



OeHI

Office of eHealth Innovation

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Welcome to the Office of eHealth Innovation's newsletter, OeHI Connects.

This newsletter provides information on our new Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI) and eHealth Commission and serve as a communication platform to begin to "connects" and coordinate health IT projects, governance, and policy in our health IT ecosystem. We often use the analogy of our highway system to describe interoperability and the interfaces needed for data sharing of health information technology. But without connecting to individuals, communities, and organizations these highway systems lack meaning. Through meaningful connections with our stakeholders, partner organizations, and community, the Office of eHealth Innovation can truly provide governance, coordination, and promotion of the efficient and effective use of health information technology in Colorado.

Please send your feedback and suggestions on our first newsletter, as well as other items you would be interested in hearing more information about, to Colorado's State Health IT Coordinator Carrie Paykoc via email to Carrie.paykoc@state.co.us.

Introducing the Office of eHealth Innovation

On November 2015, Governor John Hickenlooper signed Executive Order B 2015-008 to officially create the Office of eHealth Innovation and the eHealth Commission, with administrative support from Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). As the State Designated Entity (SDE), the Office of eHealth Innovation is responsible for defining, maintaining, and evolving Colorado's Health IT strategy in alignment with payment reform and health care delivery. It is intended to help reduce barriers foreffective

information sharing and promote interoperability. At the same time it should help enable innovation of the state's Health IT infrastructure.

OeHI's Vision Statement

Accelerate technology-driven health transformation by aligning public and private initiatives to support Colorado's commitment to become the healthiest state in the nation.

OeHI's Mission Statement

To promote the expanded use of Health IT in Colorado, the Office of eHealth Innovation will identify priorities to:

- Establish an open and transparent statewide collaborative effort to develop common policies, procedures, and technology approaches that will enhance Colorado's Health IT network;
- Promote and advance data sharing by reducing or removing barriers to effective information sharing;
- Support health innovation and transformation by enhancing Colorado health information infrastructure; and
- Improve health in Colorado by promoting the meaningful use of Health IT.

OeHI's Goals and Objectives- 2016/2017

The initial goals and objectives for the Office of eHealth Innovation for the coming year include the following:

- Collaborate with key leaders throughout Colorado to advance the adoption and integration of technology to improve health. OeHI's efforts to define [Colorado's Health IT Roadmap](#) for the next 3-5 years, provides an opportunity for health care and Health IT leaders to directly collaborate and participate in these efforts.
- Identify strategies that will promote data sharing and remove barriers to health information sharing. This includes defining and procuring master data management solutions, collaborating with the [State Innovation Model \(SIM\)](#) team to integrate physical and behavioral health and establish foundational Health IT in support of value-based payment, and continue to further define priorities through Colorado's Health IT Roadmap efforts.
- Serve as a central point to coordinate and distribute funding for Colorado's Health IT priorities. Initial planning is underway to define criteria for entities that are qualified to bid on Health IT projects and receive funding.

To facilitate and coordinate this important work, OeHI's team is comprised of several full-time staff dedicated to fulfilling OeHI's vision, mission, and goals. Although our office is small our Health IT goals and objectives are not. To achieve these goals and objectives OeHI works with many other State agencies and partner organizations.

Introducing the OeHI Team:



Mary Anne Leach, CHCIO **Director, Office of eHealth Innovation**

Mary Anne Leach was recently appointed Director, Office of eHealth Innovation, Governor's office, for the State of Colorado. Prior to this appointment, Mary Anne served for nine (9) years as Sr. Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Children's Hospital Colorado. During her tenure as CIO, Ms. Leach developed and led health information technology strategies and innovations which have helped the organization improve quality and safety, support research, foster growth and geographic reach, integrate care teams and communications, improve operational performance, enable population health management, engage patients and families in their care, and enable the exchange of health information across communities and states.



Carrie Paykoc **State Health IT Coordinator**

Carrie Paykoc is Colorado's Health Information Technology Coordinator appointed to the Office of eHealth Innovation, Governor's office. Prior to this assignment, Carrie worked at The Breakaway Group, A Xerox Company in a variety of project management, research, change management, and instructional design roles to help healthcare organizations implement and adopt Health IT systems. Carrie is passionate about leveraging technology to improve health outcomes, while reducing costs and inefficiencies. During her time with The Breakaway Group, she helped numerous healthcare organizations of varying size and complexity, significantly reduce time and costs associated with implementing and adopting electronic health records (EHR).



