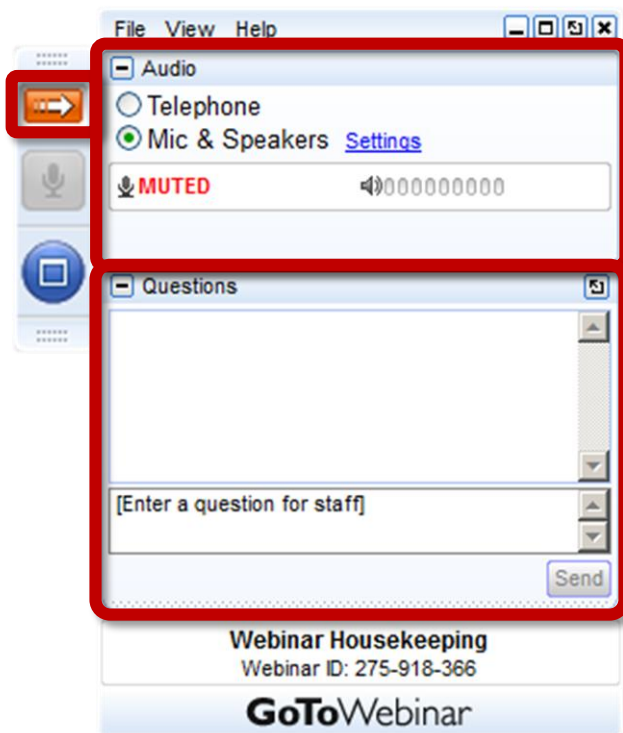


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Meet the RCE Team



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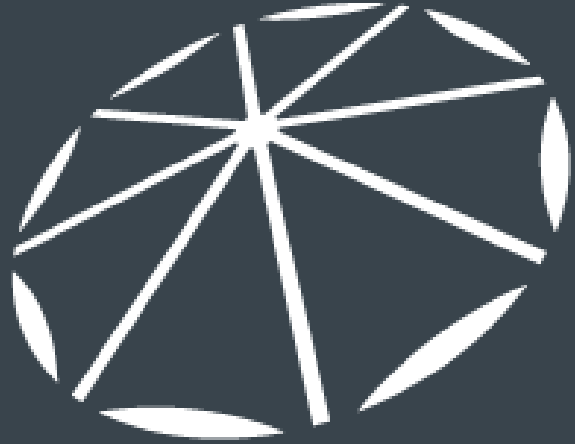
Agenda

- Welcome by Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC)
- Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Overview
- Recognized Coordinating Entity Explained
- A Roadmap for Success



Elise Sweeney Anthony
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Welcome by Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT



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Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Overview

*“[T]he National Coordinator shall convene appropriate public and private stakeholders to develop or support a **trusted exchange framework** for trust policies and practices and for a **common agreement** for exchange between health information networks.”* [emphasis added]

Current Costs

Healthcare organizations are currently burdened with creating many costly, point-to-point interfaces between organizations.

The Trusted Exchange Framework and the Common Agreement **would reduce the need for duplicative network connectivity interfaces**, which are costly, complex to create and maintain, and an inefficient use of provider and health IT developer resources.



Proliferation of Interoperability Methods

A nationally representative survey by the American Hospital Association found¹ that:

Few hospitals used only one interoperability method.

- 78% of hospitals use more than one electronic method to send records
- 61% of hospitals use more than one electronic method to receive records
- About 40% used five or more methods to send records

TEFCA Goals



GOAL 1

Provide a single
“on-ramp” to
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connectivity



