



# OeHI

Office of eHealth Innovation

## OeHI Connects - Winter 2018



### Colorado's Health IT Roadmap

The Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI) and the eHealth Commission continue to advance [Colorado's Health IT Roadmap](#) in 2018. Implementation planning is under way for many of the Roadmap's key initiatives. Every month at the [eHealth Commission meetings](#), OeHI is spotlighting several initiatives and corresponding efforts. At the February meeting, the Care Coordination and Health Information Exchange initiatives were discussed, and efforts to define approaches and specific projects are underway. All eHealth Commission meetings are open to the public. Visit [OeHI's website](#) for more information.

To learn more about these initiatives and how to get involved, join OeHI and the eHealth Commission on March 14th from 5:30-7:30 PM for [Colorado's Health IT Roadmap Launch Event](#) with the Colorado Chapter of the Health Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS) and the Colorado Information Management Association (CHIMA).



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You are Invited to *Colorado's Health IT Roadmap* Launch Event Party

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

5:30-7:30pm

**The Alliance Center**

A one block walk from Union Station or find nearby parking [here](#).

## Register [here](#)



### Spotlight on Roadmap Initiatives

#### Care Coordination

Thank you for your participation in our Care Coordination Survey! OeHI received over 325 responses from a diverse set of providers, payers and others. Here are a few notable findings below.

- Many struggle with the "red tape" surrounding electronic behavioral health records
- More collaboration between rural and frontier communities is needed
- Costs of health IT and health information exchange is an ongoing challenge
- Overall, being able to communicate and coordinate resources across electronic systems was the number one issue cited



#### **Thank you for your participation in the survey and ongoing support!**

The Care Coordination Initiative, as mentioned in the Roadmap, aims to develop, support, and enhance technical approaches that can be used to easily share care coordination information – within and across – communities. The initiative recognizes that approaches to care coordination may be unique to individual communities. The survey results along with direction from the eHealth Commission will help focus OeHI's efforts.

Please contact Carrie Paykoc, State Health IT Coordinator if you would like to be involved in further defining the Care Coordination Initiative. Contact Carrie via email at [carrie.paykoc@state.co.us](mailto:carrie.paykoc@state.co.us).

#### Health Information Exchange

Colorado's Health IT Roadmap Initiative to advance health information exchange in Colorado aims to develop and implement approaches to harmonize data sharing capabilities, increase the rate of health information sharing, and advance health information exchange across Colorado. Many efforts are underway and ongoing to increase the exchange of health information for care coordination efforts. Colorado's Regional Health Information Exchange Origination (CORHIO) and Quality Health Network (QHN) are directly working with the Office of eHealth Innovation to define strategies and approaches for achieving enhanced health information exchange in the coming years. Both organizations continue to advance interoperability and services to meet the needs of our providers and

communities. One example of this initiative is the evolution of CORHIO's standard continuity of care document.

*CORHIO Launches Medicity's Community Interchange  
Expanded partnership revolutionizes provider workflow  
across the CORHIO network in support of  
better population health*



January 23 - Medicity, a leading expert in clinical data aggregation and interoperability, announced the launch of Community Interchange with CORHIO, the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization. In recent years, improved data sharing and interoperability have created a new challenge for the health care community – high volumes of disparate data in different formats.

Community Interchange – branded as Consolidated Care Summaries at CORHIO – addresses this issue, transforming disparate data in different formats into a single, deduplicated, comprehensive Continuity of Care Document (CCD). Consolidated Care Summaries will allow qualified health care participants within the CORHIO network to access actionable clinical intelligence at the point of care, optimizing their decision-making to improve patient care.

Read the full article [here](#).

## Digital Health Innovation

**PRIME HEALTH INNOVATION SUMMIT - MAY 10, 2018**  
Infinity Park Event Center | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Enhancing Care Coordination Through Digital Health

The image features a network diagram background with nodes and connecting lines. At the bottom, there are three logos: a green triangle with 'CO' inside, the 'OeHI' logo with 'Office of eHealth Innovation' below it, and the 'PRIME HEALTH' logo with a blue square icon containing a white cross.

**Save the Date!**  
**2018 Innovation Summit**  
Hosted by OeHI and Prime Health

Thursday May 10, 2018  
8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Prime Health is teaming up with the Governor's Office of eHealth Innovation to make an impact and improve healthcare in Colorado. Come join Colorado's health innovation ecosystem—policy makers, healthcare delivery systems, payers, providers, entrepreneurs and investors—as we discuss key priorities of Colorado's Health IT Roadmap and the role of entrepreneurs in reaching this goal. For more information, click [here](#).

