

Health IT Standards Advisory Committee (HITSAC)

**Secretary Brief
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Agenda

- Introductions
- Discuss Commonwealth Vision
- HITSAC Commitment & Leadership



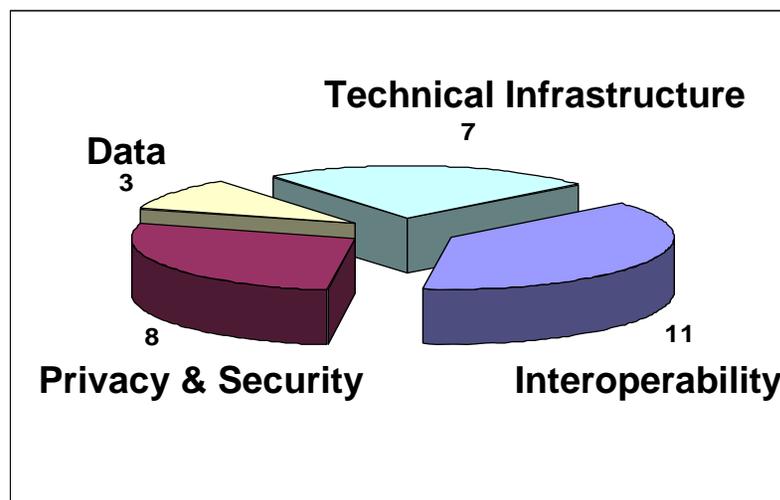
HITSAC - Commitment & Leadership

- HITSAC members manage electronic medical records for organizations that care for many Virginians
 - *Carilion Clinic* – southwest Virginia
 - *Inova Health System* – northern Virginia
 - *VCU Health System* – eastern and central Virginia with teaching facility
 - *UVA Health System* – western Virginia with teaching facility
- The four organizations that HITSAC members serve are committed to helping Virginia achieve semantic interoperability and achieving electronic medical records.

*The Commonwealth can rely on HITSAC to recommend standards that are practical and appropriate allowing Virginia to advance its status as a national health IT leader.*₅

HITSAC Recommendations

- Standards are critical to creating ***semantic interoperability***. Semantic interoperability focuses on ensuring shared meaning between sending and receiving partners – what was sent is identical to what was received.
- Initial recommendations are aligned with work done by ONC and HITSP.
- The COV-HIE Topic Report identifies 29 initial requirements and groups them in the following categories:



Quick Review – Last Six Months

- Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONCHIT) is the principal federal entity charged with coordinating the effort to implement a nationwide health information technology infrastructure that allows for the electronic use and exchange of health information.
- Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) is a cooperative public/private partnership that harmonizes and integrates standards to meet clinical and business needs for sharing information.
- HITSAC was created in July 2009 to advise the ITIB on approval of nationally recognized technical and data standards for health information technology systems or software.
- HITSAC has aligned its recommendations to the work being promulgated by the federal government through ONC and HITSP.

Quick Review – Last Six Months

- In September/October 2009, HITSAC supported the newly formed Office of Health IT in creating a federal funding opportunity proposal to plan the implementation of a statewide health information exchange (HIE).
- In October, four HITSAC members were appointed to the Health IT Advisory Commission (HITAC) by the Governor.
- Virginia received \$11.6 million in federal funding to plan/implement a statewide HIE and the Regional Extension Centers received \$12.4 million.
- HITSAC held eight public meetings in 2009 and developed an initial set of recommendations summarized within the COV-HIE Topic Report.