Flowchart Depicting ONC’s Federal Advisory Committee Process for Developing Recommendations

**Workgroups**
- Public Input

**Health IT Policy Committee (HITPC)**
- Members balanced from various sectors of the health care system
- Recommends policy framework for Health IT infrastructure for, but not limited to, the implementation of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and areas in which standards, implementation, & certification criteria are needed
- Charge HITSC with standards priority areas from HITPC

**Health IT Standards Committee (HITSC)**
- Workgroups
- Public Input

**National Coordinator for Health IT**
- NC will review and determine whether to endorse each standard, implementation specification, and certification criteria from the Health IT Standards Committee, make such determinations, and report to the Secretary of HHS no later than 45 days after the date the recommendations were received by the NC.
- Endorsed HITSC Standards, Implementation, & Certification Criteria Recommendations

**Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS)**
- The HHS Secretary, in consultation with representatives from other relevant federal agencies, shall jointly review the endorsed standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria. The Secretary has 90 days from the day of receipt to determine whether or not to propose the adoption of the endorsed standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria.

*Relevant and available recommendations and comments from the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) are considered in the development of policy and standards.*