

Office of Health Information Technology

The Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA) Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) serves as a partner and resource for both state programs and other public and private users of HIT. OHIT provides effective HIT policies, programs and partnerships that support improved health for all Oregonians.

HITOC Strategic Plan Update Listening Sessions Happening Now

Oregon’s Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC) is updating its strategic plan this year and wants to hear from you! It is conducting a series of public listening sessions as part of its effort to gather robust input from across the state. Each of the listening sessions is geared toward a specific audience, and each is open to the public. The first listening session was tailored to Technology Partners and took place on February 11, 2020. You can listen to the recording [here](#). The second session was February 25th and focused on oral health stakeholders, and you can listen to the recording [here](#).

HITOC’s strategic plan is for everyone in Oregon, not just Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan. Its statewide strategies include roles for the state, hospitals, health systems, CCOs and health insurance companies, clinicians and clinic staff, technology partners, consumers/patients, and more. Your input on where HITOC should stay the course and where adjustments are needed is critical!

We’ll be written accepting comments through April 30, 2020, and we encourage you to provide input. You can do so by

[Attending a listening session – via webinar or in person](#)

[Submitting written comment](#)

Making public comment at the April [HITOC meeting](#).

Listening Sessions	Date/Time/Location
Technology Partner Listening Session	2/11/2020, 1-4 PM Webinar or Portland
Oral Health Listening Session	2/25/2020, 2-5 PM Webinar or Portland
CCO Listening Session	3/4/2020, 1-4 PM Webinar or Salem
Consumer Listening Session	3/10/2020, 1-4 PM Webinar or Portland
Behavioral Health Listening Session	4/16/2020, 1-4 PM Webinar or Portland
General Listening Session	4/21/2020, 1-4 PM Webinar or Portland

CQMR Update

Clinical Quality Metrics Registry Now Live for 2019 Reporting

The Clinical Quality Metrics Registry (CQMR) is a tool that collects, aggregates, and provides clinical quality metrics data to support quality reporting programs. The CQMR is now live for 2019 reporting for these quality programs:

- CCO incentive measures (data submissions due 4/1/20)
- Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (due 3/31/20)
- Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (due 2/29/20, must have started onboarding by 1/31/20)
- Merit-based Incentive Payment System (due 3/31/20, must start onboarding by 3/9/20)

To learn more, please visit the CQMR [Resources](#) page for step-by-step guides and other training materials. For questions, you can reach the CQMR team at Oregon.CQMR@dhsosha.state.or.us.

HITOC Highlights

Outcomes of the February Meeting

The Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC) kicked off the new year with a great meeting on February 6, 2020, with a focus on the work of the Public Health Division. Members were updated on 2021 strategic plan update work and the exploratory work HIT Commons is doing around community information exchange. The following topics were covered in depth.

Annual Report to the Oregon Health Policy Board

Each year, members of HITOC provide the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) an update on the progress of health IT across the state. During this year's report, which took place on February 4, 2020, OHPB provided positive feedback about HITOC's work, and it also approved the updated HITOC workplan, the renewal of three members, and the addition of new HITOC member, Kellen Joseph. [You can find the OHPB meeting materials and recordings here >](#)

New HITOC Member

We'd like to welcome new HITOC Member, Kellen Joseph, to the Council! Kellen has 14 years of IT experience and is currently the Information Systems Manager/ Clinical Application Coordinator (CAC) at Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center. He is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) and has been part of Yellowhawk since 2010, starting as Tech Support Specialist then promoted to CAC and most recently to Information Systems Manager. Welcome, Kellen – we're so glad to have you!

Health IT and Public Health

The Public Health Division (PHD) leadership presented their areas of work and potential overlap with Health IT. HITOC heard from Dr. Dean Sidelinger, State Health Officer; Collette Young, Administrator, Center for Public Health Practice; and Kirsten Aird, Senior Operations Manager about the use of data and technology within PHD. In addition, HITOC learned about Oregon's State Health Improvement Plan, which focuses more on upstream drivers of health than past plans. HITOC members and PHD presenters discussed potential connections and possibilities for addressing social determinants of health (SDoH) and population health management.

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Report from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)

HITOC received an update on the annual ONC meeting and the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan. Highlights from the annual meeting include an emphasis on patient access to data for applications and the need to balance this with privacy and transparency. New federal interoperability rules are not yet finalized but are expected soon. Please visit the [ONC Draft Federal HIT Strategic Plan](#) page to learn more or submit comments before March 18, or view the [recorded sessions from the annual ONC meeting](#).

The HITOC meeting took place on Thursday, February 6, 2019, from 12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in suite 775 of the [Five Oak Building in Portland](#). Meeting materials and agenda are available [here](#).

Available Resource

QRDA I Technical Assistance

Have you heard of QRDA I (quality reporting data architecture category one) format? Do you participate in CCO incentive reporting? The QRDA I technical assistance project is an OHA-funded technical assistance effort offered as part of Clinical Quality Metrics Registry (CQMR) implementation. The CQMR is being used to collect quality measure data for incentive and reporting projects from around the state and over time accumulate a richer data set to understand and address the health needs of Oregonians. To ensure the CQMR receives the best possible data, over time, OHA plans to transition the CCO incentive program reporting requirements to QRDA I format, a patient-level reporting format.

To help prepare for the transition, the Care Management Plus team at OHSU has been asked to help with technical assistance to facilitate the process change. TA is available in the form of one-on-one support, EHR vendor-specific user group collaboration with a cohort of users, and useful documentation. As part of the QRDA I project, user groups will be held for AllScripts, Athena, Greenway and NextGen users throughout February. Each user group will be 30 minutes long and include education topics, facilitated peer to peer learning, and time for questions.

Contact Claire Ramey (rameycl@ohsu.edu) to be included.

2019 Annual Report Published

Office of Health IT's 2019 Report to the Legislature Now Available

The Office of Health IT's 2019 report to the Legislature is now available online.

Health information technology is key to health system transformation, and in the report, you can learn about the progress the Office of Health IT has made in coordinating health IT efforts at the state level. Some highlights include the 2019 launch of the HIT Commons and Clinical Quality Metrics Registry, soft launch of the Oregon Provider Directory, release of the Behavioral health Scan Report and continued success of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Integration initiative. You can find the full report [here >](#)

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