10.10.10 Presents

## 10 Wicked Problems in Health

May 7-17, 2018

Join 10.10.10 and entrepreneurs from around the country as they develop solutions to 10 pressing problems in health. For more information, click [here](#).



**10.10.10**  
HEALTH 2018  
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10.10.10 Presents  
**10 WICKED PROBLEMS IN HEALTH**  
Join us in May as we introduce our latest group of **10 Wicked Problems** in health. Meet the **10 Serial Entrepreneurs** invited to Denver from around the U.S. to develop breakthrough solutions and start new ventures.

**ENTREPRENEURS, INDUSTRY & COMMUNITY VS. WICKED PROBLEMS**  
Wicked Problems in health are belligerent beasts. They do not retreat. They do not go quietly away. Government cannot and will not address them. Industry will not deprive them of their power. Research alone is insufficient to cause their undoing.

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## Health IT Policy

### [Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement \(TEFCA\)](#)

In the [21st Century Cures Act of 2016](#), Congress identified the importance of interoperability, laying a path for the interoperable exchange of Electronic Health Information. Congress directed the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) to develop a trusted exchange framework, including a common agreement among health information networks nationally.

In response to this legislation and request from Congress, ONC developed the [Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement \(TEFCA\)](#). The [proposed rule for TEFCA](#) defines several core components to advance interoperability and defines new data and exchange standards and new governance structures. This new governance structure designates a Recognized Coordinating Entity (RCE) to coordinate and govern health data

exchange between newly designated Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs) and designated Health Information Networks (HINs). This proposed exchange structure is focused on the query and retrieve use cases at a patient, panel, and population level.

On February 20, OeHI, with substantial input from the eHealth Commission, submitted comments to ONC on the proposed rule. The comments outlined many of their concerns and recommendations for ONC to consider as they formalize the final rule. [Click here to view the comments.](#)

See the comments [here](#).

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## Colorado Chapter HIMSS Advocacy Day

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### **CHIMSS Advocacy Day at the Capitol** **Thursday, April 26th, 8:00 to 3:00**

CHIMSS goal for Advocacy Day is to educate the community and legislators on what is happening in the field of health IT in our state. This year, the morning session will focus on two of the *Roadmap's* initiatives, **Support for Care Coordination in Communities Statewide and Accessibility** and **Affordability of Health IT and Information Sharing** statewide.

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## eHealth Commissioner Spotlight

### **Commissioner Spotlight**

***Adam Brown***  
***Strategy and Program Development Director***  
***Anthem Inc.***



#### **In your opinion, what is one of the major challenges facing healthcare now?**

Because the healthcare delivery system is more consolidated than it ever has been before, and the lines have been blurred between payer and provider, we all share a lot of common challenges. I still come back to the big issues that policy makers always hit on, and that really has to do with affordability and access of care. Affordability is going to be foremost on everyone's mind and I think everyone understands that the cost of healthcare is an unsustainable aspect of our economy. So what can we do collectively to address that? Payers are obviously in the spotlight, rightly or wrongly in addressing the affordability issue. At the same time though, it's a collective effort. This is one of the reasons I think the work of the Commission is so important, because from an eHealth perspective, there are so many capabilities we could better leverage to not only improve affordability but also increase access. Capabilities that we are just now beginning to utilize. There's really a unique opportunity for these public-private cross-collaborations. The public sector can certainly learn from many of the best practices occurring in the private sector, and the private sector can learn how their strategies might be applicable to a broader segment of the population. For me on the Commission, it's nice to get a broader perspective as to what's happening in the larger Colorado healthcare community.

#### **Is there an issue that *Colorado's Health IT Roadmap* pinpoints that is of particular interest to you?**

There are a couple. The most practical one, given the line of work that I'm in, is care coordination, which is huge. I see the value of care coordination just as most people in the payer space see the value of care coordination. Across different patient populations there is extreme variation in terms of how care coordination actually occurs. I think if the Commission can come up with ways to support capability across all populations within Colorado, that will

be hugely important. As a payer, we have a responsibility to help work with the public sector to make that happen. The data sharing aspect is critical as well. We can't do anything without the right data sharing. In my opinion, the private sector hasn't done enough to promote the appropriate level of data sharing.

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