**Implementation Workgroup**

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Washington, DC

**Instructions and Questions for Panelists**

**Purpose and questions for HIE/Interop John D, John T, Anne C: to McK and Scott by noon on the 7th; use format like panels before.**

**Purpose: The HIE and Interoperability Panel will help to inform recommendations prepared by the HIT SC and HIT PC on innovative approaches to achieving the interoperability required for meaningful use stage 2 and Interoperability requirements for Stage 3.**

* + Identify your historical challenges and successes in overcoming barriers when providing electronic support for transitions of care.
  + What approaches have you used in implementing the exchange of structured data in support of interoperable transitions of care?
  + What challenges have you identified in meeting the requirements for stage II 2 and what approaches we used to meet them?
  + How well have vendors done to support interoperability between certified EHRs? What gaps remain to support exchange between certified systems?
  + Do you anticipate challenges because EHR vendors may require the use of a specific HISP? How can those challenges be met?
  + What HIE services are most important in meeting her as requirements.
  + With respect to achieving the clinical benefits of interoperability what additional requirements make sense for stage 3? In general, is it better to pursue increasing the percentage performance measures for interoperability in stage 2 or two pursue expanded requirements for interoperability of data types?
  + Have you experienced any challenges with interoperability when both systems were purported to be certified for the intended purpose?  Were there additional costs to get the exchange to “really work”?
  + Have you made electronic transitions of care to skilled nursing facilities and home care agencies and if yes, have you encountered barriers and how have you converted the barriers into successes?
  + Have you received electronic transitions of care from other providers including physicians, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and home care agencies and if yes, have you encountered barriers and how have you converted the barriers into successes?