Annual Report Workgroup Meeting

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Health Information Technology Advisory Committee

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

Meeting Agenda

- Opening Remarks and Meeting Schedules
- Discussion of Revised Draft HITAC Annual Report for FY19
- Public Comment
- Next Steps and Adjourn

Meeting Schedule for Workgroup

Month	Deliverables to Review
April 10, 2019	Discuss topics for FY19 Annual Report
June 4, 2019	Discuss topics and outline for FY19 Annual Report
July 19, 2019	Discuss outline for FY19 Annual Report
September 4, 2019	Begin writing draft FY19 Annual Report
October 8, 2019	Develop draft FY19 Annual Report
November 13, 2019	Develop draft FY19 Annual Report
November 26, 2019	Develop draft FY19 Annual Report
December 13, 2019	Develop draft FY19 Annual Report for HITAC review
February 12, 2020	Update draft FY19 Annual Report for HITAC approval
February-March 2020	Ready FY19 Annual Report for transmittal

Meeting Schedule for Full Committee

Meeting Date	Action Items/Deliverables
June 19, 2019	Present update on FY18 and FY19 Annual Reports
July 11, 2019	n/a
September 17, 2019 (in-person)	Update on status of FY19 Annual Report development
October 16, 2019	Update on status of FY19 Annual Report development
November 13, 2019	Cancelled
December 2019	n/a
January 15, 2020 (in-person)	Review draft FY19 Annual Report
February 19, 2020	Approve final FY19 Annual Report

Discussion of Revised Draft HITAC Annual Report for FY19

Revised Draft HITAC Annual Report for FY19: Suggestions

(Please refer to the list of HITAC member comments for more information.)

1. Suggested changes to tiers
   A. Opportunity: Improve Patient Matching
      - Move from longer-term to immediate because ONC is required to submit a report to Congress about patient identification methods in 2020
   B. Opportunity: Increase transparency of EHR-related adverse patient safety events
      - Move from longer-term to immediate because the HITAC included discussion of ONC's EHR Reporting Program in the HITAC 2020 Plan

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1. Suggested changes to tiers (cont.)

C. Topic: Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

- Longer-Term Opportunity in Interoperability Priority Target Area
  - Develop and adopt standards for SDOH data collection, transfer, and integration for population health and individuals' needs
- Immediate Opportunity in Privacy and Security Priority Target Area:
  - Facilitate more exchange of SDOH data between healthcare providers and community service organizations and more patient education about consent
- Comment:
  - Better align the timeframes for these two opportunities for SDOH data
- To address this comment, could shift the first opportunity to immediate tier as well

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2. Suggested additions to current report
   - Topic: Restricting Scope of Data Shared with Third Parties
     - New Gap: Limited Support for Restricting Scope of Data Shared with Third Parties via FHIR®
     - New Opportunity: Increase capacity to reasonably restrict the scope of data via FHIR®
     - New Recommended HITAC Activity: Convene a HITAC workgroup to review and provide recommendations on how federal agencies and standards development organizations could improve how reasonable restrictions are placed on the scope of data shared via FHIR®. Potential actions may include:
       1) Clarifying in ONC certification criteria that enabling such reasonable restrictions are allowed and encouraged and
       2) Updating underlying standards to support such reasonable restrictions in a standard manner

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2. Suggested additions to current report (cont.)
   - Topic: Price Transparency
     - Landscape Analysis:
       - Federal Activities section: Update the price transparency subsection to reflect recent CMS rulemaking
       - Interoperability Priority Target Area section: Add misc. mentions of financial information
     - Gap Analysis: Access to Patient Data Remains Highly Fragmented from the Patient's Perspective
       - Add text about integration of clinical and financial data in description of gap
     - Opportunity: Develop an updated roadmap for patient engagement and access to ~~data~~ clinical information that is less dependent on providers and their EHR developers
     - Recommended HITAC Activity: Hold listening sessions of experts and representatives of stakeholder groups (including federal agencies) to identify ideas for an updated roadmap for patient access to clinical information

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2. Suggested additions to current report (cont.)
   - Topic: Consent
     - **Existing Gap: Lack of control over sharing and disclosure of information**
     - Comment: There are several concerns to consider for this gap, either for FY19 or FY20
       - Re-use of data after “release” by patient without clarity around implications of sharing data; is it really “consent” if it’s not clear?
       - Regulations to control reuse
       - Clarity around who has authority to consent to release (part of the issue of who has authority to consent to treatment)
       - How are these different types of consent captured, shared and enforced?
       - What happens if they are not?

