

Overview of the Draft HIT/HIE Roadmap for Ohio

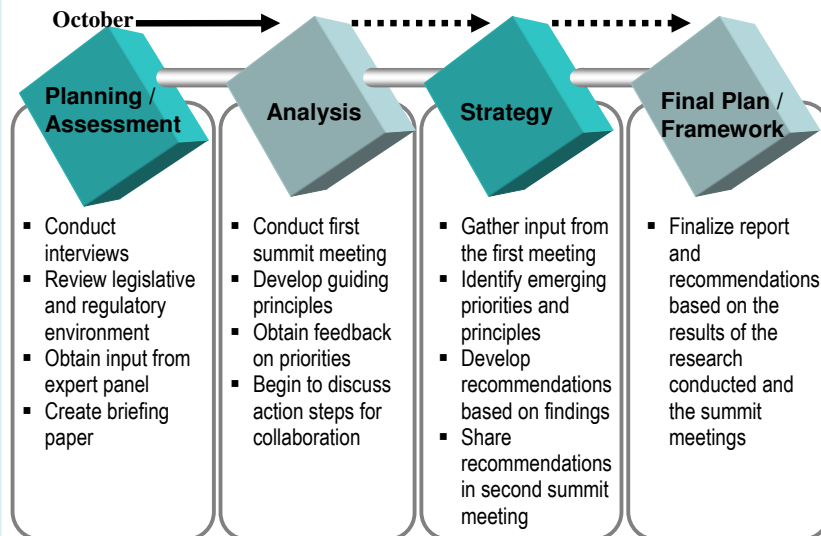
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Four Primary HPIO HIT Activities for 2006

- 1) continue to serve as the convener of state level conversation on HIT
- 2) broaden the number and diversity of participants in this conversation
- 3) secure and implement the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration Contract (HISPC) for Ohio.
- 4) create Ohio's HIT roadmap that includes policy recommendations for government and the private sector

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Ohio HIT Statewide Approach



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after New York State

Purpose of the Plan and Its Recommendations

- Decreasing administrative and other health-related costs
- Empowering citizens and improving their experience as patients in receiving health care
- Increasing the quality and safety of health care services
- Improving the ability to protect the health of communities
- Creating a world where individuals and providers only have to enter data once, then verify its accuracy as needed

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Key Barriers

- Leadership
- Funding for adoption
- Lack of understanding about ROI
- Lack of standards
- Inertia (power of the status quo)
- Fear of transition
- Fear of “betamax”
- Privacy and security concerns
- Need for ongoing training
- Payments rates
- Competition based on data
- Concern about how regulators will respond
- Waiting for Godot

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Four Needs for Effective HIE

- You can't share information electronically that is not available electronically
- You can't share information electronically easily between systems that lack interoperability
- You can't share information electronically without an established structure and system for exchange
- Overseeing these activities requires some legitimate organizational structure

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Organizational Structure

- Create a state level, non-partisan, non-profit organization to oversee and coordinate HIT and HIE activities in Ohio
- Establish 6 or so HIT regions in Ohio and create an regional health information plan and organization within each region
- Appoint an HIT/HIE coordinator for state government in the Office of the Governor

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Possible Roles of State Level Organization

Per the final report on the Development of State Level Health Information Exchange Initiatives:

- Coordinator, Educator, Facilitator
- Funder
- Remove barriers to HIE
- Handle technology operations of an exchange
- Set statewide HIE policy and standards
- Insure alignment with state government
- Insure solutions are for all citizens of the state
- Technical assistance to local HIE efforts
- Bridge to NHIN and other states

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Adoption

- Develop pool of funds to subsidize costs to adopt EHRs in provider practices (not just physician offices), including some support to reward early adopters
- Provide desktop tools to assist providers in connecting to any health information exchange before they have EHRs
- Engage in pool purchasing of EHRs to reduce per unit cost
- Develop provider specific ROI analyses
- Establish payment rates that reward use of HIT and HIE

Interoperability

- Identify adapters that make health information exchange easier, developing new ones where needed
- Subsidize only the purchase of EHRs with interoperable capability
- Sponsor development of standards to use across Ohio where a common standard does not exist
- Use state level and local RHIOs to translate information from different systems into standardize formats usable by different systems

Exchange

- Establish secure online access to payer-based health records
- Create secure online ability for citizens to create personal health records
- Require regulatory boards to meet to ensure that their rules support HIT and HIE
- Sponsor development of RHIOs in Ohio
- Require health plans to participate with RHIOs
- Require providers to submit mandatory reporting through RHIOs

Exchange (continued)

- Create a plan and fund to subsidize development of needed communications infrastructure
- Ensure that appropriate privacy and security protections exist and are used

Next Steps

- Revise plan once more based on comments received through October, via this conference, online, or other venues
- Obtain endorsement for the plan from individuals and organizations
- Share the plan with elected officials, other policy makers, the media, and the general public
- Translate its recommendations into activities that we can implement through efforts of people participating in workgroups
- Secure financial support from government and health plans

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Next Steps on Action Items

- Create the subsidy pool proposal
- Develop the state level organization, clarifying its relationship with local RHIOs
- Decide on the appropriate number of HIT regions for Ohio
- Develop plan for creating needed communications infrastructure to support HIE
- Write provider specific ROI analyses
- Create an operational plan for the payer-based and personal health record recommendations
- Review standards adopted in other states, especially Utah

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Proposed Workgroup Topics and First Meeting

Date	Time	Topic
11/08/2006	1:30 pm	Payer-based & Personal Health Records
11/09/2006	1:30 pm	Subsidy Pool
11/13/2006	10:00 am	State Organizational Structure
11/13/2006	1:30 pm	Local RHIO Development
11/15/2006	1:30 pm	Develop ROIs
11/17/2006	10:00 am	Communications Infrastructure
11/21/2006	10:00 am	Review UTAH Standards

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