



Health Information Technology Standards Advisory Committee (HITSAC) : Prior Year Accomplishments and Agenda for 2017-2018

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Health IT Business Drivers

- Patient access: Enable patients to become more informed participants in their health care decision making
- Enhanced care: Support real-time collaboration among health care providers, fostering higher quality clinical care
- Quality improvement: Promote advances in clinical care and population health research through enhanced interoperability
- Greater efficiency: Prevent fraud and reduce waste in legacy health record systems



Background

- Created by the General Assembly in 2009 and now codified under § 2.2-2699.7
- Established to advise Virginia's Information Technology Investment Board (ITIB) on health IT standards
- Moved in 2010 to be under the ITAC, the CIO of the Commonwealth, the Secretary of Technology and the Secretary of Health and Human Resources



Accomplishments – Interoperability

- Health IT Standards: Recommended for adoption 129 health IT standards covering clinical documentation, laboratory reporting, vocabulary, medications, and messaging
- National Information Exchange Model (NIEM): Provided technical guidance in support of the commonwealth's adoption of NIEM across domains of state government (first state government)
- Commonwealth Data Exchange Standards: Informed the state's adoption of external data exchange standards to enable interagency information sharing



Accomplishments – Governance

- Commonwealth Data Governance: Advised agency staff on development of the state's central data governance program
- Enterprise Information Architecture (EIA) Strategy: Served as a primary stakeholder in the state's strategic planning process toward an enterprise-level data strategy
- Executive Directive 7: Provided guidance on the analysis and development of recommendations to promote data sharing and analytics across the state government



Accomplishments – Data Sharing

- eHHR/ConnectVirginia: Guided the state's work plan to enable cross-agency data sharing under the eHHR program and with the statewide health information exchange, ConnectVirginia
- HITSAC Genomics Working Group: Partnered with HL7 and the CDC to identify use cases for the exchange of clinical genomic information in a standardized manner integration
- HITRUST Common Security Framework: Shaped the state's strategies for aligning data sharing with information security



Next Steps for 2017 – 2018

- HITSAC to request ITAC appointment of new member:
 - Mariann Yeager, eHealth Exchange/Sequoia Project
- VITA to propose legislation moving HITSAC to advise Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- HITSAC to request ITAC approval of 2017-2018 work plan topics:
 - Clinical Genomics Use Cases and Pilot Project
 - HITRUST Common Security Framework
 - Health IT Standards Currently Under Ballot



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