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Agenda

• Welcome
• RCE Status Update
• TEFCA Development Process
• TEFCA Value Proposition
• Questions & Answers
Meet the RCE Team

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RCE Update
Status Update

• Prepare Common Agreement Draft Version 1 for public comment
• Facilitate stakeholder feedback sessions
• Develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
• Define QHIN onboarding and designation process
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- Trusted Exchange Framework & Minimum Required Terms and Conditions Draft 2
- QHIN Technical Framework Draft 1

ONC Development Process

- Spring 2019
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  - Trusted Exchange Framework & Minimum Required Terms and Conditions Draft 2
  - QHIN Technical Framework Draft 1
The Sequoia Project named as the Recognized Coordinating Entity

Worked collaboratively with ONC to consider public comments to inform work:

- Refine Minimum Required Terms and Conditions
- Develop Additional Required Terms and Conditions
- Identify Standard Operating Procedures
- Revise QHIN Technical Framework
- Define Governance
TEFCA Development Process

- Presentations at ONC Annual Meeting and other public events
- Targeted Stakeholder Feedback Sessions
- Monthly Public Informational Calls
- Common Agreement Work Group
- Interviews with Subject Matter Experts from various stakeholder perspectives
- Development of Metrics
- Development of QHIN Onboarding and Application Process
- TEFCA Governance Process

**Feedback**

- Fall 2019 - Present
TEFCA Development Process

- RCE and ONC finalizing development of documents based on feedback and additional discussion
- ONC review process
- RCE will release:
  - Common Agreement Draft 1
  - QHIN Technical Framework Draft 2
- Submission of metrics to OMB for compliance with Paperwork Reduction Act and release for final comment opportunity
TEFCA Development Process

- ONC Release of Policy Framework
- RCE Named
- Feedback
- RCE Release of Draft CA/QTF
- Public Input
- Finalize and Operationalize

Public Input

- 60-Day Public Comment Period
- Educational awareness and public feedback sessions
  - Common Agreement
  - QHIN Technical Framework
- Continued development of Standard Operating Procedures
- Continued development of QHIN Onboarding and Application Process
TEFCA Development Process

- ONC and RCE develop final Common Agreement and QHIN Technical Framework based on comment
- Finalize metrics
- Complete and launch QHIN Onboarding and Application Process
- Establish TEFCA Governance Process
- Educate stakeholders
TEFCA Value Proposition
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- **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
  - State government and public health – **Coming soon!**
  - Providers – **In discovery**
  - Payers

- **Build from stakeholder views**
- **Discuss what stakeholders can do to prepare**
Value Proposition for Providers

Improve care and care coordination
- Access to information from a broader set of providers across the continuum of care
- Access to information from a larger geography
- Support individuals’ access to information from across providers
- Easier access to information needed to support value-based care, care management, and population health
  - Managed populations, care management and quality metrics
  - Sharing of information with community institutions to address social influencers of health
  - Access to information to support analytics
- Network-of-networks approach supports more efficient connection across HINs
  - Standardized approach to directory services
  - Standardized approach to patient identification
- Ease burden of public health reporting
  - Less need for one-off connections
  - Bidirectional exchange
  - Message and query
- Infrastructure to support care providers during emergencies
Provider Considerations

- Limited bandwidth focused on patient care
- Useability within workflow
- Data quality and usefulness
- Individual access to records across care team
- Interaction with other federal, state and local rules
Questions & Answers