



New York State Health Information Technology Summit Initiative Overview and Update

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Background

- **United Hospital Fund**
 - **Celebrating 125th Anniversary**
 - **Mission: Shape positive change in health care for New Yorkers**
 - **Policy development and analysis, grant making, convening and collaboration**
 - **Quality Strategies Initiative – focal point for coordination on standardized measures and improvement models**
 - **Information technology is essential to advancing this agenda**

Background

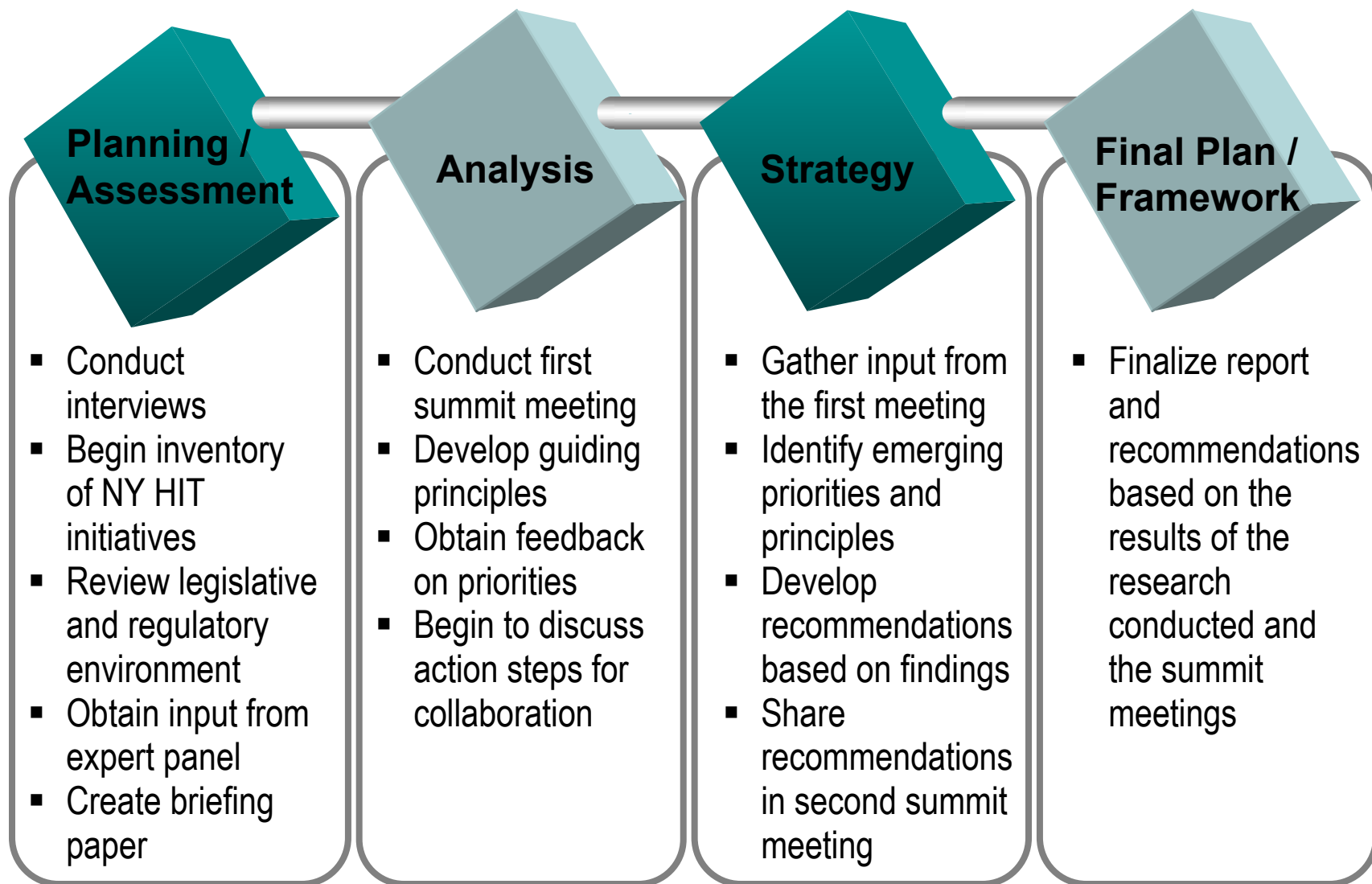
- **eHealth Initiative and Foundation sponsoring State HIT Summit Initiative**
 - **Help state and local leaders to formulate HIT policy agendas that take into account key national, state and local developments**
 - **Establish the “value proposition” for HIT adoption and use**
 - **Identify and resolve key barriers at state and local levels (e.g., legal issues, coordination of incentives)**
 - **Each Summit will include pre-meeting research, one or more summits as needed, and final report**
 - **Funding for NY Summits provided by the United Hospital Fund; Manatt, Phelps and Phillips LLP provided strategic and technical assistance**

