

Proposed Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) Membership

May 2024

HITOC members represent a broad range of organizations and communities that are impacted by Health Information Technology in Oregon, including the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon, consumer/patient advocates, healthcare providers, hospitals, health plans, coordinated care organizations (CCOs), oral health providers, behavioral health providers, academic researchers, and community-based organizations. HITOC members and the groups they represent use a wide array of health IT tools and systems, and HITOC strives to represent the diversity of people living in Oregon. Technology vendors are not eligible to serve on HITOC. HITOC’s bylaws require 11-15 members.

This slate represents 14 voting members and one ex officio member. One voting seat remains open for a Tribal member. HITOC membership is granted to the individuals that appear below and not to the organizations that employ them.

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New Proposed Members	Renewing Members	Current Members	Ex Officio
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New Proposed Members

Name	Title	Organizational Affiliation	Location by County	Highlighted Expertise	Term: Years (End Date)
1. Brian Wetter	Vice President – IT Infrastructure & Analytics	PacificSource	Deschutes	Coordinated Care Organization, Health IT, Underserved populations	3 (9/30/2027)

Brian Wetter has spent the last two decades exploring how health information technology (IT) can improve health care delivery. As the PacificSource Vice President of IT – Infrastructure & Analytics, he leads teams responsible for enterprise IT infrastructure, security, health information exchange (HIE), analytics, and data science. That experience informs his service on regional and state committees, including roles as president of Central Oregon Health Information Exchange (COHIE), chair of HIT Commons (a public-private health IT partnership with OHA), and co-chair of HITOC’s health information exchange workgroup. This work led to successful implementation of Reliance HIE, Point Click Care, and Unite Us, which are key information exchanges in Oregon.

Brian has developed a holistic understanding of the healthcare system and the communities it serves by working in diverse professional and volunteer roles, including EMT, firefighter, emergency room technician, reserve deputy sheriff, and SWAT medic. Brian’s current passion projects include building an enterprise strategy to safely deploy artificial intelligence and supporting health equity with a state-wide community information exchange (CIE).

Name	Title	Organizational Affiliation	Location by County	Highlighted Expertise	Term: Years (End Date)
2. Jennifer Chi	Director, Digital Experience	CareOregon	Multnomah	Coordinated Care Organization, Patient Experience, Underserved populations, Health IT	3 (9/30/2027)

In her current role at CareOregon as Director of Digital Experience, Jennifer oversees digital experience for members and providers. As a strategy and operations leader, she elevates the voice of the customer to ensure that their digital channels support improved access to care and health outcomes. Her personal mission centers on improving digital health equity. Jennifer is interested in contributing to the continued interoperability of Oregon’s HIE and CIE solutions. Her degrees include a M.S. in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and a B.A. from Yale University. She possesses experience in public health, clinical quality improvement, social determinants of health, interoperability, and telehealth. She serves on the American Telehealth Association Advisory Group on Health Equity, and previously led strategic initiatives in digital experience, telehealth, and provider partner network interoperability at Kaiser Permanente. She is also a Board Member of Urban Gleaners, which collects and provides fresh foods to people in need. Jennifer has experience with non-English speakers seeking healthcare and understands the challenges they face.

3. Jessica Soltesz, LMSW	Director of Social Health	Kaiser Permanente	Multnomah	Social Health, Health System, Underserved populations	3 (9/30/2027)
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Jessica Soltesz has over 20 years of experience with social service programs in the healthcare field. She has been at Kaiser Permanente NW (KPNW) since the Spring of 2021 where she serves as the Director of Social Health. This role includes managing programs and policies around social determinants of health for the Kaiser health plan across Oregon and SW Washington including the integration of social determinant of health screening into the electronic medical record and processes for how KPNW uses this data to inform appropriate program development and community collaboration. She also oversees the KP Community Health Worker program and leads KPNW’s work with electronic community resource networks.

Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Jessica spent 15+ years working for the Oregon Department of Human Services in various leadership roles with Medicaid programs for older adults and people with disabilities. This experience included a brief stint with the State of Oregon’s COVID Response and Recovery Unit working towards managing the flow from hospitals into the long-term care system as well as collaborating with community partners to get COVID vaccines into underserved communities. Jessica is passionate about raising up the importance of social determinants of health on an individual’s wellbeing as well as collaborating across systems to repair a long history of inequities in the healthcare system.

