Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) Context and Proposed Slate

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Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC) Overview

The Oregon Legislature created HITOC to ensure health system transformation efforts are supported by Health IT, such as electronic health records and connecting systems to coordinate care. HITOC reports to the Oregon Health Policy Board.

HITOC's responsibilities:

- Set Oregon's Health IT strategy; explore/monitor Health IT policy

- Assess Oregon's Health IT landscape; report on progress

- Oversee OHA's Health IT efforts

Main focus 2021-2023: Update Oregon's Health IT Strategic Plan

Health IT: foundational infrastructure for health system transformation and health equity

- Supports coordination across the care team

- Supports addressing SDOH by electronically connecting individuals to social services

- Support public health, emergency response, and transitions across systems beyond health care

- Help providers and CCOs manage populations and contain costs

- Collecting race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REALD) and Sexual Orientation Gender Identify (SOGI) data allows for inequities to be identified and addressed

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Health IT Challenges and Opportunities

Connecting

- EHRs still face challenges "talking to each other", Behavioral Health providers face unique hurdles

- COVID-19 showed the need for connected systems with public health and highlighted disparities in accessing telehealth services

- New opportunities for connecting health care and social services

- Importance of data in supporting cost containment and value-based care

Rules and Standards

- Recent federal rules change incentives/penalties; promote patient apps

- Oregon's race, ethnicity, language, disability (REALD) data standards are not implemented in EHRs

HITOC's 2022-2023 Priorities

Strategic Plan Update (2023-2027)

- EHR Adoption, Health Information Exchange
- Social determinants of health, Community Information Exchange
- Patient engagement & HIT
- Telehealth and Broadband
- Health IT and health equity (including REALD/SOGI)
- Impact of federal policy changes – interoperability rules, patient apps

Next steps

- **HITOC** developing updated vision, goals, assessing health IT landscape

- **HIE and CIE workgroups:** Develop strategy concepts for HITOC consideration and public engagement

- **Legislative recommendations** for 2023

- Internal and external **engagement** and **public comment** to HITOC and its workgroup

- **Strategic Plan Update** process will continue into 2023

Community Information Exchange (CIE)

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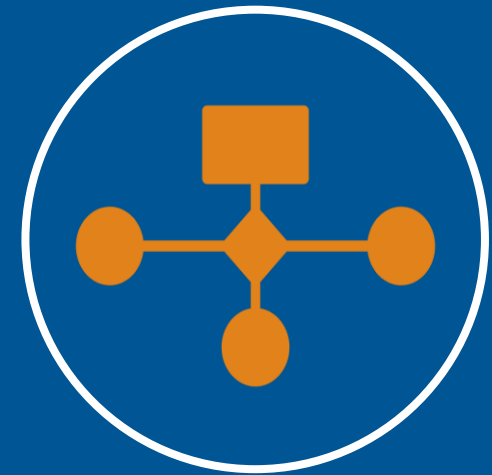
Drivers of Community Information Exchange

- Addressing social determinants of health (SDOH) is critical to eliminate health inequities

- COVID and wildfires highlighted need

- Need to eliminate barriers between people and social services and supports

- OHA's strategic goal to eliminate health inequities by 2030

- Health system transformation

What is Community Information Exchange (CIE)?

A network of collaborative partners using a multidirectional technology platform to connect people to the services and supports they need.

- Partners may include human and social service, healthcare, and other organizations.

- Technology functions must include closed loop referrals, a shared resource directory, and informed consent.

House Bill 4150 (2022)

Requires HITOC with OHA staff support to convene group(s) to explore options to **accelerate, support and improve secure, statewide CIEs**.

- Introduced by Representative Maxine Dexter, co-sponsored by 26 additional members

