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# Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC): Health IT Strategic Plan and Proposed Membership

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# Objectives

- Overview of Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) and health information technology (IT)
- Review the Strategic Plan for Health IT
- Propose HITOC membership

# Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC)

The Oregon Legislature created HITOC in 2009 to ensure health system transformation efforts are supported by Health IT. HITOC is a committee of the Oregon Health Policy Board.

Advise health IT  
strategy and policy

Monitor health IT  
landscape

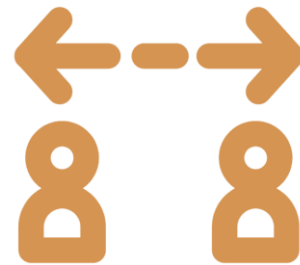
Develop state health  
IT strategic plan

# What is health information technology (IT)?

Health IT is technology that individuals, health care providers, and health systems use to collect, store, access, organize, and share health information.



Electronic Health  
Records (EHRs)

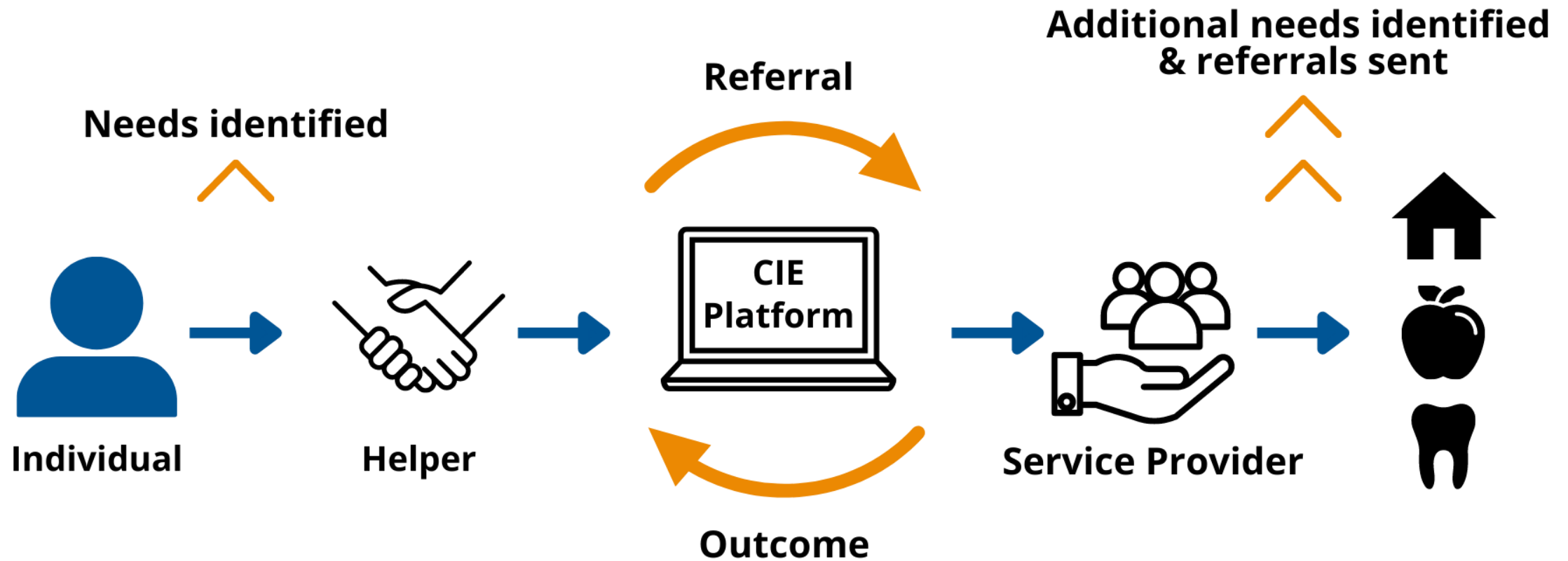


Health Information  
Exchange (HIE)