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4. Nicolas Powers, MBA, FACHE	Chief Executive Officer	Winding Waters Clinic	Wallowa	Rural Health, Safety Net Clinic, Underserved populations	3 (9/30/2027)

Nicolas ("Nic") Powers has dedicated his career to improving community health, with an emphasis on reliable, accessible, and scalable information technology solutions. Over the past 17 years, Nic has held various leadership roles at Winding Waters, significantly contributing to the organization's expansion of services, which have grown to include primary medical, dental, mental health, pharmacy, and integrative care at four locations in remote Wallowa County, Oregon. Nic's work has also included significant contributions to local public health initiatives, technology-enabled quality improvements, and successful grants management efforts. Nic actively participates in several advisory committees and boards, including the Cost Growth Target Advisory Committee and the Oregon Public Health Advisory Board. His local volunteer activities underscore his commitment to his community, including serving as an active member of multiple community organizations.

5. Omar Al Rais, MBA, MBChB	Vice President of Operations	Project Access NOW	Multnomah	Clinician, Community-based organization, Underserved populations	3 (9/30/2027)
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Omar Al Rais, MBA, MBChB, D Pharmacology, is the Vice President of Operations at Project Access NOW. Before joining the organization, Omar served as the Director of Affiliate Quality and Compliance at Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon, where he led affiliate risk, quality, compliance, and patient experience efforts. Omar has a deep and varied background in medical care, policy, and quality improvement, including most recently earning an MBA in Healthcare Management from Oregon Health & Science University and Portland State University in 2019. Previously, Omar practiced as a medical doctor in Iraq and Jordan as a resident in Otolaryngology. Subsequently, he earned a degree in Molecular Pharmacology, where his research focused on the correlation between alterations in DNA damage and repair genes and patient responses to chemotherapy.

Demonstrating his commitment to mission-driven community service, his experience includes performance improvement with Planned Parenthood, equity outreach at Cascade AIDS Project, board president of HIV Alliance (Eugene), Oregon community board member of Comagine Health, member of the OHSU Health Equity Community Core Team. Omar is committed to eliminating health disparities. He is utilizing his past medical experience to help underserved and at-risk populations to overcome barriers in accessing equitable health care.

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6. Tyler Stewart	IT Coordinator	White Bird Clinic	Lane	Behavioral Health, Safety Net Clinic, Underserved populations, Health IT	3 (9/30/2027)

Tyler Stewart's work in IT spans 29 years and includes technical, management, and project management roles in various industries. Currently, he serves as the IT Coordinator for the White Bird Clinic, where he oversees IT for the organization. White Bird is a Federally Qualified Health Center in Eugene comprised of medical, dental, behavioral health, mobile crisis, and phone crisis services that serve the underserved in their community.

Tyler has volunteered for organizations close to his heart including serving as a Senior Companion, serving with the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County, and volunteering with Egan Warming Centers. Tyler's hope is that improving health IT can serve both our providers and our clients by providing better information sharing, enhanced interoperability, better client care, improved outcomes, and reduced provider burnout.

Renewing Members

Name	Title	Organizational Affiliation	Location by County	Highlighted Expertise	Term: Years (End Date)
7. Amy Henninger, MD	Deputy Medical Director	Multnomah County Health Department	Multnomah	Clinician, Local Government Health, Safety Net Clinic	2 (9/30/2026)

Dr. Amy Henninger has worked in Multnomah County's Community Health Center for the last 22 years, serving as the site medical director for 6 years and the deputy medical director for the last 10 years. She still sees patients and understands the day-to-day experiences of health care providers as they navigate health IT and health information sharing. She also has experience in clinic operations and works closely with the population and community services side of the health department. She was involved in the startup of the county's electronic health record and has continued to play a leadership role in system maintenance and upgrades. She was also a leader in rolling out My Chart, which allows patients to access their own health records. She is involved in the Care Oregon Metro Clinical Work Group, including work around population health and the use of data for quality improvement. She has served on HITOC since 2015 and is currently the Vice-Chair.