- Sets timelines for a draft and final report from HITOC to the legislature

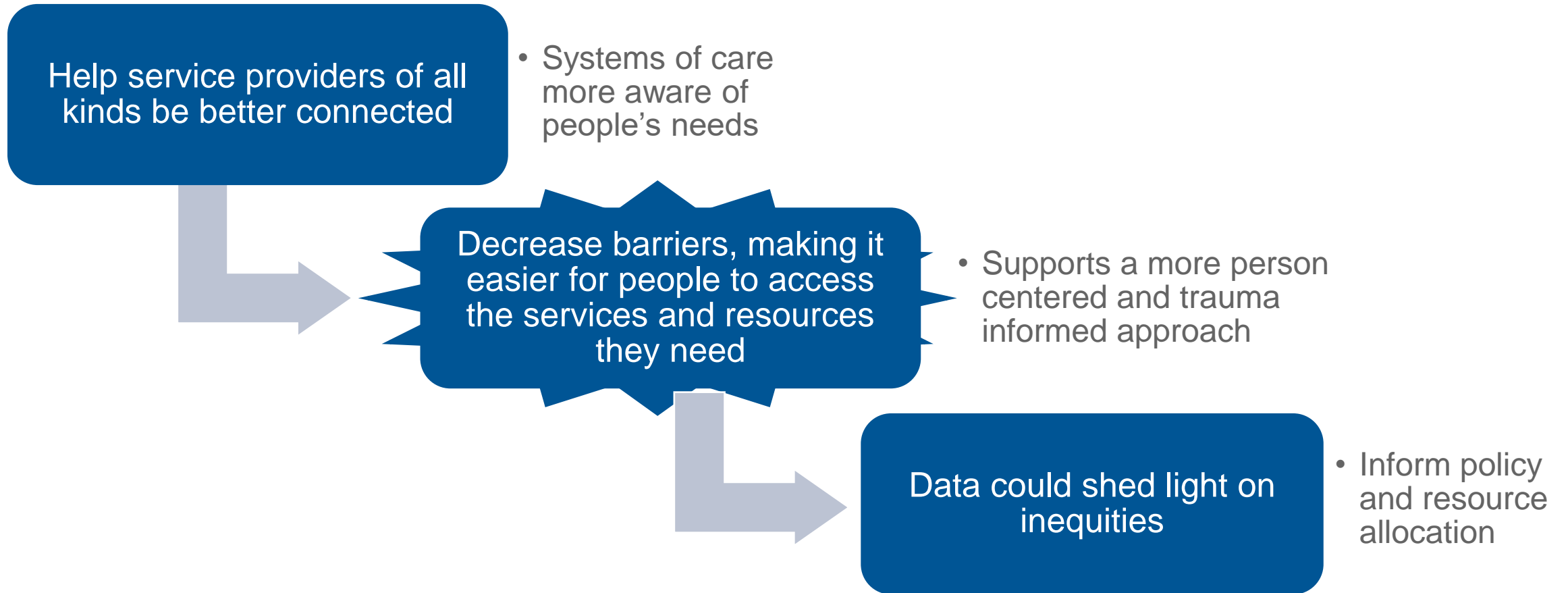- **CIE Workgroup** chartered to provide recommendations to inform HITOC

CIE Workgroup Vision

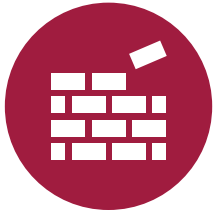All people living in Oregon and their communities have access to community information exchange

- That creates seamless trusted, person-centered connections and coordination

- To meet people's needs, support community capacity, and eliminate siloes to achieve health equity.

How CIE supports health equity:
What workgroup members said…

Help service providers of all kinds be better connected

- Systems of care more aware of people's needs

Decrease barriers, making it easier for people to access the services and resources they need

- Supports a more person centered and trauma informed approach

Data could shed light on inequities

- Inform policy and resource allocation

Initial Legislative Concept Areas

Support for community-based organizations (CBOs) to participate in CIE.

The potential for **OHA and ODHS programs to participate** in CIE.

Support for additional **OHA and ODHS partners and contractors to participate** in CIE.

A **Statewide CIE Data Program** to provide aggregated data, analysis, and information on resources throughout the state.

Next steps

- **CBO Interviews and Survey** led by a health equity consultant

- **HITOC draft report** with legislative recommendations due to legislature September 2022; final report due January 2023

