes and adapting as needed.

The advisory group’s role is to inform the work of the Network of Networks initiative that will focus on a subset of this including: growing existing networks, connecting exchange networks and/ or coordinating networks to achieve goals.

This group will be informed by the development of definitions by a technical workgroup. The output of this group will be foundational to the work of a 2019 Network of Networks initiative.



**Membership and Resources**

**Sponsor:**

- Susan Otter, Director of HIT

**Staff:**

- HITOC Lead Analyst
- Marta Makarushka, Lead Policy Analyst

**Members:**

To be determined. Membership will represent broad groups of stakeholders, including health systems, payers, providers and HIE efforts. OHA staff will coordinate with HITOC Chair and Vice-Chair to identify members.

**Charge and Scope**

The Network of Networks Advisory Group is tasked with developing the following recommendations to HITOC:

- 1) Exploration and analysis of Network of Networks strategy options, including key actions, relative merits in terms of effort, impact and cost, and pros/ cons of the approach.

HITOC anticipates that the HIT Commons, Oregon's public private partnership for accelerating HIT, will lead the Network of Networks initiative beginning in 2019. (The HIT Commons will consider whether to formally adopt this effort before the end of 2018.) Considering the larger goals of the Network of Networks initiative, the advisory group will develop a menu of mid-level potential strategies, and form an evaluative foundation for considering the work. The advisory group should also recommend the key next steps for HITOC and/or the HIT Commons to consider in chartering the next stage of the work.

- 2) HIE landscape data needed to inform Network of Networks initiative

Knowledge about current HIE efforts around the state is incomplete. The advisory group will review available data and known gaps and make recommendations to prioritize future data gathering efforts.

**In scope:**

- Development and evaluation of Network of Network strategy options
- Recommendation to HITOC on HIE landscape, strategy options, next steps, and other advice for the Network of Networks Initiative

**Out of scope:**

- Vision & principles work
- Implementation of strategies
- A state-run HIE

**Duration and Schedule**

The Network of Networks Advisory Group will be a limited duration group, and is expected to meet four to six times (summer 2018-spring 2019) to complete its work. The group may be extended as determined by HITOC.

**Expected Deliverables**

- 1) Periodic reports to HITOC on progress of the Advisory Group
- 2) Final report to HITOC to include:
  - a. Recommendations on Network of Networks strategies and key next steps.
  - b. Recommendations on landscape information needed to inform Network of Networks initiative.