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8. Bill Bard	Retired	Consumer	Multnomah	Consumer Advocate, Long-Term Care	2 (9/30/2026)
<p>Bill Bard retired after a long career in IT in the airline industry when he developed a disability and became a 24/7 caregiver for his mother. Following her death, he volunteered at Providence Hospice and as a Certified Long-Term Care Ombudsman, advocating for the residents of long-term care facilities, for over a decade. He served two terms on the Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardian Advisory Board, as both chair and vice-chair, and completed a term on the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-term Care Leadership Council. He continues to advocate for quality and equity for residents of Oregon’s long-term care system. He has received the Governor’s Senior Volunteer of the Year award and the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care Leadership award. He has been a member of HITOC since 2019.</p>					
9. Dave Perkins	Chief Information Officer	Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic	Southern Washington	Culturally Responsive Care, Rural Health, Safety Net Clinic, Underserved populations, Health IT	2 (9/30/2026)
<p>David Perkins is the CIO for Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC), a federally qualified community health center headquartered in Eastern Washington, with clinics and other service locations throughout Eastern Washington and Western Oregon. Offering medical, dental, mental/behavioral health, pharmacy, and other social and community-based health services, YVFWC’s mission targets the underserved in both rural and urban settings. Dave has worked in health IT, helping mission-driven provider organizations like YVFWC to design systems and processes that ensure access to quality care and promote health equity for the most vulnerable populations for 18 years. He has been a member of HITOC since 2022.</p>					

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10. David Dorr, MD	Chief Research Information Officer	Oregon Health & Science University	Multnomah	Clinician, Academic Research, Health IT	2 (9/30/2026)
<p>Dr. David A. Dorr, an internal medicine doctor, is OHSU’s Chief Research Information Officer. He focuses on improving capabilities and use of innovations to manage data, information, and knowledge in research and in translating it to health care. David has significant strategic and policy experience, particularly in the design, evaluation, and implementation of health IT intended to improve the health and well-being of populations impacted by systemic inequities. His interests lie in collaborative care, chronic disease management, quality and what clinical information systems need to support these areas. He also is interested in patient safety. David wants to provide the best care for older adults and people with chronic diseases. He has worked on longitudinal care management systems, which are holistic, patient-centered plans. They help keep better track of patients’ needs and goals, help them manage their conditions better, and make them feel like a valued member of the team. He has been a member of HITOC since 2021 and Chair since 2023.</p>					
11. Maili Boynay	Vice President of Information Services Applications	Legacy Health	Multnomah	Health System, Health IT	2 (9/30/2026)
<p>Maili Boynay has over 27 years of experience with health IT and a leader in the healthcare field for over two decades. As a member of the senior leadership team at Legacy Health, she is responsible for the oversight of Legacy’s technology application portfolio serving 7 hospitals and over 100 clinics region wide. She has overseen dozens of electronic health record implementations and led health IT strategic planning including electronic health information sharing, interoperability, population/risk management, network collaboration, claims and clinical integration, and data warehouse strategies. In a leadership role, she led Legacy through the launch and ongoing support and success of the Legacy Connect program, an extension offering of Legacy’s electronic health record to private practices and hospitals in our region further promoting adoption of the EHR. She is a member of the Health Share of Oregon HIT and Data Governance committee. She regularly presents to health IT groups about connecting communities, governance, and program growth. She also serves an advisory role to HIMSS Oregon Board. She has been a member of HITOC since 2015.</p>					

Current Members

Name	Title	Organizational Affiliation	Location by County	Highlighted Expertise	Term End Date
12. Manu Chaudhry, MS DDS	President	Capitol Dental Care	Marion	Clinician, Oral Health, Dental Care Organizations	9/30/2025
<p>Dr. Manu Chaudhry has dedicated his career to the pursuit of improving clinical quality and access to care and transforming delivery of care to improve overall health outcomes. He is a dynamic and visionary leader with extensive leadership experience over multi-region dental practices and has also founded multiple collaborative organizations that reduce oral and overall health disparities. Dr. Chaudhry serves as Vice Chair of OHA’s Metrics and Scoring Committee, a member of OHA’s Health IT Oversight Council, a member of OHA’s Healthcare Workforce Committee, and a board member of Healthier Kids Foundation. He holds a Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the University of California, San Diego and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from University of the Pacific. He has been a member of HITOC since 2021.</p>					
13. Romney Cortes	Director of Clinical Applications	Central City Concern	Multnomah	Behavioral Health, Underserved populations, Safety Net Clinic, Social Supports, Health IT	9/30/2026
<p>Romney Cortes (he/him) has worked in healthcare for 14 years, with 10 of those years in the Clinical Application/ information technology space. Over the years, Romney has worked with various hospital and ambulatory based systems, both in and out of Oregon, working to understand and improve their unique IT systems and challenges. More recently at Central City Concern, which provides healthcare, housing and employment services under a single umbrella, he is partnering with other members of the organization to integrate IT systems between all services to provide a better client experience and health outcomes. In his spare time, while Romney continues as a dedicated member at Central City Concern, he also operates as an EHR consultant for other health organizations. He has been a member of HITOC since 2022.</p>					
14. Kristina Martin	Chief Information Officer	Curry Health	Curry	Rural health, Hospital, Health IT	9/30/2026
<p>Kristina Martin has worked in health IT for the last 26 years, holding both technical and management positions. Since 2015 she has served as Chief Information Officer (CIO) of Curry Health Network on the southern Oregon Coast. As CIO she wants to have a positive impact on the lives of patients in the communities her health system serves. She has been a member of HITOC since 2022.</p>					

