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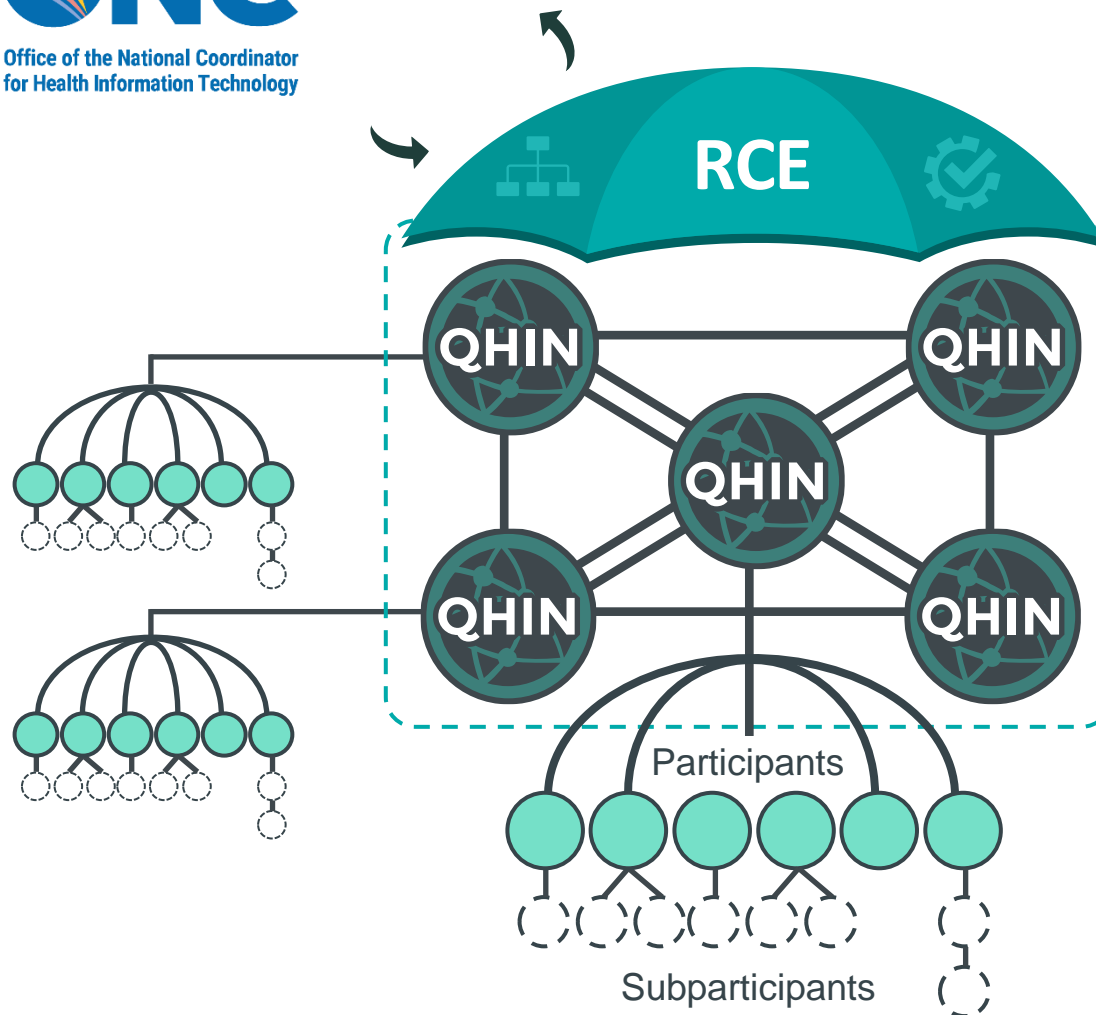
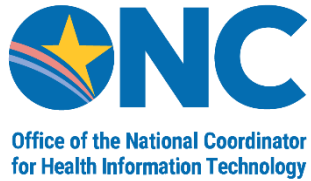
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TEFCA Exchange

How will exchange work under TEFCA?



← ONC defines overall policy and certain governance requirements.

← RCE provides oversight and governing approach for QHINs.

← Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs) connect directly to each other to facilitate nationwide interoperability.

← Each QHIN connects Participants, which connect Subparticipants.



