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Privacy in Nationwide Health IT

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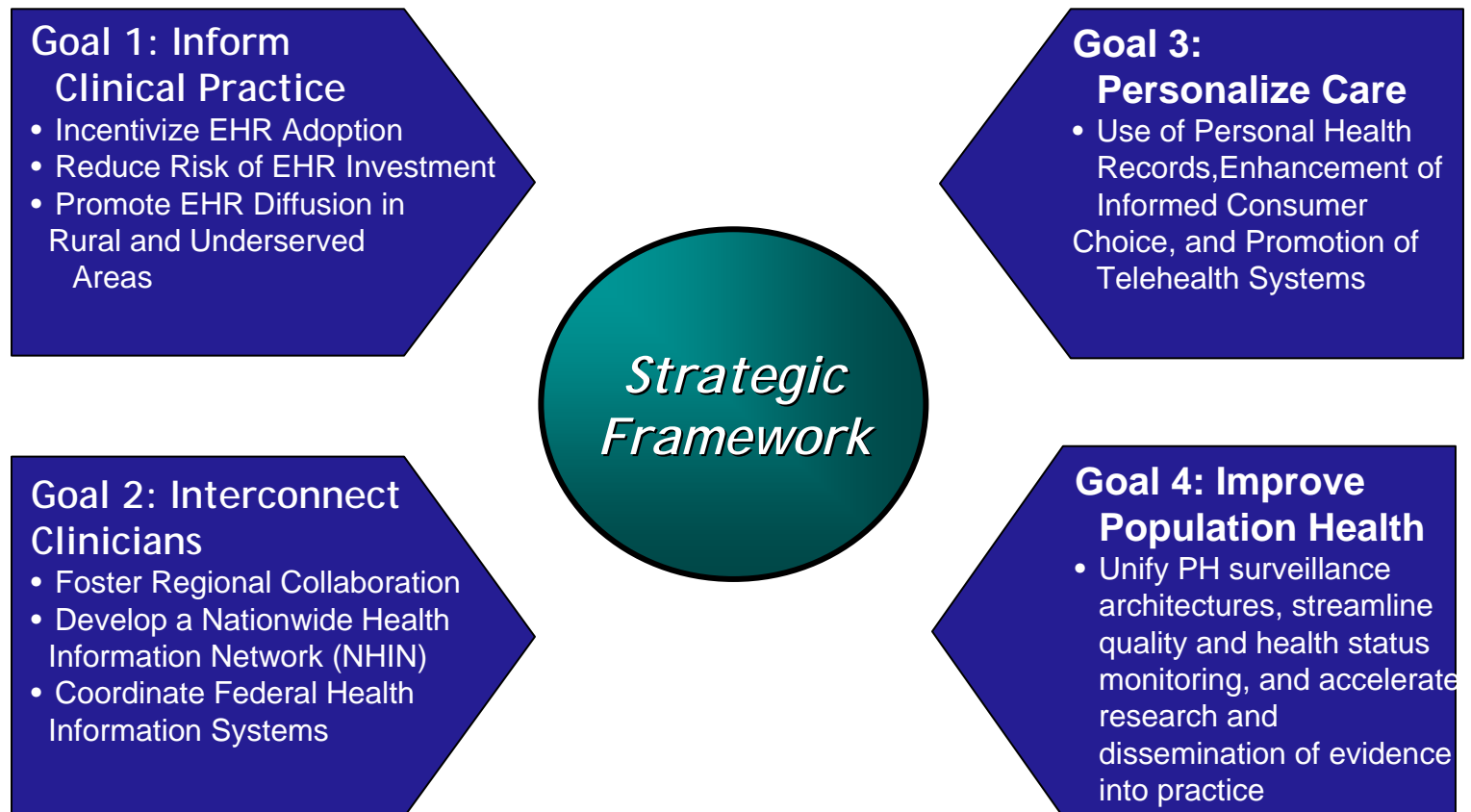
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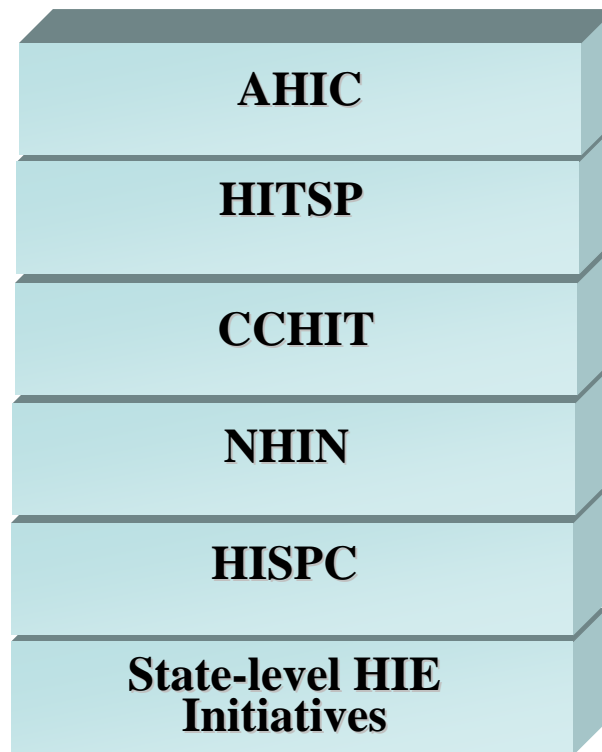
- Established in response to **Executive Order 13335**, April 27, 2004
- Responsible for realizing the President's vision of consumer centered, information rich healthcare:
 - Ensure appropriate information at time and place of care
 - Improve health care quality
 - Reduce health care costs
 - Promote a more effective marketplace
 - Improve the coordination of care and information
 - Ensure secure and protected health information