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2. Suggested additions to current report (cont.)
   - Topic: Consent (cont.)
     - Existing Gap: Lack of control over sharing and disclosure of information (cont.)
     - **Existing Recommended HITAC Activity: Identify and suggest how consent should be captured under TEFCA**
     - Comment: There are several concerns to consider for this activity, either for FY19 or FY20
       - Further complexity arises from the intersection of consent for clinical, administrative, and research data, including for highly sensitive data, as well as re-identification concerns
       - Should there be a more uniform baseline processes and standards for consent that allow the individual to opt in for further restrictions?
       - What would be the role for a HITAC task force in considering these concerns?

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2. Suggested additions to current report (cont.)
   - Topic: Consent (cont.)
     - To address several comments about consent:
       a) Create new gap for the topic with related existing opportunity and recommended activity (see next bullet; gap now separate from SDOH and PGHD topics) and
       b) Add consent concerns to list of potential topics for FY20
     - New gap: Lack of clarity about the parameters of data sharing and disclosure and their implications for consent
     - Existing Opportunity: Improve the capabilities of health IT to electronically capture, store, and share consent information
     - Existing Recommended HITAC Activity: Identify and suggest how consent should be captured under TEFCA

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2. Suggested additions to current report (cont.)
   - Topic: Consequences of re-identification
     - Gap: New technological capabilities to re-identify de-identified data
     - Opportunity: Increase awareness of technological capabilities to re-identify de-identified data
     - **Recommended HITAC Activity: Convene a listening session to assess the development of technologies that prevent re-identification and notify individuals when re-identification has occurred**
     - Comment: Should the focus of the activity be prevention or punishment?
     - To address comment, above text about informing affected individuals could be added to activity

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2. Suggested additions to current report (cont.)
    - Topic: Other
        - Conclusion section
            - Finish this section by adding a few items from HITAC 2020 Plan

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3. Suggested additions to list of potential topics for FY20
   - Topic: Price Transparency
     - Likely increased coverage of improving patient access to financial information, including showing any progress made by the HITAC while discussing the intersection of clinical and administrative data. At least one recommendation should be made for the Patient Access to Information priority target area.
   - Topic: Updates to the USCDI
     - Consideration of additional data elements that may include images, care plans, and price and payment information
   - Topic: Recommended HITAC activities for Patient Access to Information priority target area
     - Add more activities for increased balance across the priority target areas

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3. Suggested additions to list of potential topics for FY20 (cont.)
   - New Topic: Metadata
     - New Gap: Standards for Metadata
     - New Opportunity: Establish common nomenclature and use
     - New Recommended HITAC Activity: Convene a HITAC workgroup to review and provide recommendations regarding metadata standards and potential additions to USCDI

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3. Suggested additions to list of potential topics for FY20 (cont.)
   - New Topic: Synthetic Data
     - New Gap: Use of synthetic data raises concerns
     - Comment: There are several concerns to consider for this activity
       - Synthetic data is a dataset that is derived from real data and is statistically identical to the real data but is a completely new dataset that does not relate to any actual humans.
       - What security and privacy considerations are driven by the emergence of synthetic data? Would this data fall under any HIPAA protections?
       - What is the extent to which the validity of the claims about the benefits of this type of data have been tested and validated?

Next Steps

Revised Draft HITAC Annual Report for FY19

- Next Steps
  - Revised draft report will be presented to the HITAC on February 19, 2020
  - HITAC will ready transmittal letter for submission to National Coordinator for Health IT

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