Ex Officio Members

Name	Title	Organizational Affiliation	Location by County	Highlighted Expertise	Term End Date
Mark Hetz	Executive Director	HIT Commons	Jackson	Public-Private Partnership, Health IT	(9/30/2025)
<p>Mark has nearly forty years of healthcare IT experience and is currently the executive director for the HIT Commons. He is the former Chief Information Officer at Asante (1994-2019) and has served on numerous statewide committees, including HIT Commons Governance Board, Emergency Department Information Exchange/Pre-Managed Governing Board, Reliance eHealth Collaborative (formerly Jefferson Health Information Exchange) Governing Board, Health Future CIO Council, Apprise Health Insights Board and Data Governance Committee, Oregon Health Information Management Systems Society Advisory Council, Oregon Health IT Extension Center Advisory Council, and the Oregon Health Leadership Council Administrative Simplification Task Force. He has served on HITOC since 2015.</p>					

Demographic Information¹

(New HITOC includes New Members, Renewing Members, Current Members, Ex Officio Members; n=15)

Race/ethnicity	Continuing HITOC Members (9 people)	New HITOC (15 people)	Oregon Population²
American Indian and Alaska Native	11%	7%	4.2%
Asian	11%	13%	6.6%
Black and African American	0%	0%	3.2%
Hispanic and Latino/a/x	11%	7%	14.0%
Middle Eastern/North African	0%	7%	Data not available
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0.8%
White	78%	73%	85.9%
Other race	0%	7%	12.4%
Biracial / Multiracial	0%	0%	4.9%
More than one*	11%	13%	Data not available

**Those that selected "more than one" or "I do not have one primary" (depending on survey) are also included in the individual categories they marked, thus column totals will not equal 100%*

¹ Not all questionnaires were REALD compliant. Data was collected between 2021-2024.

² Source: ACS 2021: <https://data.census.gov/table?g=040XX00US41&tid=ACSDP1Y2021.DP05> (Using "Race alone or in combination with one or more other races")

Geography

	New HITOC	Oregon Population ³
Central Oregon	7%	7%
Coast	7%	6%
Eastern Oregon	7%	5%
Portland Metro	53%	43%
Southern OR	7%	12%
Willamette Valley	13%	27%
Other	7%	--

Disability

	New HITOC	Oregon Population ⁴
Yes	13%	10%
No	80%	90%
Unknown	7%	--

Gender Identity

	New HITOC
Woman	33%
Man	67%
Non-binary/Agender/No gender/Questioning/Other gender identities	0%

Sexual orientation/identity⁵

	New HITOC
LGBQIA2S+	20%
Straight	73%
Decline to state	7%

³ Population Research Center. Population estimates and reports: certified population estimates, December 2023 [Internet]. Portland, OR: Portland State University; 2023 [cited 2024 April 1]. Available from: <https://www.pdx.edu/population-research/population-estimates>

⁴ Population Estimate from: U.S. Census Bureau. QuickFacts Oregon. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau; December 7, 2023 [cited 2024 April 1]. Available from <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/OR>. Government Services Estimate from: American Community Survey (ACS) 2018-2022 estimates using PUMS data

⁵ Not all questionnaires were SOGI compliant. Data collected between 2021-2024.