# November 2022 eNews

Welcome to the Office of Health Information Technology (IT) 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.

## State Highlights

### Report to the Legislature: Community Information Exchange Recommendations

The Community Information Exchange (CIE) Workgroup held their final meeting on November 15, 2022. Members finalized their Considerations for Privacy and Security of Statewide CIE and Recommendations for Governance of Statewide CIE, which will be the final contributions to the House Bill (HB) 4150 (2022) report. In their December 8 meeting, the Health Information Technology Council (HITOC) will be reviewing materials in preparation for the final report due to the legislature on January 31, 2023. Recommendations may lead to legislative action in the 2023 session.

HITOC submitted their draft report to the legislature on September 9. The report includes a series of preliminary recommendations developed by the CIE Workgroup between April and July 2022, HITOC's comments on the recommendations, and findings from surveys and interviews with community based organizations (CBOs).

The Preliminary Recommendations (that were incorporated into the HB4150 Draft Report) include:
- Preliminary Recommendations: Support for Community-based Organizations (CBOs) to Participate in CIE
- Preliminary Recommendations: Support for Additional Partners to Participate in CIE
- Preliminary Recommendations: OHA and Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Roles in CIE
- Preliminary Recommendations: Statewide CIE Data Program

Please see the CIE Workgroup website for details on all the Workgroup's work. Thank you to all the Workgroup members for their hard work in developing these recommendations!

## HITOC

### December Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is December 8 from 12:30-3:30 and will focus on finalizing the report to the legislature on CIE as described above. HITOC will also hear updates from the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup on their vision and proposed list of concept papers.

### November Meeting

HITOC met for a short ad hoc meeting on November 8 to discuss the work of the HIE Workgroup thus far. HITOC reviewed the Workgroup's draft vision and provided feedback on the areas of focus, including closed loop referrals; value based payment; 1115 Medicaid Waiver use cases including incarcerated populations, individuals experiencing housing insecurity and transition populations; and HIE gaps, which includes behavioral and oral health among others.

# Federal Highlights

**National Directory of Health Care Providers and Services Request for Information (RFI)**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a RFI seeking public input on the concept of CMS creating a "National Directory of Healthcare Providers and Services." Health care directories can serve as an important resource for patients, helping them locate providers who meet their individual needs and preferences and allowing them to compare health plan networks. Directories also can be used to facilitate care coordination, health information exchange, and public health data reporting.

The RFI is open for a 60-day public comment period ending December 6, 2022.

## Upcoming Events: OHA Health IT Meetings/Events

- November 28, 1:00-3:00: CCO HIT Advisory Group (HITAG) quarterly meeting
- December 8, 12:30-3:30: HITOC meeting
- December 16, 9:00-12:00: HIE Workgroup monthly 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, CIE Workgroup, 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