

Health Information Technology Collaborative

May 21, 2009

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Agenda

- Premier's July 8, 2009 meeting with National Coordinator for HIT David Blumenthal
- Report on HIT Standards Committee meeting
- Summary of HHS and ONC implementation plans
- Reports from Steering Committee members
- Q & A

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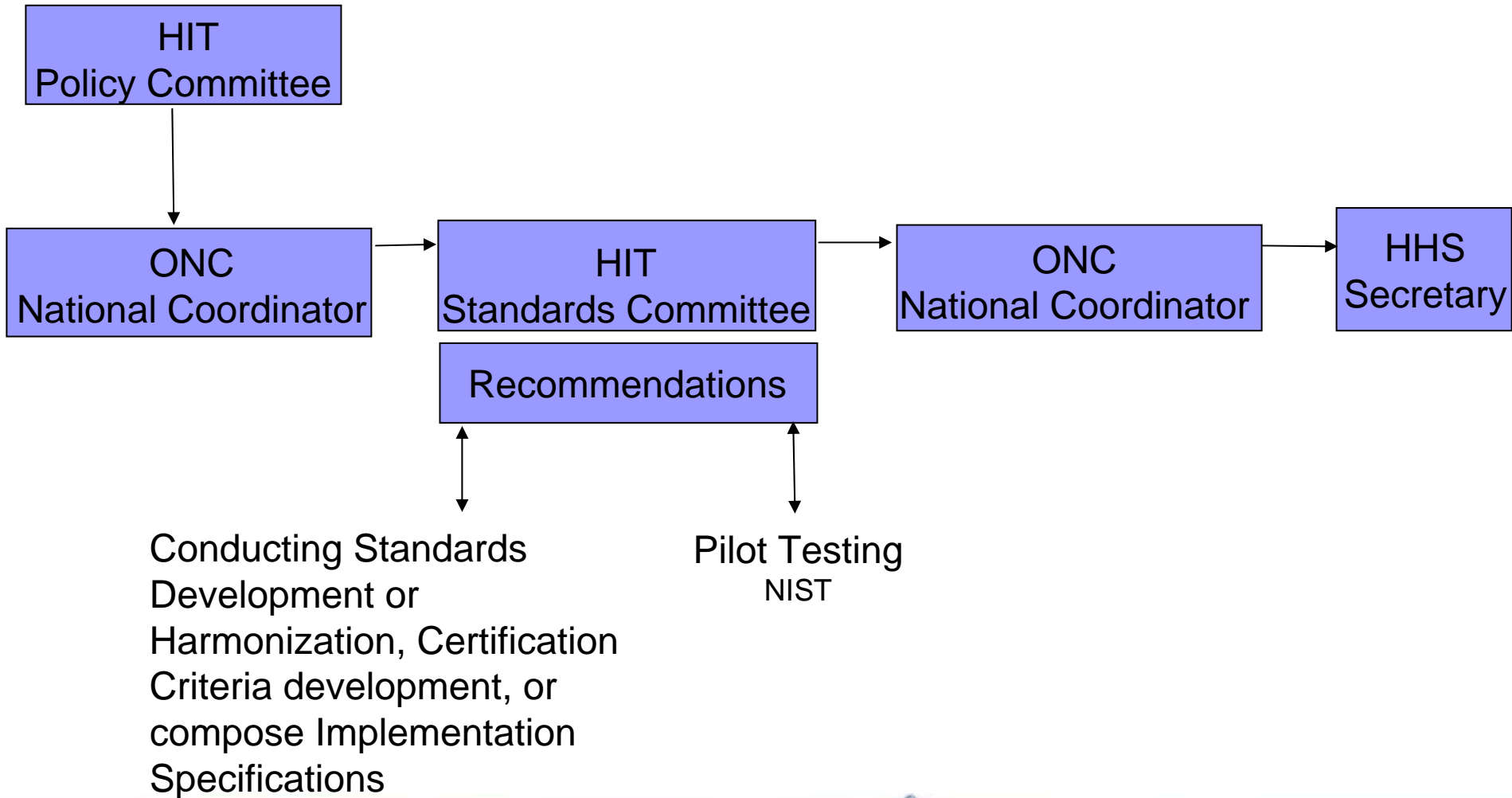
2 advisory committees to ONC re: ARRA

- HIT Policy Committee
 - 20 members
 - First meeting on May 11, 2009
 - Chaired by Dr. David Blumenthal
 - Recommend policies and regulations necessary for implementing “meaningful use” and ensure effective implementation
- HIT Standards Committee
 - 23 members (*this is the one I am a member of*)
 - First meeting on May 15, 2009
 - Co-chaired by Dr. Jonathan Perlin and Dr. John Halamka
 - Recommend standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information, and related to incentive payments for “meaningful use of certified EHR technology

8 areas of policy focus

1. Technologies that protect the privacy of health information and promote security in a qualified EHR *
 2. A nationwide health information technology infrastructure that allows for the use and exchange of health information
 3. The utilization of a certified electronic record for people in the US by 2014
 4. Technologies that support accounting of disclosures made by a covered entity *
 5. The use of electronic records to improve quality of health care
 6. Technologies that enable identifiable health information to be rendered unusable/unreadable/indecipherable to unauthorized individuals *
 7. The use of electronic systems to ensure comprehensive collection of demographic data collection including race, ethnicity, primary language, and gender
 8. Technologies that address the needs of children and other vulnerable populations
- Note that 3 points have to do with Privacy and Security
 - *These 8 issues will be the Committees' Guiding Principles*

Advisory Committee Process



HIT Standards Committee meeting on May 15

3 subcommittees

- Clinical operations
- Clinical quality
- Privacy and security

Early discussions on “meaningful use”

- Electronic prescribing
- Lab ordering/result reporting
- Clinical summary exchange
- Quality data reporting

Timelines

- Expedited – statutory deadline to provide interim rule in initial standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria by 12/31
- Normal – will receive guidance from the Policy Committee and respond within 90 days with recommendations

HHS implementation plan under ARRA

HHS milestones concerning EHR incentives

- FY 2009
 - Definition of “meaningful use” (in cooperation with ONC). *ONC predicts publication of a draft definition within 30 days.*
 - Proposed rules on EHR incentive program policies.
 - Development of clinical outcome measures related to qualification for EHR incentives.
- FY 2010
 - Final rules on EHR incentive program policies.
 - Develop EHR incentives payment, monitoring and evaluation systems.

Other information:

- Medicaid EHR incentives program will be implemented in CY 2011.
- Medicare EHR incentives will be paid to hospitals through existing cost report-based process (no process specified yet for Medicaid EHR incentives to hospitals, or Medicare or Medicaid EHR incentives to eligible professionals).
- “Multi-state workgroups” will be necessary in connection with States’ payments of Medicaid EHR incentives (i.e., to “establish core analytical criteria for State HIT planning and implementation, and modification to Medicaid reporting and data systems”)

ONC implementation plan under ARRA

ONC milestones

- By 9/30/09 - Notification of funding availability for HIT Regional Extension Centers (grants to be issued in early FY 2010).
- By 12/31/09
 - Interim final regulations on standards, implementation specifications and certification criteria (i.e., *no formal opportunity for public input or comments prior to issuance*).
 - Revised Federal HIT Strategic Plan (i.e., *opportunity for public input between 5/18/09 and 8/30/09*).

ONC will use hearings and meetings to inform the public and solicit public input (i.e., no formal rulemaking or notice and comment period)

Q & A

