



Annual Report Workgroup Update

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Health Information Technology Advisory Committee

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology



Annual Report Workgroup Update

- Workgroup Scope and Membership
- Meeting Schedule and Next Steps
- Discussion of Draft HITAC Annual Report for FY20



Annual Report Workgroup Scope

- In 2020, ONC broadened the scope of the workgroup's charge to accommodate the additional target area of public health as well as the three priority target areas

Overarching Charge:

The workgroup will inform, contribute to, and review draft and final versions of the HITAC Annual Report to be submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and to Congress each fiscal year. As part of that report, the workgroup will help track ongoing HITAC progress.

Specific Charge:

Provide specific feedback on the content of the report as required by the 21st Century Cures Act including:

- Analysis of HITAC progress related to the ~~priority~~ target areas
- Assessment of health IT infrastructure and advancements in the ~~priority~~ target areas
- Analysis of existing gaps in policies and resources for the ~~priority~~ target areas
- Ideas for potential HITAC activities to address the gaps

Annual Report Workgroup Membership and ONC Staff

Member Name	Organization	Role
Carolyn Petersen	Individual	<i>Co-Chair</i>
Aaron Miri	The University of Texas at Austin, Dell Medical School and UT Health Austin	<i>Co-Chair</i>
Brett Oliver	Baptist Health	<i>HITAC Committee Member</i>
Former Member Name	Organization	Role
Christina Caraballo	Audacious Inquiry	<i>Former HITAC Committee Member</i>
ONC Staff Name	Title	Role
Donald Rucker	National Coordinator for Health Information Technology	
Elise Sweeney Anthony	Executive Director, Office of Policy	
Seth Pazinski	Division Director, Strategic Planning & Coordination	
Lauren Richie	Deputy Division Director, Strategic Planning & Coordination	<i>Designated Federal Officer (DFO)</i>
Michael Berry	Branch Chief, Policy Coordination	
Michelle Murray	Senior Health Policy Analyst	<i>Workgroup ONC Staff Lead</i>



Meeting Schedules and Next Steps



Meeting Schedule for Full Committee

Meeting Date	Action Items/Deliverables
June 17, 2020	Update on status of FY20 Annual Report development
September 9, 2020	Update on status of FY20 Annual Report development
October 21, 2020	Update on status of FY20 Annual Report development
November 10, 2020	Update on status of FY20 Annual Report development
January 13, 2021	Review draft FY20 Annual Report
February 10, 2021	Approve final FY20 Annual Report
February-March 2021	Transmit final FY20 Annual Report to the National Coordinator for Health IT

Next Steps for Development of the Annual Report

1. The HITAC reviews report and suggests edits
2. The HITAC approves revised report
3. The HITAC transmits the final report to the National Coordinator for Health IT
4. The National Coordinator forwards final report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and to Congress



Discussion of Draft HITAC Annual Report for FY20



HITAC Target Areas

- The topics in the draft HITAC Annual Report for FY20 are grouped by several target areas defined in the 21st Century Cures Act:
 1. Use of Technologies that Support Public Health
 2. Interoperability
 3. Privacy and Security
 4. Patient Access to Information

Outline of Draft HITAC Annual Report for FY20

- I. Executive Summary
- II. Foreword and Overview
- III. HITAC Progress in FY20
- IV. Health IT Infrastructure Landscape Analysis
- V. Health IT Infrastructure Gap Analysis
- VI. Recommendations for Addressing Health IT Infrastructure Gaps
- VII. Suggestions for Additional HITAC Initiatives
- VIII. Conclusion
- IX. Appendices

HITAC Progress in FY20

- 8 HITAC meetings and 1 hearing
- 45 meetings of 3 HITAC subcommittees
- 52 recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health IT
- Activities focused on:
 - Priority uses of health information technology
 - Intersection of clinical and administrative data
 - U.S. Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI)

Health IT Infrastructure Landscape Analysis

- The 21st Century Cures Act requires an annual assessment of the health information technology infrastructure, nationally and locally, that allows for the electronic access, exchange, and use of health information.
- This landscape analysis covers key topics in each of the four target areas, as well as federal activities across the target areas.
- Additional topics are covered in the landscape analysis for awareness.

Health IT Infrastructure Gap Analysis

- The 21st Century Cures Act requires an analysis identifying existing gaps in policies and resources for achieving the ONC FY19-20 objectives and benchmarks and furthering interoperability throughout the health information technology infrastructure.

Recommendations for Addressing Gaps

- The 21st Century Cures Act requires an analysis identifying opportunities and recommendations for HITAC activities to address the health information technology infrastructure gaps identified.
- Tiered Approach to Key Opportunities
 - Immediate Opportunity
 - Correlates to planned topics for HITAC consideration within the next one to two years, i.e., calendar years 2021-22
 - Longer-Term Opportunity
 - Potential HITAC consideration anticipated to begin in three or more years, i.e., calendar year 2023 or later

Discussion Questions for HITAC Members

- Do you have any questions or comments about the draft report?
- Do you have any suggested revisions to the draft report?
- Do you have any ideas for the “parking lot” list for a future annual report?



Thank you!