Patient Portals

# Community Information Exchange (CIE) can support referrals for Health Related Social Needs (HRSN)



# Strategic Plan for Health IT

# Oregon Strategic Plan for Health IT 2024-2028

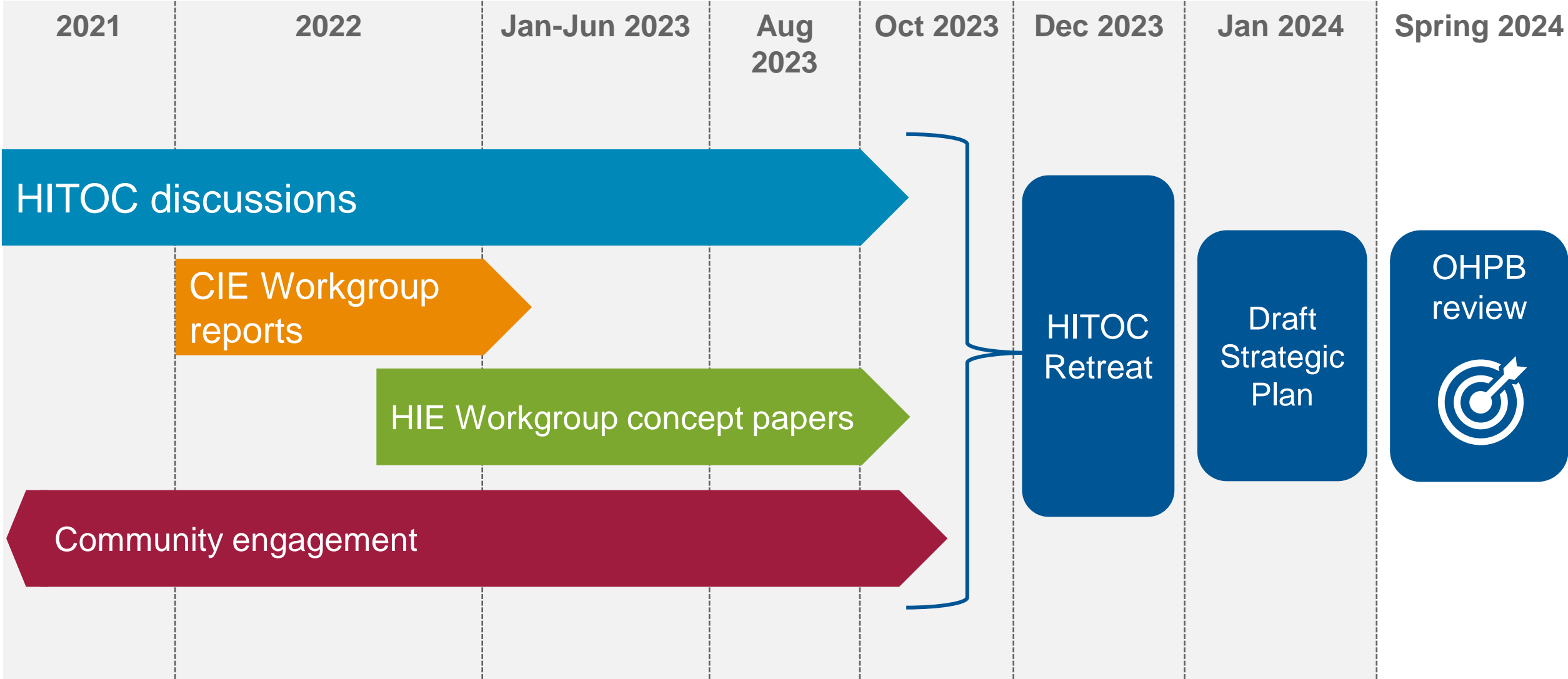


**Provides high level health IT direction and strategies for partners across Oregon for the next five years.**

The strategic plan is for everyone using or impacted by health IT, including:

- Individuals (consumers/patients)
- Providers and clinic staff
- The Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon
- Community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Hospitals
- Health systems
- Coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and health insurance plans
- Technology partners
- State agencies

