



Meeting Notes

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee

Annual Report Workgroup

February 4, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET

Virtual

Call to Order

The February 4, 2019, meeting of the Annual Report Workgroup (ARWG) of the Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC) was called to order at 1:02 p.m. ET by Lauren Richie, Designated Federal Officer, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC).

Roll Call

(Members in attendance, representing)

Aaron Miri, co-chair, The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School and UT Health Austin

Carolyn Petersen, co-chair, Individual

Christina Caraballo, Audacious Inquiry

Chesley Richards, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Members Not In Attendance

Brett Oliver, Baptist Health

ONC STAFF

Seth Pazinski, Division Director, Strategic Planning & Coordination (ONC)

Michelle Murray, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Office of Policy (ONC)

Lauren Richie, Branch Chief, Policy Coordination, Designated Federal Officer (ONC)

After conducting roll call, Lauren turned the meeting over to the co-chairs.

Opening Remarks and Workgroup Schedule

Carolyn welcomed the workgroup members and thanked them for their work helping to put the report together for review by the HITAC at the next meeting on February 20, 2019.

Aaron echoed Carolyn's comments and mentioned that there is a lot of interest from the public in the report. He went on to review the agenda, noting that today's meeting would be used to review updates to the report and prepare for presenting to the HITAC.

Review of Additional Updates to Draft Annual Report for FY18



The workgroup decided to retain the original structure of the draft report with some text added to the executive summary:

- To the Introduction section to summarize the report sections
- To the Health IT Infrastructure Landscape section to note that no additional target areas were identified
- To the Health IT Infrastructure Gaps, Opportunities, and Recommendations section to introduce the table

Aaron thanked Christina for her efforts to her help improve the flow for all audiences reading the report.

Aaron then reviewed the text added to the following sections of the landscape analysis:

Priority Target Area: Interoperability

- Patients' Experience of Health Information Exchange
 - New section added about the current state of patients' experience of health information exchange
- Standards and Implementation Specifications to Support Priority Uses of Health IT
 - Text added to introduce subsections

Priority Target Area: Privacy and Security

- Protections for Patient-Generated Health Data
 - Text added about PGHD collected during remote monitoring and telehealth activities
- Health Information Sharing for Research Purposes
 - Text added about states' regulation of collection of genetic information by genetic companies

Aaron and Carolyn thanked Christina Caraballo for her feedback that informed the updates made to these sections.

Planning for Workgroup Update at Upcoming HITAC Meeting

For the review of the draft HITAC Annual Report for FY18, the co-chairs plan to present an overview of report content and highlight key points of each section. They will then lead a discussion to collect feedback from the HITAC members. They will focus on the Recommendations for Addressing Health IT Infrastructure section in particular, and offer an executive summary handout to supplement the discussion.

- Aaron wondered if this plan would encourage full engagement from the HITAC when presented at the February 20 meeting.
 - Chesley asked when the HITAC would receive the report. Carolyn said that the plan is to share the report at least a week prior to the meeting so that the HITAC members would have time to prepare for the discussion.



- Christina noted her support for using the two-page Executive Summary as a handout. She also said she felt that the changes discussed during the last meeting were nicely integrated into the report.
- Chesley said that he thought the report looks good, reads clearly, and is written at a level that most readers can understand without feeling that it is too technical. He noted there are items that included for future work that he wants to be sure do not get lost in the next iteration of the report.
- Carolyn commented that she felt the report is in a good place and ready to share with the full committee. The final item that is being worked on is the foreword section of the document that she and Robert Wah, her HITAC co-chair, are collaborating to complete.
- Aaron mentioned that there will be work to complete between the February 20, 2019, and the March 20, 2019, HITAC meeting to prepare the next iteration of the report.
- Chesley asked if there was still an opportunity to share any additional feedback before presenting to the HITAC at the next meeting.
 - Aaron commented that additional feedback is welcomed, but it will be needed soon (within a week) to integrate into the version that will be shared prior to the February 20, 2019, meeting.
 - Michelle commented that most feedback can still be integrated throughout the process. Depending on timing, it may not be included in the review with the HITAC on February 20, but can be integrated after that for the March 20 meeting.
 - Aaron stated that there may be items that will be considered for the FY19 report instead.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Steps and Adjourn

Lauren noted that all updates to HITAC meetings can be found on healthit.gov.

Carolyn expressed her appreciation for everyone's efforts to put the report together and encouraged any additional feedback. Aaron also thanked everyone and expressed his excitement to share their work with the HITAC on February 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. ET.