Emily Giebel **Governor's Executive Intern** **Office of eHealth Innovation**

Emily Giebel is OeHI's first intern and will be joining OeHI part-time in January as a Communication Assistant. Emily is a student at Metropolitan State University of Denver, where she studies Health Care Management. Emily is committed to making Colorado the healthiest State.

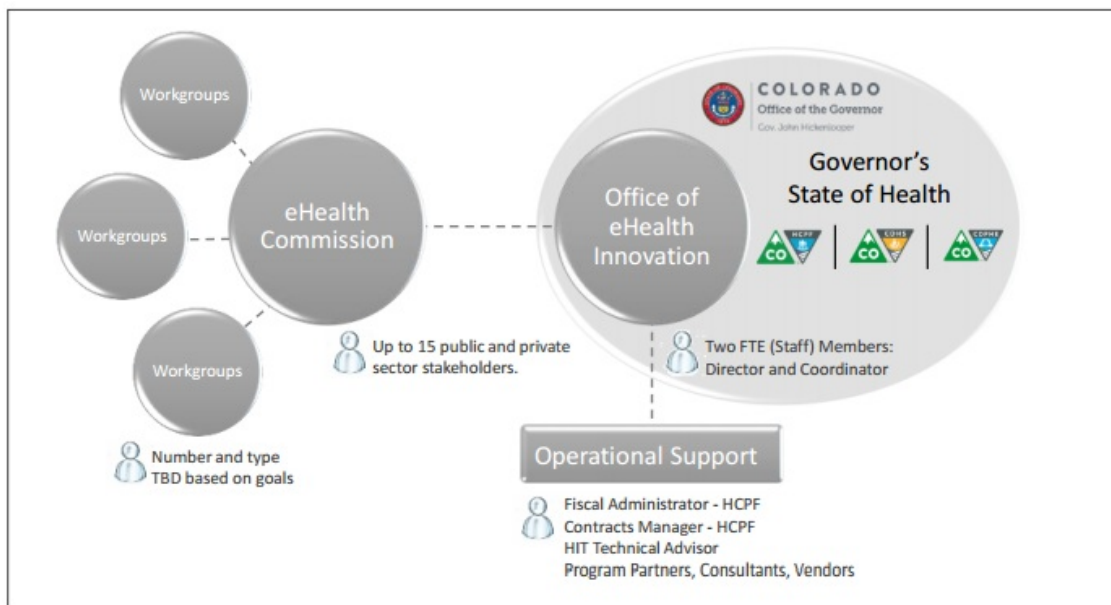


eHealth Commission Update

Who is the eHealth Commission?

The eHealth Commission provides serves as an advisory board to the Office of eHealth Innovation and is the steering committee for the Colorado Health IT Roadmap. Individuals from the Commission and Office are pictured above. Commission and Office members from left to right, starting in the back row: Alexis Sgouros, James Holder, Michelle Mills, Mary Anne Leach, William Stevens, Jason Greer, and Kendall Alexander. Bottom row Commission and Office Members: Carrie Paycoc, Chris Underwood, Chris Wells, Herb Wilson, and Marc Lassaux.

The eHealth Commission is made up of fifteen members appointed by the Governor including those with experience and knowledge in primary health care delivery, behavioral health care delivery, health insurance, non-profit Health IT-related community organizations, interoperability and data exchange, consumer engagement in health care and health care quality measures. The eHealth Commission includes private sector and consumer representation along with the public sector, ensuring a holistic approach to the future of Health IT in Colorado.



How does the eHealth Commission and Office of eHealth Innovation work together to advance health IT?

The eHealth Commission provides strategic recommendations to the Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI). Although, all State and project decisions are made within the Office of eHealth Innovation- the eHealth Commission directly contributes to this process. The image above depicts the relationship between the eHealth Commission and Office of eHealth Innovation.