# Strategic Planning Process





# Community engagement

Over **40 engagement opportunities** with **hundreds of people**, including consumers, providers, health systems, **99 community-based organizations** and more

*Nothing about me without me. – Consumer listening session, 2020*

*What we need is not just financial support, but consulting help for smaller orgs. Also, technical assistance on what to do and how to use it. – Rural health listening session, 2023*



# Strategic Plan components



<b>Vision</b>	Overarching future direction for health IT in Oregon	<b>Principles:</b> Values that guide and inform each aspect the Strategic Plan
<b>Goals</b>	Broad long-term desired outcomes	
<b>Strategies</b>	Plan, policy, or focus area to achieve multiple long-term goals	
<b>Activities</b>	Steps and actions to achieve the strategies	

# Vision

**Health IT empowers  
individuals and communities  
to reach their full health  
potential and well-being.**

# Goals




 **A. People can be actively involved in their care through access to health IT.**

 **B. Individuals' information is electronically available, exchanged securely and seamlessly.**

 **C. Health IT supports efficient and accurate data collection, sharing, and use.**

 **D. Health IT design, implementation, and use must center health equity**

# Principles

1. Health IT must advance **health equity** and avoid reinforcing or  worsening inequities.
2. **Privacy and security** of people's health information is expected.
3. Ensure **individuals and communities understand how their data is stored, shared, and used** to provide transparency and grow trust.
4. Leverage **existing resources and align** with national standards. 
5. Improve **efficiency** and avoid adding burden. 
6. Ensure efforts are **sustainable** with thoughtful intentional progress.

# Strategies and Activity Highlights

1	Strengthen engagement, access, and rights of patients and consumers	Increase patient and consumer agency over their health information and strengthen accessibility of health IT
2	Close remaining EHR gaps	Prioritize resources for groups with lower EHR adoption rates
3	Spread HIE across the state	Encourage more participation in HIE networks, provide funding and support for adoption, and make more data available





# Strategies and Activity Highlights

4	Support, accelerate, and improve statewide CIE efforts	Provide support for CBOs and partners to participate; OHA and ODHS should support and participate
5	Improve interoperability and encourage broad sharing of valuable data	Facilitate interoperability, identify useful data and prioritize it for sharing
6	Evolve governance of health IT efforts	Clarify and define governance and develop governance principles

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**GOALS**

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- Health Equity
- Privacy & Security
- Transparency, people understand how their data is used

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- Sustainability, thoughtful progress



