

HITSAC Next Steps

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Listed below are the next steps HITSAC members discussed during their meeting on February 18th. The technical infrastructure committee for the CHIMES project will provide detailed plans for some of the items listed below. Those plans will be submitted for HITSAC review.

- Determine a method for collecting information from state agencies on their priority and readiness in adopting standards. Some examples questions are provided below:
 - What data standards are currently in use for agency applications?
 - What are the strategic plans to migrate to new standards?
 - Will agencies be required to report data to federal agencies via the NHIN?
 - What is the priority for your agency to connect to the COV-HIE?
 - Plans to implement electronic medical records to be in compliance with meaningful use.
- Follow the continued development of standards by HITSP and recommend adoption, when appropriate.
- Define implementation specifications for the COV-HIE.
- Define a certification process for testing the COV-HIE, This will be a prequalification for connecting to the COV-HIE.
- Create workflow templates which detail the available options for implementing the interoperability specifications.
- Define, in greater detail, the technical architecture and functions for the COV-HIE
 - Identify the architecture standards that public and private organizations will use to connect to the COV-HIE
 - Identify the technical functions to be offered by the COV-HIE
 - Obtain the workflow needed to support the HIE functions
 - Identify the priority order in which connections should be established on the COV-HIE
- Determine the ongoing governance process for the health IT standards being adopted by the Commonwealth.
- Review certification requirements issued by ONC for the HIE and guide the certification process for the state.
- Develop interaction with organizations such as National Governor's Association (NGA), American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) and National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) on behalf of the Commission. Offer to brief organizations on Commonwealth's direction/standards. Coordinate these activities with the Commission's Communications committee.
- Brief VHEN and Availity on the standards being promulgated by HITSAC.
- Partner with the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) to share the Commonwealth's vision for technical infrastructure and standards.
- Recommend data exchange for video images.