Publication of a Strategic Framework: July 2004



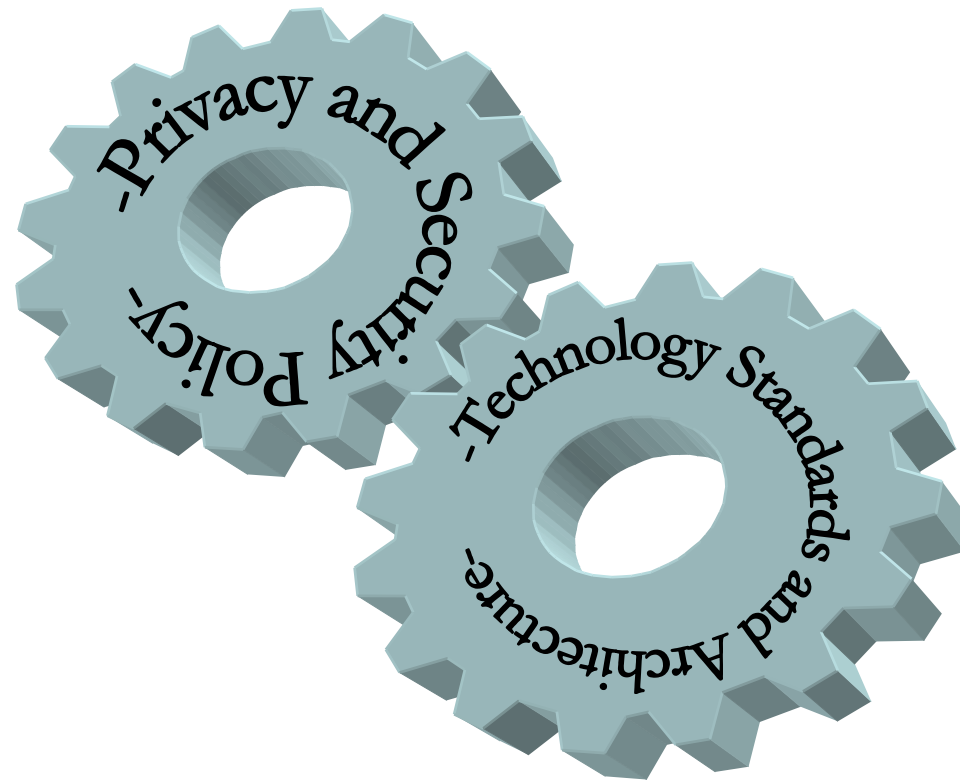
ONC – Current Activities



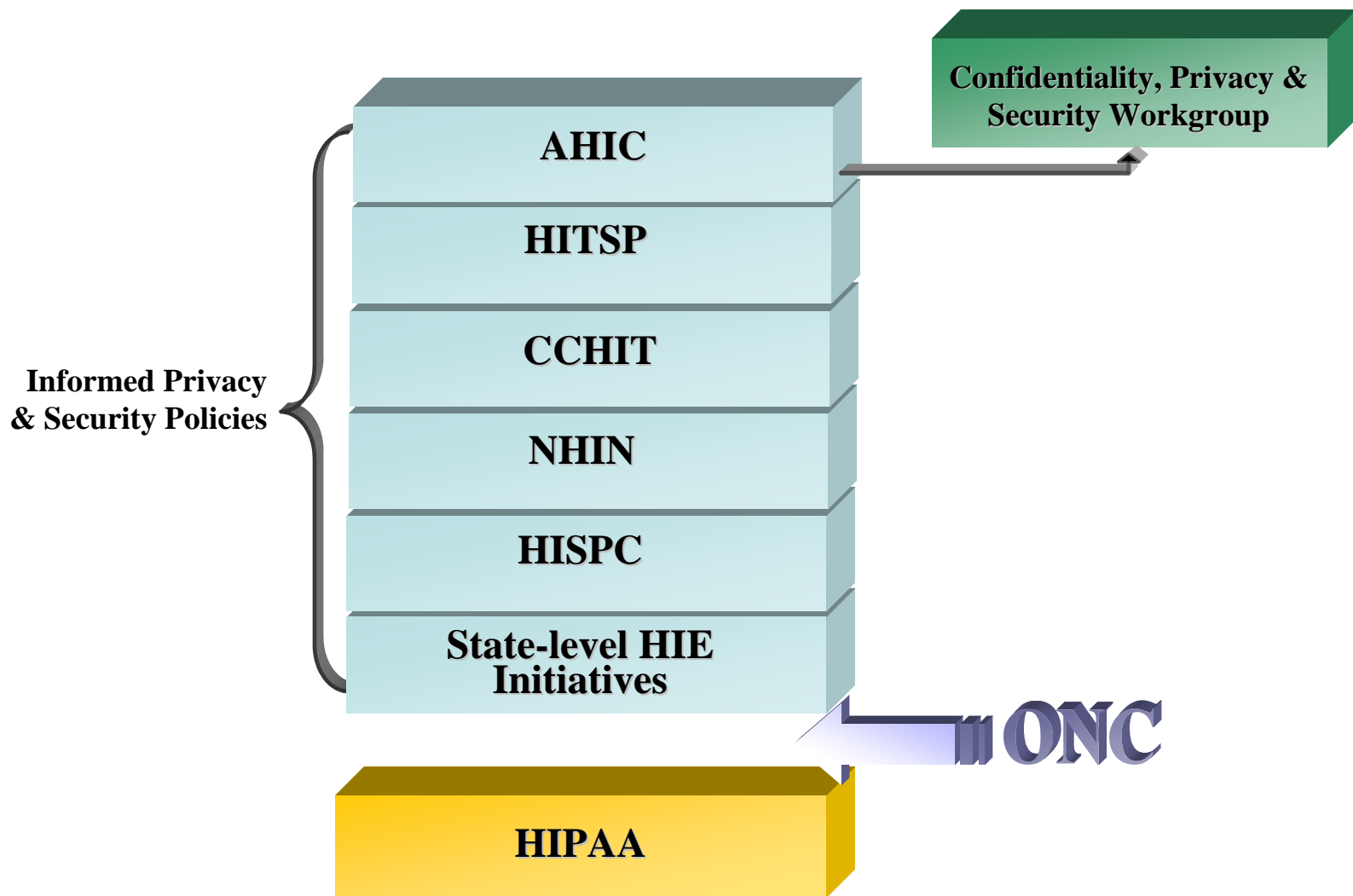
- **AHIC** - American Health Information Community
- **HITSP** – Health IT Standards Panel
- **CCHIT** – Certification Commission for Health IT
- **NHIN** - Nationwide Health Information Network Prototypes
- **HISPC** – Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration
- **State-level HIE Initiatives** – State-level Health Information Exchange Initiatives

Privacy and Security and Health IT

Goal: A nationwide interoperable health information technology infrastructure must ensure that patients' individually identifiable health information is secure and protected.



Privacy Rooted in ONC Activities



Confidentiality, Privacy, and Security Workgroup

Broad Charge for the Workgroup:

Make recommendations to the Community regarding the protection of personal health information in order to secure trust, and support appropriate interoperable electronic health information exchange.

