

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: HIT Policy Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2017

3. Committee or Subcommittee

HIT Policy Committee

3b. GSA Committee

No.

43019

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

No

04/29/2009

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

21st Century Cures
Act (P.L. 114-255)

8c. Actual Term Date

06/30/2017

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

American Recovery and
Reinvestment Act of 2009

13. Effective Date

02/01/2009

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory
Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

1

16b. Report Date

05/19/2017

Report Title

Recommendations to the National
Coordinator

Number of Committee Reports Listed:

1

17a. Open

6

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

6

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The purpose of this meeting was to provide ONC updates, comment on the Health IT playbook, update on the Consumer Task Force, and update on ISAOs.	10/05/2016 - 10/05/2016	
The purpose of this meeting was to receive ONC updates, review the Quality Payment Program, and review the Enhanced Oversight and Accountability rule.	12/06/2016 - 12/06/2016	
The purpose of this meeting was to receive updates from ONC, review the Interoperability Standards Advisory, and update from the Consumer Task Force on the Health IT Playbook.	01/10/2017 - 01/10/2017	
The purpose of this meeting was to review and approve the recommendations from the Interoperability Standards Advisory Task Force.	02/07/2017 - 02/07/2017	
The purpose of this meeting was to review the draft recommendations from the Public Health Task Force.	03/08/2017 - 03/08/2017	
The purpose of this meeting was to approve the recommendations from the Public Health Task Force and hear feedback from the Consumer Task Force on the Patient Generated Health Data White Paper	03/30/2017 - 03/30/2017	

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 6

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$126,958.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$198,000.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Administrative Costs		
(FRNs, contractor support,	\$0.00	\$0.00
In-person/hybrid/virtual		
meetings)		
18d. Other (all other funds		
not captured by any other	\$425,955.00	\$0.00
cost category)		
18e. Total Costs	\$775,913.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support		
Years (FTE)	2.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee holds public hearings and makes recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information infrastructure, including standards for the exchange of patient medical information.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership is comprised of politically appointed individuals that represent stakeholder groups, varying geographic localities, and minorities.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Before the committee was terminated, four meetings held jointly with the HIT Standards Committee, were held this year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Established pursuant to the HITECH Act (included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009).

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

n/a

21. Remarks

In accordance with the 21st Century Cures Act, the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (#2622) replaced both the HIT Standards Committee (# 43018) and the HIT Policy Committee (#43019).

Designated Federal Officer

Michelle Consolazio FACA Program Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blake, Kathleen	04/15/2015	06/30/2017	American Medical Association	Representative Member
Cryer, Donna	05/01/2015	06/30/2017	Global Liver Institute	Representative Member
DeSalvo, Karen	10/16/2013	10/15/2016	National Coordinator	Ex Officio Member
Ferguson, Jamie	05/01/2016	06/30/2017	health plan - Kaiser	Representative Member
Kotz, David	04/15/2015	06/30/2017	Dartmouth University	Representative Member
Lansky, David	05/01/2015	06/30/2017	Pacific Business Group on Health	Representative Member
Lehmann, Christoph	04/29/2014	04/28/2017	Physician	Representative Member
Mann, Devin	10/31/2016	06/30/2017	Professor of Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine	Representative Member
Miri, Aaron	06/01/2016	06/30/2017	CIO	Representative Member
Patterson, Neal	04/29/2014	04/28/2017	CEO	Representative Member
Schofield, Kim	04/29/2014	04/28/2017	Health Educator	Representative Member
Seagondollar, Troy	10/31/2016	06/30/2017	Kaiser Permanente	Representative Member
Synder, Brent	04/15/2015	06/30/2017	Adventis Health System	Representative Member

Tang, Paul	04/29/2014	04/28/2017	Palo Alto Medical Foundation	Representative Member
van Caulil, Karen	05/01/2016	06/30/2017	Purchaser	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

The Committee was organized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) to make recommendations on the implementation of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure which is important for improving quality of care and efficiency, which will support health care reform.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Not Applicable

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

263

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendations were made in the areas of Application Programming Interfaces (APIs); the Interoperability Experience, feedback on Merit-based Incentives Payment System (MIPS) and Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), feedback on how health IT technology should be certified, and feedback on the barriers to interoperability. Feedback was also given on data standards, including those for public health data elements.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

85%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Most recommendations are acted upon by ONC, in some shape or form. ONC takes all recommendations and either issues something publically for comment or takes action as suggested. All other recommendations are implemented per the Committee's guidance (e.g. tools, guidance, training).

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

15%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The Committee provides feedback on information that should be included in future regulation. There is uncertainty around timing and needs when making some of these recommendations which can result in items only being partially implemented into

regulations.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

When writing rules, ONC includes justification for why or why not a recommendation was included in the final rule.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

All recommendations are typically implemented per the Committee's guidance (e.g. tools, guidance, training).

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

We have online access to all Committee operations.