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Agenda

- Welcome
- Year 1 in Review
- TEFCA Value Proposition
- Year 2 Priorities
- Next Steps
- Questions and Answers

Meet the RCE Team



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ONC TEFCA RCE Progress

- Common Agreement
- QHIN Technical Framework (QTF)
- QHIN Metrics Development
- Stakeholder Engagement and TEFCA Value Proposition

Common Agreement

- Completed ONC-RCE contract language review sessions
- Completed MRTC policy topic research
- Drafted and reviewed ARTCs with ONC
- Launched Common Agreement Work Group (CAWG)
 - Completed seven (7) CAWG Calls
 - Assembled initial working draft of Common Agreement for CAWG review
 - Two outstanding issues:
 - Security of THI and QHIN to QHIN Fees
- Participated in four (4) TEFCA Federal Work Group calls
- Next Steps:
 - Preparing to submit a draft Common Agreement Draft Version 1 to ONC for review

QHIN Technical Framework

- We are working with ONC to finalize the draft QHIN Technical Framework Draft 2
- Since all of the TEFCA elements are interrelated, there may be some incremental additions to the QTF as the Common Agreement is finalized
- The QTF Draft 2 builds on the structure of QTF Draft 1, adding significant detail including over 100 conformance statements
- We look forward to the upcoming public comment period
- We have received a great deal of feedback through previous sessions and informally about QHIN Message Delivery
- We continue to review options for a Message Delivery approach with ONC

QHIN Metrics Development

- Initial recommendations for proposed structural, process, and outcomes metrics were submitted and reviewed in May and June.
- Revisions to initial recommendations were completed in July.
- Planned stakeholder feedback activities:
 - July 21: Public Stakeholder Feedback webinar - Initial public review of recommendations and opportunity for feedback (*Completed*)
 - 583 registered; 230 attendees
 - Materials available at <https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/community-engagement/>
 - August 11: ONC Tech Forum presentation – Additional review and opportunity for feedback (*Completed*).
 - August through December: Review of feedback received, revisions, and follow up via Targeted Stakeholder Feedback opportunities.

Stakeholder Engagement / TEFCA Value Proposition

Key Stakeholders to Engage



Targeted Outreach (Some groups have shifted based on experience)

- Healthcare providers across the continuum
- Health information networks
- Technology service providers
- Payers and purchasers
- Consumer and patient groups
- Local government and public health
- State governments
- Federal agencies

National and state associations included where appropriate

Continuum
of Providers



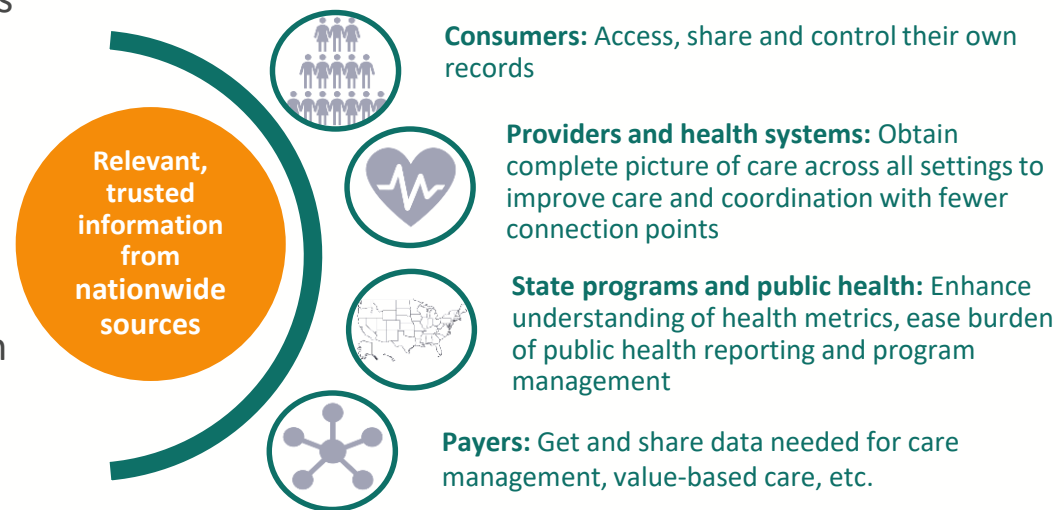
Overview of RCE Stakeholder Engagement Plan

- **Year 1**
 - Phase 1 (Nov – Dec 2019): Initial outreach, engagement and education ✓
 - Phase 2 (Jan – Mar 2020): Socialize concepts and enlist input ✓
- **Remainder of Year 1 and Year 2**
 - Phase 3 (before Common Agreement and QTF public comment period): Progress updates, outreach/education for specific groups, focus on value proposition, FAQs
 - Phase 4 (after Common Agreement and QTF public comment period): Provide progress updates on development of final CA and QTF

TEFCA Value Proposition

- **Overall value proposition**
 - Nationwide scale
 - Simplified connectivity
 - Standardized approaches to trust frameworks and technical standards
- **Implications unique to stakeholder groups**
 - Health information networks
 - Patients and consumers
 - Providers
 - Local government and public health
 - State government
 - Payers
- **Build from stakeholder views**
- **Discuss what stakeholders can do to prepare**

Benefits of TEFCA



Perspectives

Patients and Consumers

- Easier access to your own health information from across “silos.”
- Greater likelihood that providers will share information to coordinate care
- Greater ability to direct sharing of information with providers and caregivers.
- Would be useful to support telehealth and online care during COVID.
- Will need to address privacy and security concerns.
- Concept of a consumer-facing HIN?

Health Information Networks

- Greater scope of data available
- More efficient exchange with fewer one-off connections.
- Potential to broaden reach and attract new types of participants.
- Potential to focus on value-add services and innovative business lines.
- Common approaches to directory services, authentication, and security.
- Collaborative framework to develop future road maps for use cases and technology adoption.
- Clear benefits for patients/consumers and for public health.

Year 2 Priorities

- Update Common Agreement and Develop Standard Operating Procedures
 - Review Public Comments and Revise Common Agreement
 - Draft Standard Operating Procedures
- Update the QHIN Technical Framework
 - Review Public Comments and Revise QTF
- Develop a QHIN Testing Program to Support Technical Compliance
- Develop QHIN Designation Process
- Stakeholder Engagement & Feedback
 - Stakeholder Engagement Plan
 - TEFCA Value Proposition



Questions & Answers