GOAL 2

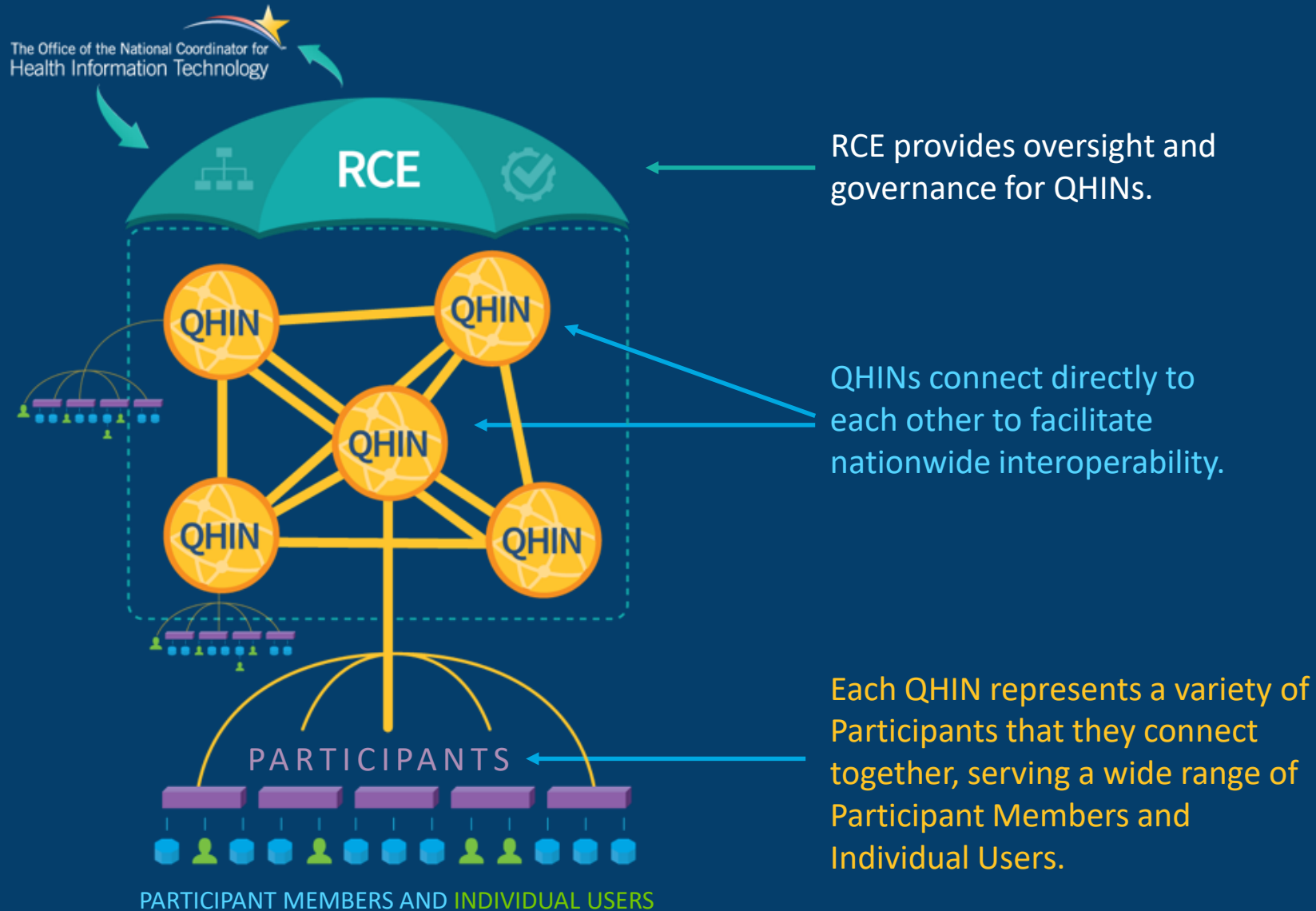
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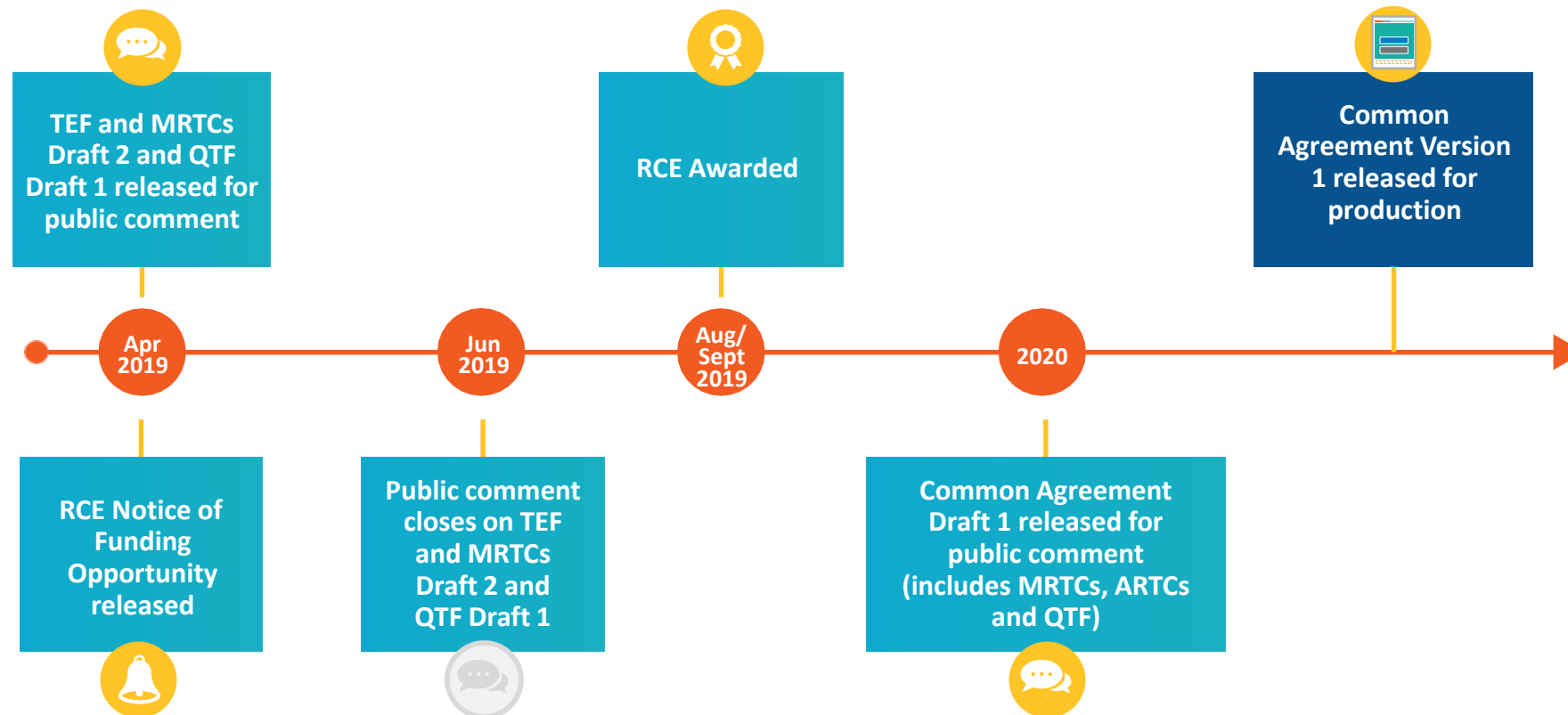
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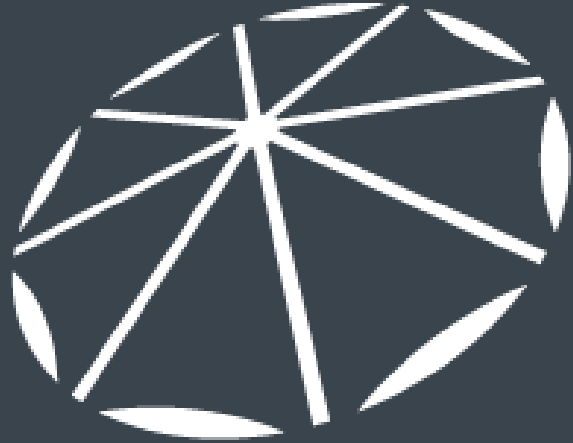
Support
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scalability

