

Health Information Technology Oversight Council

June 2010 Update

About the Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC)

The Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) was created by the passage of HB 2009 within the Oregon Health Authority. The Council is comprised of eleven individuals appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski, and is charged with developing a statewide strategic plan for electronic health information exchange, coordinating public and private efforts to increase adoption of electronic health records, setting technology standards, ensuring privacy and security controls, and creating a sustainable business plan to support meaningful use of health information technology to lower costs and improve quality of care.

[HITOC Members](#)

Upcoming HITOC Meetings:

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

10 am - noon

Webinar Meeting to discuss Health Information Exchange Operational Plan

Click to [register for the webinar](#).

If you don't have internet access, you can attend the webinar at 1225 Ferry St SE Salem OR 97301 in the Mt. Neahkahnie Room.

Thursday, August 5, 2010

1:00 pm - 5:00pm

Portland State Office Building 1A
800 NE Oregon St.
Portland, OR 97232

Public Comment Period Open on HIE Strategic Plan

Webinar Scheduled for July 8

The Public Comment period for the draft "[Health Information Exchange: A Strategic Plan for Oregon](#)" is open until 5 pm on July 14. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to HITOC.info@state.or.us.

A webinar presentation on the draft Strategic Health Information Exchange Plan has been scheduled on July 8 from 10 - 11:30 am. This webinar will cover the same material that is being presented at the other community meetings around Oregon. Please [register here](#) to attend the webinar. The webinar will be recorded and posted for later viewing.

On June 17 HITOC released the draft "[Health Information Exchange: A Strategic Plan for Oregon](#)" for public review and input. Input will be gathered at six public meetings around the State, a webinar, and through e-mail. This process began on June 17 at the Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) meeting and will run through July 14 at 5 pm. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to HITOC.info@state.or.us.

This continues the ongoing Strategic Plan development process, which has included HITOC and Strategic Workgroup meetings held in Salem, Portland, Wilsonville, and Eugene over the last six months, a series of stakeholder webinars from February - April, and a Privacy and Security Forum held in Portland in May.

We hope that you will be able to join us at one of the community meetings or on the webinar, and that you will share this information with your friends, families, and colleagues, so we can reach as many Oregonians as possible! Please RSVP to Joan Lockwood (HITOC.info@state.or.us, or 503-373-7859) to let us know which meeting you plan to attend. Below is the schedule of community meetings across the state (please note that some of the meetings have already been held; the same material will be available via webinar on July 8):

<p>Thurs, June 17, 2010 - Already Held 1:00 - 5:00 pm Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 333 Portland State University Portland, OR 97207</p>	<p>Tues, July 13, 2010 8:30 - 10:30 am Bay Area Hospital, Myrtle Room 1775 Thompson Rd Coos Bay, OR 97420</p>
<p>Mon, June 28, 2010 - Already Held 7:00 - 9:00 am Rogue Valley Medical Center Smullin Center Auditorium 2825 E Barnett Rd Medford, OR 97504</p>	<p>Tues, July 13, 2010 3:00 - 5 pm Cow Creek Tribal Government Offices Conference Room 2371 NE Stephens St Roseburg, OR 97470</p>
<p>Wed, June 30, 2010 - Already Held 9:30 - 11:30 am Water's Edge Health & Wellness Center 551 Lone Pine Blvd The Dalles, OR 97058</p>	<p>Wed, July 14, 2010 1:00 - 3:00 pm St. Charles Medical Center, room TBA 2500 NE Neff Rd Bend, OR 97701</p>

What's Happening Around Oregon?

Oregon wins National Health IT Award

On June 16, the State of Oregon was presented with the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) State of the Year Award in recognition of its leadership in health information technology (IT) transformation and achievements in advancing health IT. The award was presented as part of the 9th Annual HIMSS Policy Summit in Washington DC. HIMSS Board member John Daniels presented the Oregon award, which was accepted by Dawn Bonder, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski, on behalf of the state.

In presenting the award, John Daniels said, "I am pleased to present the HIMSS State of the Year Award to the State of Oregon, in recognition of the Beaver State's inspiring achievements in advancing health IT. In less than one year, Oregon has leveraged public-industry-academic partnerships to effectively promote the use of health IT and Health Information Exchange."

Specific examples of Oregon's leadership included survey results from Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR) demonstrating that Oregon continues to lead the way in electronic health record (EHR) adoption and use. Nearly half of Oregon clinicians have EHRs in ambulatory practices – more than twice the national average – and one-third utilize fully functional EHR systems – which is five times the national average.

Daniels stated that, "State leaders continue to offer novel approaches to leveraging IT and health IT to meet benchmarks for state services and patient outcomes." For example, the Oregon Health Authority/Department of Human Services is promoting new IT models that break down bureaucratic silos to provide more effective services and health programs at efficient costs. As Oregon works on lowering the cost and improving the quality of health care, using health IT effectively and efficiently will become increasingly important.

The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society is a comprehensive healthcare-stakeholder membership organization exclusively focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of healthcare.

O-HITEC Holds First Webinar and Will Seek Advisory Council Members

O-HITEC held its first Meaningful Use webinar last week. You can view the latest webinar, sign up to attend the next one, and learn about O-HITEC by logging on to their website at <http://www.o-hitec.org>.

Information on applying to be on O-HITEC's Advisory Council will be posted on the HITOC and O-HITEC websites.

O-HITEC helps providers meet meaningful use of electronic health records so they can receive up to \$64K from the federal government.

Recent Articles of Interest

- [White House Proposes Plan to Protect Health Data, Other Information](#) (iHealthBeat)
- [CMS Unveils New Website on 'Meaningful Use' Incentives](#) (iHealthBeat)
- [Temporary EHR Certification Rule Announced](#) (HealthDataManagement)
- [Clinical Studies Fueled by EMR Data](#) (HealthLeaders Media)

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