September 2023 eNews

Welcome to the Office of Health Information Technology (IT) & Analytics Infrastructure eNewsletter! Here you will find updates on health IT in Oregon and at the federal level. For a deeper dive into health IT in Oregon check out the [Policy and Program Updates](#). If there are specific items you would like to see in this newsletter, please send ideas to HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

HITOC

We need your input to shape Oregon's health information technology (IT) priorities! Oregon's Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) will hold two listening sessions to hear from you to ensure Oregon's Health IT Strategic Plan reflects your needs.

Help HITOC ensure that the right health IT strategies are in place to support Oregon's [health equity](#) goals and improve the health system. These listening sessions are designed to capture community feedback through open discussion with opportunity for questions and answers. We want to hear from all people across Oregon on their experiences with health IT, and their thoughts on the developing health IT strategies.

Registration is required for Listening Sessions:

- [**Click here** t](#)o register for the **Community/consumer listening session** on 9/14/23, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

  This session is designed with health care consumers, patients, and community members in mind, and everyone is welcome.

- [**Click here**](#)to register for the **General listening session on** 9/21/23, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

  This session is designed with providers and clinic staff in mind. HITOC especially wants to hear from behavioral, oral, and rural health providers, and everyone is welcome.

Input opportunities will include an overview of HITOC's developing vision and goals. These can also be found in advance in our [Call for Input and Overview: Developing Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT 2024-2028](#) ([Español](#)). Here you can learn more about HITOC, why health IT matters and specifics on where we need your input ahead of the meeting. Input gathered will inform HITOC's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan for Health IT.

In addition to these listening sessions, OHA developed the [Existing Community Engagement and Input Report 2018-2022](#), which compiles themes from the significant input received over the past few years.

Unable to make a listening session? We welcome written comment!

Share your experiences with health IT by emailing HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov before 10/1/23. Some questions to consider are:

- What health IT issues are important to you?
- What's working well?
- What needs to change?
- What should HITOC prioritize in the Strategic Plan?

• What do you think about HITOC's [draft vision, principles, goals, and strategies](#) ([Español](#)) in development?

Follow these links to learn more about [HITOC](#) and their developing [Strategic Plan](#).

October Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is [October 5](#) from 12:30-3:30. Members will engage in discussion on the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup's draft concept paper [Advancing Population Health Through HIE](#). Members will also review Strategic Plan draft principles, and receive information on both HITOC's upcoming retreat and membership recruitment.

August Meeting

HITOC met on [August 3](#) and engaged in discussion on the HIE Workgroup's draft concept papers on [Connecting the Care Team](#) and [Demonstrating Value with Social Determinants of Health Use Cases of HIE](#). Members also heard about the Strategic Plan structure and process, and upcoming community engagement opportunities.

Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup

The HIE Workgroup held their final meeting Friday, August 18, celebrating over a year of accomplishments and thoughtful service from its members. The Workgroup's five concept papers will be finalized in early Fall. Meeting summaries, materials and the latest drafts of the HIE concept papers can be found on the HIE Workgroup [website here](#). Thank you to the members of the HIE Workgroup for your participation and hard work!

Open Position for the Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee

Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee seeking new member

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is now accepting applications for a new consumer advocate / consumer representative for the [Sustainable Health Care Cost Growth Target (CGT) Advisory Committee](#). The announcement about the recruitment and the application forms are available online:

- [Recruitment Announcement](#)
- [Application Part 1 – Interest Form](#)
- [Application Part 2 – Demographic Survey](#)

Applications are due September 29, 2023.

Please reach out to us at [HealthCare.CostTarget@oha.oregon.gov](#) if you have any questions.

Federal Highlights

Comment Opportunity: 2023 Interoperability Standards Advisory

The annual comment period for the [Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA)](#) is now open and will run until October 6, 2023. This is an opportunity for the public to provide comments, suggest revisions, and propose additions to the ISA before the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) publishes

the 10th Annual ISA Reference Edition in January 2024. ONC welcomes public comments on the ISA at any time during the year; however, to be considered for inclusion in the 2024 ISA Reference Edition, comments must be submitted by October 6th at 11:59pm ET. Learn more about the timeline and comment process here.

Upcoming Events: OHA Health IT Meetings/Events

- September 14, 2023, 12:30-2:00: Strategic Plan Consumer and Community Listening Session
- September 21, 2023, 2:00-3:30: Strategic Plan General Listening Session
- October 5, 2023, 12:30-3:30: HITOC Meeting
- October 26, 2023, 1:00-4:00: CCO HIT Advisory Group (HITAG) quarterly meeting

Want to weigh in on OHA's Health IT work? How to make public comment:

OHA's Health IT committee and workgroup meetings (i.e., HITOC, HIE Workgroup, HITAG) are open to the public, and public comment is always welcome at the meeting during the specified time or in writing at any time. Public comment is an important part of OHA's committee work and is an opportunity for members of the public to provide input and feedback to the Committee or Workgroup.

Meetings: Typically, the public comment period is held at the end of each meeting. There may occasionally be more than one comment period. Members of the public are asked to comment or post in the chat only during this period, and to keep verbal comments to about 2 minutes. The public comment period is held solely for the public to share their thoughts with the Committee or Workgroup. Committee members are unlikely to ask questions or respond to public comment directly but give consideration to public comments during committee work. If you know before the meeting that you'd like to provide public comment, you can email HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov to sign up. If you'd like to provide public comment during the meeting, you can message one of the hosts to sign-up. If you are unable to message, please speak up during the open public comment period.

Written Comment: You can also send written public comment to HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov at any time. To be included in the materials a meeting please submit the comment no less than 2 business days before the intended meeting. Please specify which group it is for – HITOC, HIE Workgroup, or HITAG. Written comment is emailed out and posted as part of meeting materials.

Have questions about public comment? We want to hear from you! Please email HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov

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:

• CART (live captions)
• Sign language and spoken language interpreters
• Written materials in other languages
• Braille
• Large print
• Audio and other formats

If you need help or have questions, please email HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov or contact (503) 373-7859 at least 48 hours before the meeting. OHA will make every effort to provide services for requests made closer to the meeting.