How Will the Common Agreement Work?



Timeline





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RCE Role and Planned Work



RCE Selection

- ONC posted a Notice of Funding Opportunity
- The Sequoia Project applied, with support from 55+ organizations
- The Sequoia Project was selected in September 2019
- News Release: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2019/09/03/onc-awards-the-sequoia-project-cooperative-agreement.html>

The Sequoia Project Is ONC's Recognized Coordinating Entity (RCE)





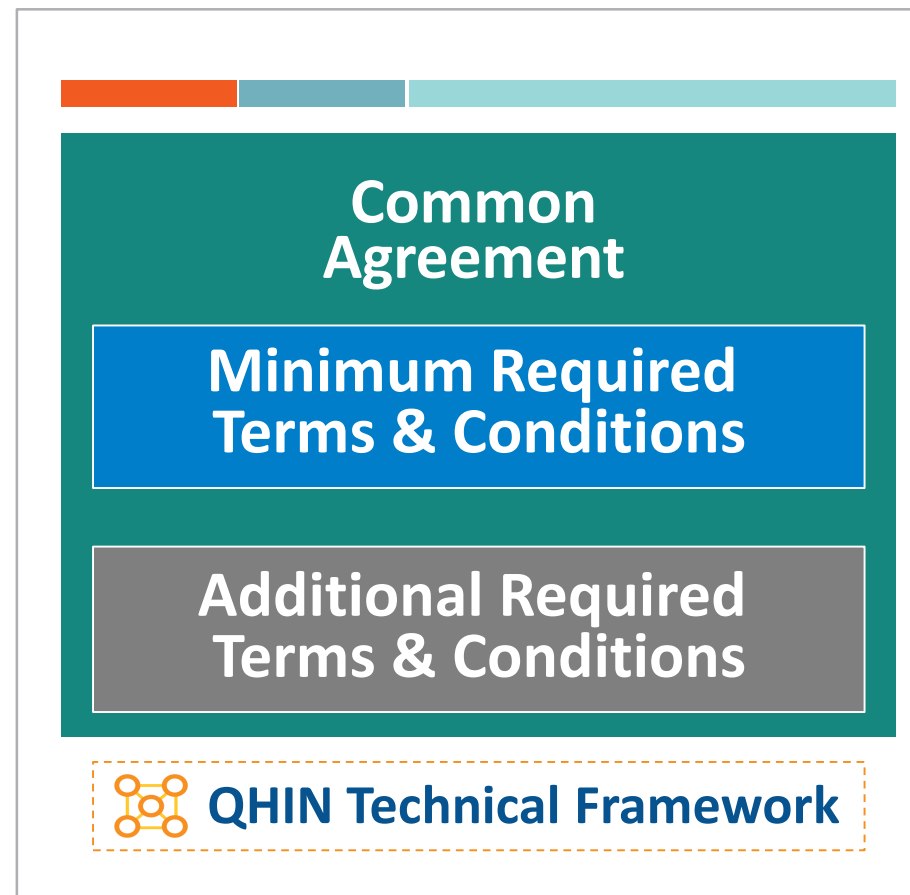
RCE Key Milestones

- Year 1
 - Planning and ramp up
 - Engage stakeholders and enlist input
 - Develop the Common Agreement
 - Update the QHIN Technical Framework (QTF) for production use
 - Develop a process to designate and monitor Qualified Health Information Networks (QHIN)
- Subsequent Years
 - Facilitate ongoing stakeholder engagement and input
 - Maintain Common Agreement
 - Maintain QTF
 - Designate and monitor QHINs
 - Propose sustainability strategies



What is The Common Agreement?

The **Common Agreement** will provide the governance necessary to scale a functioning system of connected HINs that will grow over time to meet the demands of individuals, clinicians, and payers.





What is the QHIN Technical Framework?

