HIT Commons Overview

Background:

In 2015 the EDIE Utility was formed to enable a common service or utility of patient hospital event information from across the state with a shared funding model and stakeholder led governance. Based on the success of the EDIE Utility and EDIE governance model, in 2017 the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), in collaboration with the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLC), and with support and input of stakeholders, explored the creation of an HIT public/private governance model to accelerate and advance HIT across the state. An HIT public/private governance model is meant to leverage and build on the success of collaborative efforts to date, and in particular the EDIE governance model. Through this collective work, the "HIT Commons" model, is designed to coordinate, standardize, govern and support statewide HIT efforts.

Scope/Timeline:

Initial implementation of an HIT Commons will begin in late 2017, transitioning the EDIE Governance Board to the new HIT Commons Board. Initial management of the HIT Commons would be under the direction of the OHLC and a management contractor. Initial scope of the HIT Commons will include EDIE and Statewide Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Gateway. As the governance structure develops and matures, other projects, as determined by the Governance Committee may be considered for inclusion in the HIT Commons. It is anticipated that the legal and management structure of the HIT Commons will evolve into a more formal and independent structure over time. This has been referred to as a "crawl, walk, run" strategy to build on what has worked, monitor for effectiveness and evolve and expand as deemed appropriate. Funding the HIT Commons will be built on the current EDIE financing structure and be funded by authorized state HIT funds, and dues paid by insurers, CCOs (OHA will initially sponsor CCO share), hospitals, and potentially other providers down the road.

PMP Gateway Subscription:

The Statewide PDMP Gateway allows authorized Oregon prescribers, pharmacists and their delegates access to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) data within their electronic workflow via the PDMP Gateway. This streamlined process eliminates the need to log into numerous systems, freeing providers to spend more time focused on care. Access to accurate and timely PDMP information at the point of care can help health care professionals make better informed clinical decisions and improve patient care, and supports statewide efforts to reduce opioid prescribing.

The ability to integrate the PDMP with current health IT systems is made possible by the passage of House Bill 4124 (2016) which received strong support from across stakeholder communities. The bill requires individual prescribers, pharmacists or their delegates to have an active PDMP user account in order to receive PDMP data through the Gateway.

The Oregon Health Authority is able to secure authorized state and federal HIT funds to support the majority of the costs for a statewide subscription to the PDMP Gateway requiring minimal investments on the part of health care organizations.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

MOU/Dues Assessment

2015
EDIE

- 3 year pilot begins
- MOU's signed
- Shared Utility Funding

2017
EDIE

- Pilot proven successful
- Agreed to continue for an additional 3 years
- Agreed to expand utility model to other statewide initiatives

2018
EDIE & PDMP Gateway

- EDIE Governance expanded to HIT 'Commons'
- PDMP first added initiative
  - Requires new MOU
- Funding
  - EDIE continues
  - OHA funding (federal/state) covers the majority of PDMP Gateway subscription
  - Nominal participant funding