# Questions & Discussion

Support for Strategic Plan

# HITOC Proposed Membership

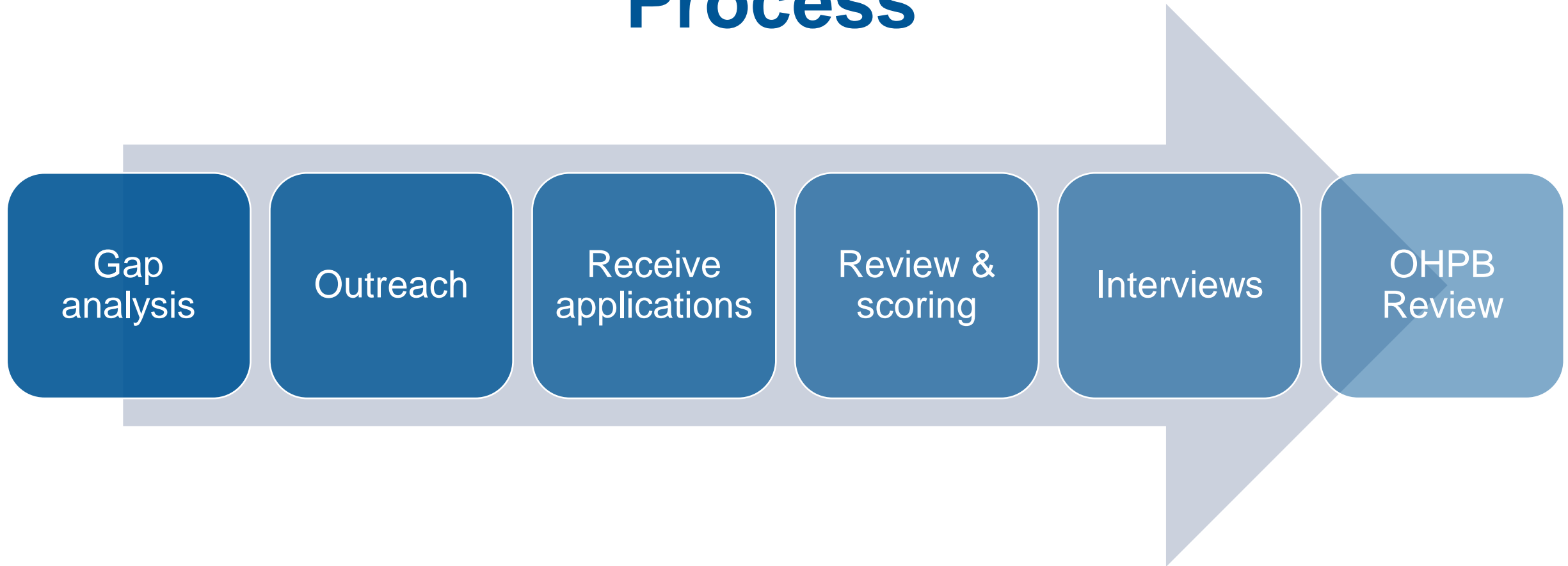
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# 2024 HITOC Recruitment Goals



1. Fill up to 7 open seats.
2. Recruit candidates who can represent groups using and impacted by health IT across Oregon.

# Process



# Recruitment Focus Areas



Behavioral health



Community based organizations and social services



Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) and health plans



Healthcare consumers, including people with disabilities and consumer advocates



Long-term care



Students and youth



Rural and remote areas



Representation from racially and culturally diverse communities

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Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon

# Outreach Accomplishments

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Announcements shared in English and Spanish.

Anuncios compartidos en inglés y español.

60+  
contacts

2000+  
people

34  
applicants

# Applicants were scored based on their lived and professional experience in

Interest in  
HITOC

Health IT

Health Equity

Committees  
&  
collaboration

Focus areas

# HITOC New Members



**Brian Wetter**

Vice President – IT  
Infrastructure & Analytics

PacificSource



**Jennifer Chi**

Director, Digital Experience

CareOregon



**Jessica Soltesz**

Director of Social Health

Kasier Permanente



**Nicolas “Nic” Powers**

Chief Executive Officer

Winding Waters Clinic



**Omar Al Rais**

Vice President of  
Operations

Project Access NOW



**Tyler Stewart**

IT Coordinator

White Bird Clinic



# HITOC Renewing Members



**Amy Henninger**

Deputy Medical Director

Multnomah County  
Health Department



**Bill Bard**

Retired

Consumer



**Dave Perkins**

Chief Information Officer

Yakima Valley Farm  
Workers Clinic



**David Dorr**

Chief Research Information  
Officer

Oregon Health &  
Science University



**Mali Boynay**

Vice President of Information  
Services Applications

Legacy Health

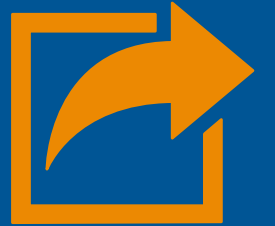
# Strengths

- Strong health equity experience
- Diverse lived experience
- Geographic representation from all regions in Oregon
- Filled almost all focus areas between new & renewing
- Improved some categories of racial & ethnic diversity
- Maintained LGBTQIA+ representation



# Opportunities

- Holding open a seat for Tribal representation
- Continue improving racial, ethnic and gender diversity
- Long term care representation
- HITOC seeks an OHPB liaison



# Questions, Discussion & Request for Action

Approval of HITOC proposed membership