The **QHIN Technical Framework (QTF)** describes the technical and functional requirements for EHI exchange between QHINs





Minimum Required Terms and Conditions (MRTCs)

- Definitions
- Initial application, onboarding, designation and operation of QHINs
- Data quality and minimum necessary
- Transparency (e.g. agreements and fee schedules, disclosures)
- Cooperation and Non-Discrimination
- Privacy, Security and Patient Safety
- Participant Minimum Obligations
- Participant Member Minimum Obligations
- Individual Rights and Obligations



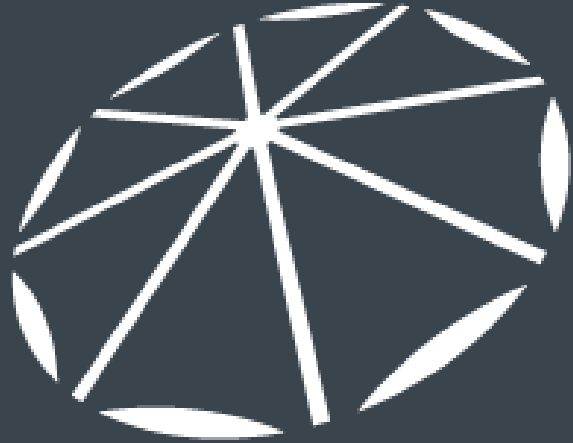
Additional Required Terms and Conditions (ARTCs)

- Additional necessary terms for an effective, operational data sharing agreement
- May not conflict with MRTCs
- May include
 - Determine fee schedules
 - Process for surveilling and testing QHIN compliance
 - Arbitration for adjudicating non-compliance
 - Complaint and dispute resolution process
 - Suspension and termination
 - Other



Status and Next Steps

- Complete detailed work plan and stakeholder engagement strategy
- Detailed review and analysis of feedback and language undergoing revision
- Begin work on Common Agreement components in close coordination with ONC
- Launch additional stakeholder engagement process
- Host public webinars to maximize transparency



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How to Get Involved



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TEFCA ▢ RCE Community Engagement Contact

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Upcoming Events

- **Fall 2019**

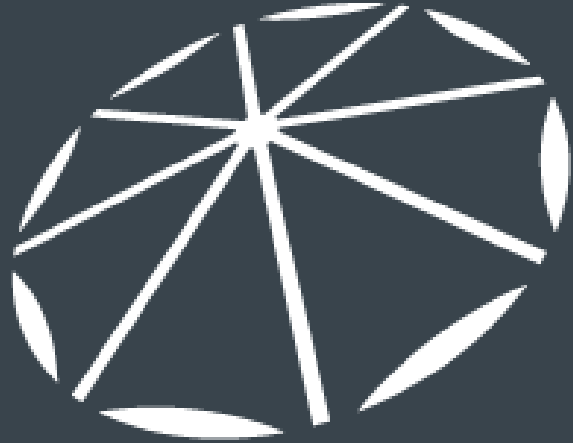
Interoperability Matters Public Forum (TENTATIVE)

- **December 5th**

The Sequoia Project Annual Meeting

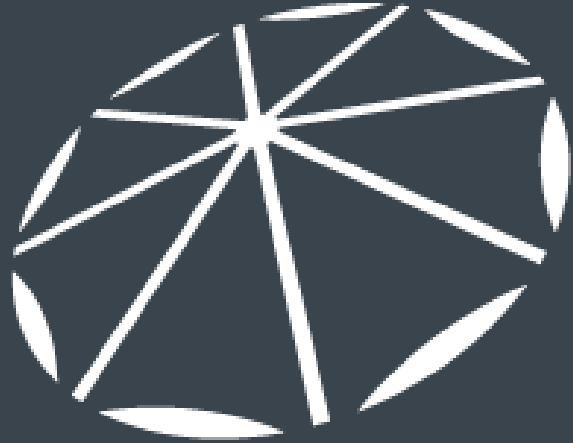
** Other events to be announced*





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Questions & Discussion



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