

Recommended EHR Taskforce Committee Structure

The recommended committee structure is based upon the four *Goals of Strategic Framework* as described by David J. Brailer, M.D., Ph.D., National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (Web address for a more detailed discussion of the goals: <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/goals.html>)

Each committee includes a notation referencing the corresponding *Goals of Strategic Framework*, a brief summary of the goal, and a brief description of the strategies proposed by the *Strategic Framework* to attain the goal. These strategies outlined at the federal level demonstrate the nature of the work to be considered by the committee, but are not intended to bind or limit the scope of the committee's work.

INFORMING CLINICIANS COMMITTEE

Strategic Framework Goal 1

Brief Summary of Goal

For many clinicians incorporating an EHR into their practice represents the unknown, signifies a costly alternative to present-day business practice, and signals a disruption of current workflow.

Brief Description of Strategies

1. Investment in EHRs must be a shared one.
2. EHR certification is necessary Technical assistance and support must be available to assist clinicians with EHR adoption.
3. Access to EHRs in rural and underserved areas must be increased.

INTERCONNECTING CLINICIANS COMMITTEE

Strategic Framework Goal 2

Brief Summary of Goal

Patients' information should be portable and move with them from one point of care to another.

Brief Description of Strategies

1. Foster regional collaborations among health care entities.

2. Local Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs) must be able to use a common set of standards so they can communicate with one another.
3. Commit to common standards and architecture.

PERSONALIZING HEALTH COMMITTEE

Strategic Framework Goal 3

Brief Summary of Goal

Well-informed patients are better equipped to actively participate in their own care and decision-making.

Brief Description of Strategies

1. Encourage the use of Personal Health Records (PHRs).
2. Enhance informed consumer choice.
3. Promote the use of Telehealth systems.

POPULATION HEALTH COMMITTEE

Strategic Framework Goal 4

Brief Summary of Goal

Electronic Health records will optimize population health by: improving disease surveillance systems, accelerating the speed of clinical research, and improving quality of care.

Brief Description of Strategies

1. Unify public health surveillance systems.
2. Streamline quality and health status monitoring.
3. Accelerate the pace at which scientific discoveries in medicine are disseminated into medical practice.

Matrix Showing EHR Plan Considerations under the Electronic Health Records Taskforce Act in Relation to Strategic Framework Goals

Strategic Framework Goals	EHR Taskforce Act
<p>This Framework outlines 12 strategies that will achieve four goals critical to the President’s vision. These goals include: introduction of information tools into clinical practice, electronically connecting clinicians to other clinicians, using information tools to personalize care delivery, and advancing surveillance and reporting for population health improvement.</p> <p>David J. Brailer, M.D., Ph.D., National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, July 21, 2004</p>	<p align="center"><u>Public Act 94-646</u></p> <p>Section 15. EHR plan. The EHR plan shall include, but not be limited to, a consideration of all of the following:</p>
<p>GOAL 1 - INFORMING CLINICIANS:</p> <p>For many clinicians incorporating an EHR into their practice represents the unknown, signifies a costly alternative to present-day business practice, and signals a disruption of current workflow. In order to overcome these barriers the investment in EHRs must be a shared one, technical assistance and support must be available to assist clinicians with EHR adoption, and access to EHRs in rural and underserved areas must be increased.</p>	<p>(3) analysis of costs and benefits in implementing EHR by various types and sizes of health care providers;</p> <p>(4) survey of equipment, technical assistance, and resources that would be necessary to assist smaller health care providers with EHR implementation and utilization;</p> <p>(6) a potential phase-in plan for implementing EHR by health care providers throughout Illinois; and</p>
<p>GOAL 2 - INTERCONNECTING CLINICIANS:</p> <p>Patients' information should be portable and move with them from one point of care to another. In order to achieve this goal we must foster regional collaborations among health care entities, interconnect these Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs), and commit to common standards and architecture.</p>	<p>(1) key components of and standards for comprehensive EHR systems for recording, storing, analyzing and accessing patient health information, assisting with health care decision-making and quality assurance, and providing for online health care;</p> <p>(2) consistent data elements, definitions, and formats that should be incorporated in EHR systems;</p>

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<p>GOAL 3 – PERSONALIZING HEALTH:</p> <p>Well-informed patients are better equipped to actively participate in their own care and decision-making. In the pursuit of personalizing health three strategies have been proposed by the Office of National Health Information Technology (ONCHIT): encouraging the use of PHRs, enhancing informed consumer choice, and promoting the use of Telehealth systems.</p>	<p>(5) standards, technology platforms, and issues related to patient access to their individual medical and health data;</p> <p>(7) patient privacy, security, and compliance with applicable rules set forth in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).</p>
<p>GOAL 4 – POPULATION HEALTH:</p> <p>Electronic Health records will optimize population health by: improving disease surveillance systems, accelerating the speed of clinical research, and improving quality of care.</p>	<p>(1) key components of and standards for comprehensive EHR systems for recording, storing, analyzing and accessing patient health information, assisting with health care decision-making and quality assurance, and providing for online health care;</p> <p>(2) consistent data elements, definitions, and formats that should be incorporated in EHR systems;</p> <p>(3) analysis of costs and benefits in implementing EHR by various types and sizes of health care providers;</p>