  - **OHPB** to review in September meeting

- **Public comment** to HITOC, CIE workgroup

Proposed Slate

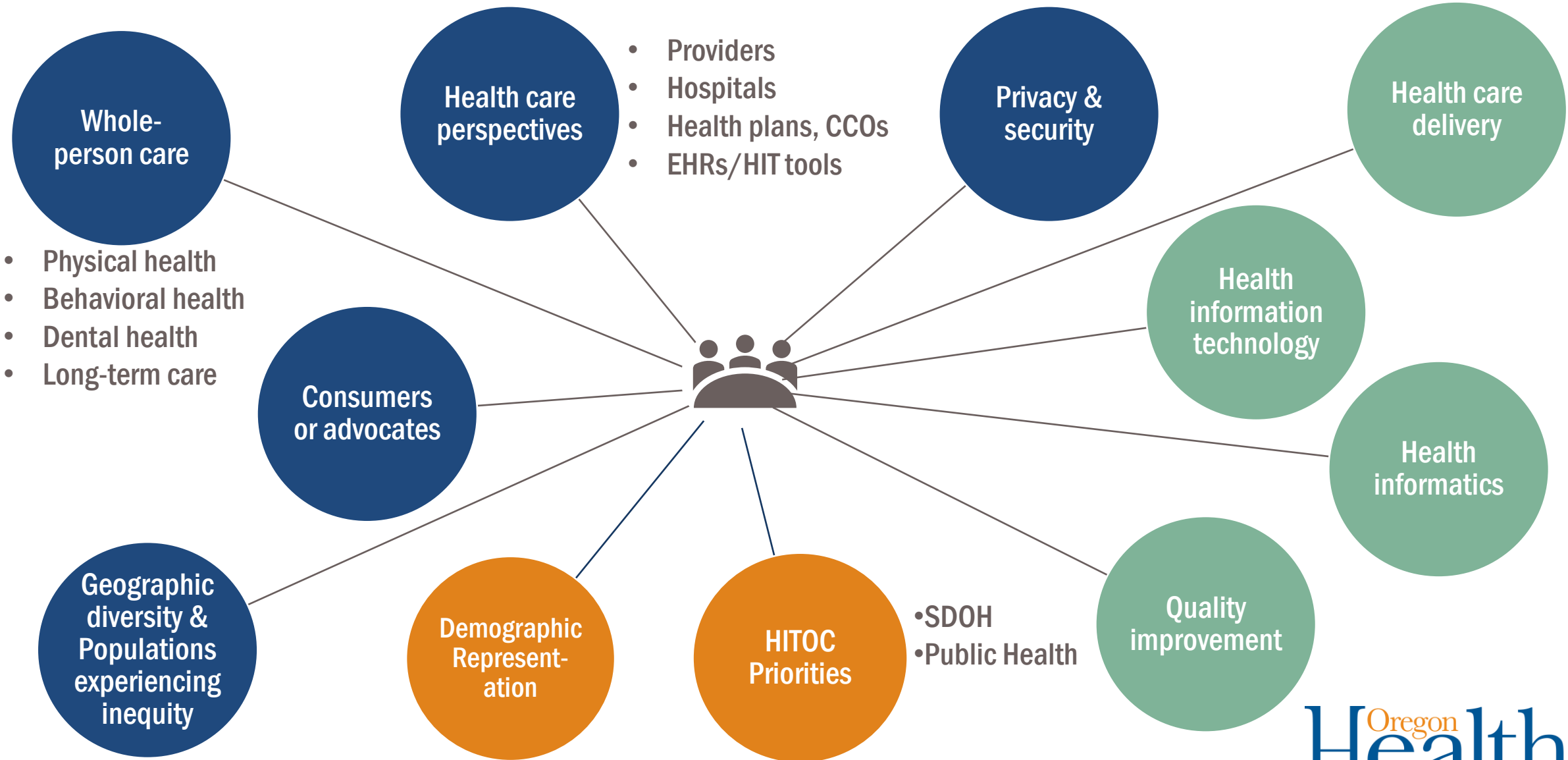# Context: HITOC Recruitment Work

2021 – Major recruitment for HITOC

- Urgent need to fill vacancies given work ahead

- July: OHPB approved 5 new members, filling critical gaps in social determinants of health, oral health, academic, and public health, as well as improving racial/ethnic diversity

- Slate left seats open for additional recruitment needed

2022 – HITOC Targeted Recruitment

- Open recruitment with targeted outreach to fill gaps

- Additional opportunity to add consumer representation

Gap analysis: Needed Areas of Representation

Whole-person care

- Physical health
- Behavioral health
- Dental health
- Long-term care

Health care perspectives

- Providers
- Hospitals
- Health plans, CCOs
- EHRs/HIT tools

Privacy & security

Health care delivery

Consumers or advocates

Health information technology

Health informatics

Geographic diversity & Populations experiencing inequity

Demographic Represent-ation

HITOC Priorities

- SDOH
- Public Health

Quality improvement

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HITOC Membership Gaps

Behavioral health

FQHC/migrant serving organizations

Improve racial/ethnic diversity, as well as health equity and lived/cross-cultural experience

Opportunity to increase consumer representation

Improve geographic representation

Draft Slate: New Members

Name	Title	Organization	Location
Romney Cortes	Director of Clinical Applications	Central City Concern	Portland Metro
Ann Kasper	Mental Health Senior Digital Peer Outreach Specialist	Community Counseling Solutions	Portland Metro
Kristina Martin	Chief Information Officer	Curry Health	Coast
Dave Perkins	Chief Information Officer	Yakima Valley Farmworkers	Other

Next Steps

Additional seats will open in the coming year

- Tribal health

- Patient advocacy

Continue improving geographic and ethnic diversity

OHPB Discussion and Action

Additional Information

- **CIE Workgroup** – public meetings monthly

  - General CIE Information

- **HITOC** – public meetings every other month

  - HITOC Strategic Plan Update information

- **Public Comment**: HITOC and its workgroups welcome public comment, at meetings or in writing at any time. Please submit comment to HITOC.info@dhsoha.state.or.us