NYS HIT Policy Summit:

Goals and Objectives

- **To establish a forum for New York leaders to discuss and achieve points of agreement related to the usage of health information technology to address New York healthcare challenge**
- **To catalog the many health information technology-related initiatives currently existing or planned within the state**
- **To review, discuss and validate findings and feedback received from New York stakeholders regarding the opportunities and barriers related to the use of HIT to address healthcare issues**
- **To review and discuss priorities and principles for HIT deployment and investment in the state**
- **To explore ongoing methods of communication, collaboration and coordination to support the development and implementation of a shared vision and plan for addressing healthcare challenges through HIT in the state**

New York HIT Policy Summit Approach



Participating Organizations

- **Physician organizations**
- **Health plans**
- **Hospital CEOs and CIOs**
- **Employers**
- **Community health centers**
- **Consumer organizations**
- **Associations**
- **State and local health departments**

Interview Findings - “What We Heard”

- **Key Themes**
 - **Leadership**
 - **Building Trust and the Need for Collaboration**
 - **Financing**
 - **Standards**

First Summit – Broad Areas of Agreement

- **Ensure that there is ongoing communication and collaboration to establish shared vision, set priorities and provide ongoing leadership**
- **Establish a resource center to share practical tools and resources across New York and with other communities/states**
- **Secure funding and establish policy environment to support local innovation**

Value Proposition for HIT

- **CITL published report and article in Health Affairs**
- **Model developed by CITL staff and panel of national experts, national data sources and homegrown estimates**
- **Estimates costs and benefits from utilizing standardized electronic health care transactions in 6 categories**
- **United Hospital Fund made grant to CITL to conduct the same analysis using NYS data**
- **Net benefit for NYS = \$12.4 billion!**

Second Summit – Areas of Agreement

- **Broad support for statewide multi-stakeholder HIT organization – different views on form and function**
- **Work toward consensus on a framework to guide priority-setting, taxonomy and basic functional requirements**
- **Develop incremental roadmap for interoperable data exchange at state and regional level**

State Agenda Taking Shape

- **HEAL- NY**
- **Hospital restructuring commission**
- **New 1115 waiver**
- **Disease management**
- **Pay for performance**
- **Electronic prescribing**
- **State government coordinating council**

Next Steps for UHF

- **UHF will provide state with report and recommendations on statewide HIT leadership group**
- **Develop NY web portal leveraging eHI Connecting Communities website**
- **Provide technical assistance on business and technical models, and information sharing policies**
- **Explore opportunities to expand and refine value modeling**

Observations

- **Helpful to have a catalyst to get started**
- **Sustained and coordinated leadership is needed – federal, state and regional**
- **Major deficits in basic infrastructure still need to be addressed**
- **Too much emphasis on IT, not enough on value**
- **Provider or payer centered strategies versus consumer or patient centered strategies**
- **Need to establish metrics and evaluation strategy soon**