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TEFCA Components

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Trusted
Exchange
Framework



Common
Agreement



Standard
Operating
Procedures



QHIN
Technical
Framework



QHIN
Onboarding



Metrics



Governing
Approach



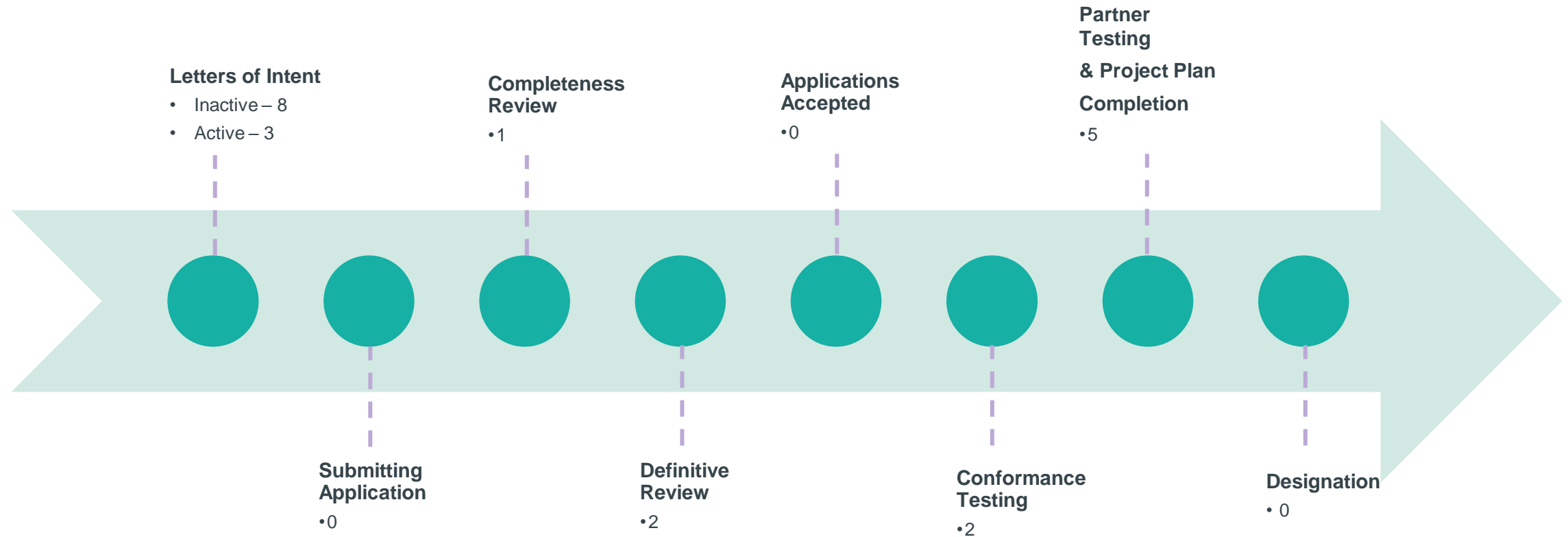
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Onboarding & Designation