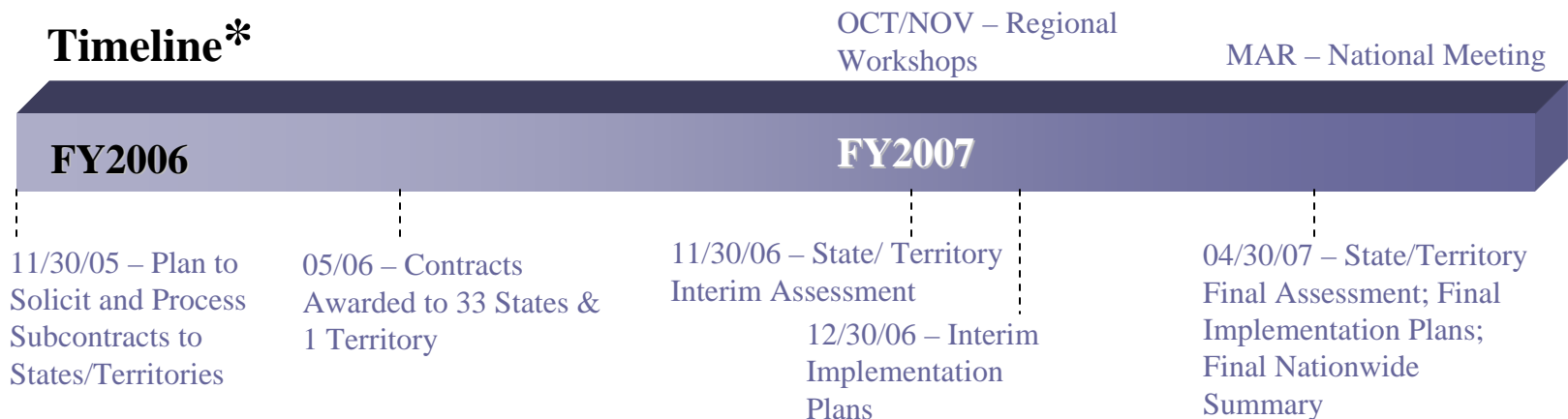


Specific Charge for the Workgroup:

Make actionable confidentiality, privacy, and security recommendations to the Community on specific policies that best balance the needs between appropriate information protection and access to support and accelerate the implementation of the consumer empowerment, chronic care, and electronic health record related breakthroughs.

HISPC – Privacy and Security Solutions

- September 2005: HHS awarded “ Privacy & Security Solutions for Interoperable Health Information Exchange”
- Overall contract managed by RTI International in partnership with NGA
- Under its HISPC initiative, RTI is subcontracting with 33 states and 1 territory to:
 - ✓ Identify within the state business practices that affect electronic health information exchange
 - ✓ Propose solutions and implementation plans
 - ✓ Collaborate on regional and national meetings to develop solutions with broader application
 - ✓ Provide final report on final project outcomes and recommendations



HIPAA and Health IT

- **Important Foundation:**
 - Provides common language and framework for HIE discussions
- **Some “New” Issues:**
 - New entities
 - RHIOs
 - PHR vendors
 - Providers pulling PHI directly
 - Pushing PHI
 - Pre-populating PHRs
 - Access to PHI in EHRs
 - Verification of identity and authority of requestor

Upcoming Events and Involvement

- **Confidentiality, Privacy & Security Workgroup Hearing**
 - September 29, 2006
 - HHS Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave, SW, WDC, Room 800
 - <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/workgroups.html>
- **NHIN Forum: Health Information Network Security and Services**
 - October 16-17th, 2006
 - JW Marriott Hotel Pennsylvania Avenue, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, WDC
- **RTI Privacy and Security Project (HISPC)**
 - <http://www.healthit.ahrq.gov>
 - AHRQ-Funded Projects < Collaborations & Activities < Privacy & Security

For More Information Visit...

www.hhs.gov/healthit

“Health IT can enable transformation of healthcare by allowing a better way to care - consumer by consumer, physician by physician, disease by disease and region by region. [Health IT] is ultimately about treating the industry itself so that we can have not only the best science, infrastructure and professionals in the world, but also the best value, safety and productivity.”

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