Who are the current eHealth Commission members?

eHealth Commission members include:

- Alexis Sgouros of Greenwood Village, to serve as a consumer engaged in health care, appointed;
- Chris Underwood of Evergreen, to serve as the designee of the Department of Health Care Policy and Finance, appointed.
- Christopher Stewart Wells of Denver, to serve as the designee of the Department of Public Health and Environment, appointed;
- Dana Eugene Moore of Greenwood Village, to serve as a representative of health care facilities, appointed;
- Gregory Charles Reicks of Grand Junction, to serve as a representative of primary health care providers, appointed;
- Herb Wilson of Westminster, to serve as the designee of the Department of Human Services, appointed;
- James Reed Holder of Englewood, to serve as a representative of health insurance providers, appointed;
- Jason Greer of Boulder, to serve as a member with expertise in health care quality measures, appointed;
- Kendall Paul Alexander of Greeley, to serve as a representative of behavioral health, appointed;
- Marc Lassaux Clifton, to serve as a representative of non-profit, health IT related community organizations, appointed;
- Mary Anne Leach of Castle Rock, to serve as a member with expertise in digital health, appointed;
- Michelle Mills of Parker, to serve as a representative of primary health care providers, appointed;
- Morgan Gray Honea of Colorado Springs, to serve as a member with expertise in operability and data exchange, appointed;
- William Frank Stevens of Littleton, to serve as the designee of the Governor's Office of Information Technology, appointed;

Interested in an eHealth Commission Appointment?

For those interested in an appointment to the eHealth Commission there will be a few openings in 2017. William F. Stevens, Director of CBMS at the Office of Information Technology (OIT) will be retiring in 2017. And Mary Anne Leach, former CIO of Children's hospital is now OeHI's Director. We truly appreciate their contribution but

are looking for qualified individuals to fill their role. For individuals interested in applying to this important role please complete an application on [Colorado's Boards and Commission site](#).

To learn more about the eHealth Commission visit [OeHI's new website](#).

Health Care Policy and Financing- Health IT Team Thank you!



Special thanks to the Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF), for your fiscal administrative support, leadership, and continued collaboration with the new eHealth Innovation Office. Chris Underwood, HCPF's Health Information Office Director has been serving as the interim Director of OeHI. We would like to thank Chris Underwood and his Health IT team for ALL of their support and hope to continue our partnership to advance health information

technology in Colorado to achieve the triple aim. So thank you Chris Underwood, Micah Jones, Veronica Bernard, Sandra Beaird, Alejandro Vera, Aaron Hurlbert and Sara Haynes!

Colorado Health IT Roadmap

The Colorado State Health IT Roadmap is underway! Follow our efforts in making Colorado the healthiest state in the nation.

With the help of Mosaica Partners, we are developing a statewide plan to achieve Colorado's Triple Aim.

- Best Care
- Best Health
- Best Value



Envisioning Workshops were held across the State. Stakeholders from Grand Junction, Alamosa, Colorado Springs, Denver and more have given us their support in identifying Colorado's Health IT needs.

Your opinion matters:

Your willingness to participate in the survey will help assist the Office of eHealth Innovation in developing Colorado's Health IT Roadmap. The survey will address the importance of 14 health information technology and health information exchange

objectives. While all 14 objectives are key to the success of the Roadmap, OeHI needs your assistance in determining their relevant importance.

Please click the link below to participate in our **Colorado Health IT Roadmap Survey**. Your responses are important to us and will help us further develop our Roadmap.

The survey will take no more than 10 minutes. Thank you in advance.

Take Our Survey

What is Happening This Month



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Colorado Health IT Roadmap Objectives Survey

November 14th-21st

[Survey Link](#)



Startup Health Colorado Launch Event

Transforming the Future of Colorado
Anschutz Health and Wellness Center

November 16th 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

[Meeting Details](#)



Prime Health: IoT and Digital Health Discussion

Innovation Pavilion-Centennial, Colorado

November 29th 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

[Meeting Details](#)



Visit the New Website for Office of eHealth Innovation

For more information on the Colorado Health IT Roadmap, Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI), eHealth Commission, and a full calendar of upcoming events visit OeHI's website.

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