QHIN Application and Onboarding & Designation



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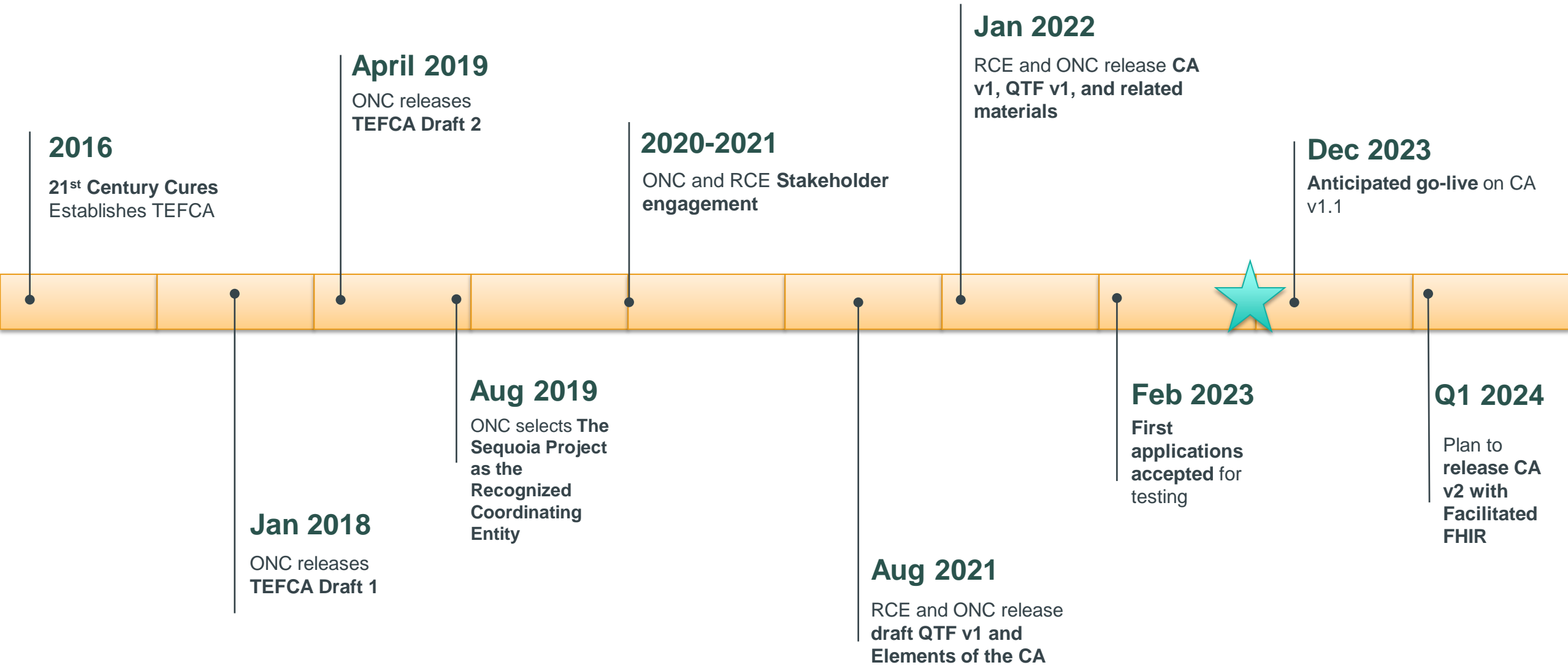
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RCE Timeline

TEFCA Evolution



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Mark Knee and Jawanna Henry | NOVEMBER 3, 2023



In January 2022, ONC and The Sequoia Project, serving as ONC's Recognized Coordinating Entity[®] (RCESM) organization, released the Trusted Exchange Framework and Version 1 of the Common Agreement. **One year later**, six organizations became candidate Qualified Health Information NetworksSM (QHINsSM) and committed to complete "onboarding" and "go live" by the end of 2023 – we are still on target!



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ONC RCE Frequently Asked Questions



Frequently Asked Questions

The 21st Century Cures Act, signed by President Obama in 2016, calls on the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) to “develop or support a trusted exchange framework, including a common agreement among health information networks nationally.” The Sequoia Project serves as the ONC TEFCA Recognized Coordinating Entity[®] (RCESM) under a contract with ONC.

The overall goal for the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common AgreementSM (TEFCASM) is to establish a universal floor for interoperability across the country. The Common Agreement will establish the infrastructure model and governing approach for users in different networks to securely share information with each other—all under commonly agreed-to expectations and rules and regardless of which network they happen to be in.

These Frequently Asked Questions address common stakeholder questions and will be updated regularly. You may submit a question to be considered for addition to this list by emailing rce@sequoiaproject.org.

The Common Agreement and related resources, including a User’s Guide, are posted to the [RCE website](#). All capitalized terms below are specifically defined in the Common Agreement.

Section 1: Overall Process and Timeline

What is the purpose of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)?



What is the role of the ONC TEFCA Recognized Coordinating Entity (RCE)?



<https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/rce/faqs/>



Resources

- Common Agreement v. 1
- QHIN Technical Framework
- FHIR® Roadmap for TEFCA
- Standard Operating Procedures
- QHIN Application
- Communication Protocols
- User's Guide
- Benefits of TEFCA by Stakeholder Factsheets
- FAQs

<https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/tefca-and-rce-resources/>

Additional Resources:

<https://www.healthit.gov/tefca>

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, January 9| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET

Tuesday, January 16| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET

Tuesday, January 23| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. ET

All Events Registration and Recordings: <https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/community-engagement/>



Questions & Answers

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