

Overview of Connecting for Health... a Public-Private Sector Collaborative

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Clinical Data Standards and the Creation of an
Interconnected, Electronic Health Information
Infrastructure

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Goals:

- Accelerating the rate of adoption of clinical data standards to facilitate interoperability
- Identifying and communicating practical strategies that will ensure secure and private transmission of medical information



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Goals:

- Actively working to understand what consumers will need and expect from an interconnected, electronic health information system



Connecting for Health

- Nine-month project
- Involves cross-section of leaders across health care – public and private sectors
- Aggressive agenda

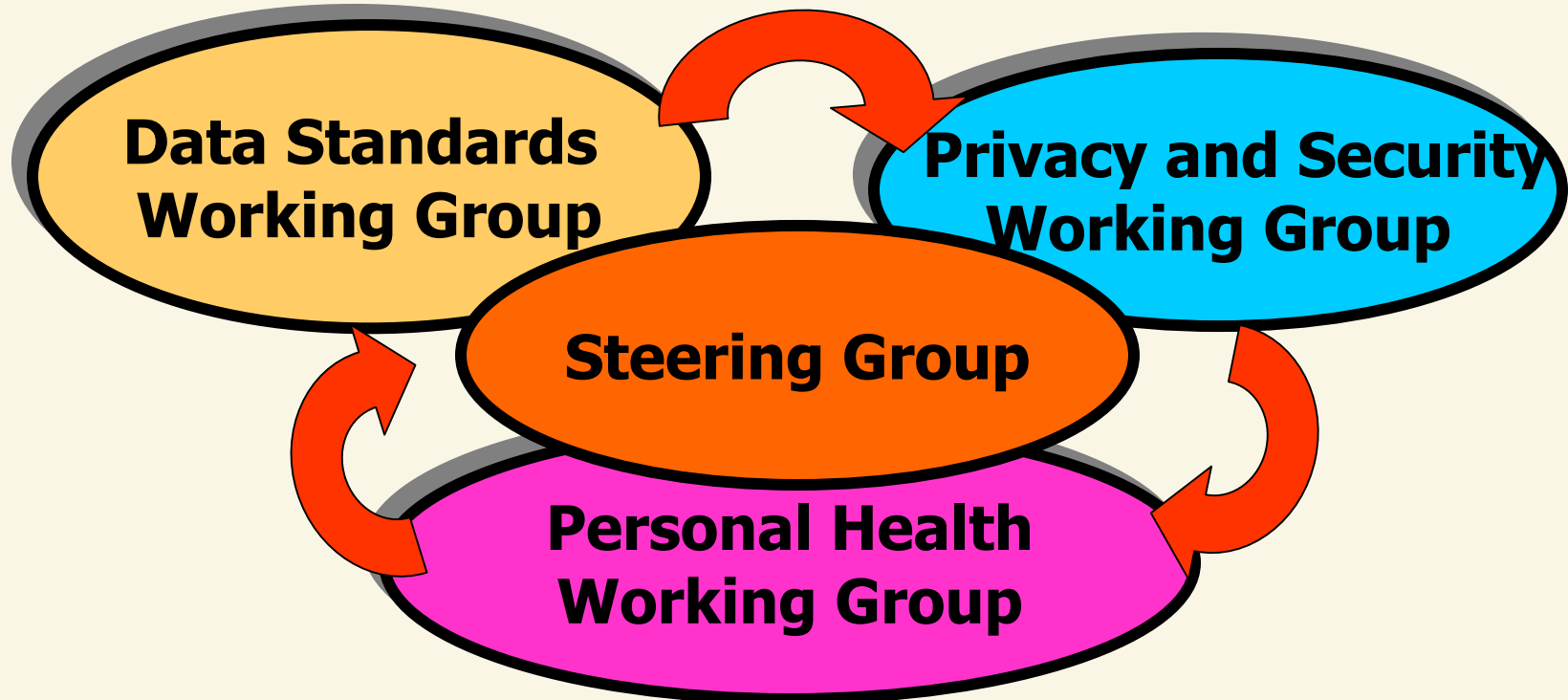


Participant Organizations

- Practicing clinicians
- Hospitals and health systems
- Employers and third party payers
- Federal government agencies
- Health care IT suppliers
- Academic and research institutions
- National standards groups
- Manufacturers
- Consumer and patient groups



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Steering Group Leadership

Chair: Carol Diamond, MD, PhD, Managing Director,
Information Technologies for Better Health Program, Markle
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Executive Vice-Chairs:

- John Lumpkin, MD, MPH, Director, IL Department of Public Health, Chair NCVHS
- Herbert Pardes, MD, CEO, New York Presbyterian Hospitals
- Russell J. Ricci, MD, General Manager, IBM Global Health Care Industry



Working Group Leadership

Data Standards Working Group

- Chair – W. Edward Hammond, PhD
- Vice-Chairs, J. Marc Overhage, Regenstrief and Ned McCulloch, IBM

Privacy and Security Working Group

- Thomas Murray, PhD, Hastings Center

Personal Health Working Group

- David Lansky, PhD, Foundation for Accountability



Data Standards Strategy

- Identify existing necessary common standards and definitions to enable movement of data and knowledge within health care (or identify need for creation if they do not already exist)
- Identify those standards that are “operable”



Data Standards Strategy

- Accelerate interoperability through the alignment of critical stakeholder data needs to operable standards
- Demonstrate an electronic standards-based model of data transmission



Data Standards Strategy

- Understand and articulate factors affecting implementation—value, technical and legal issues
- Widely communicate results



Builds upon eHealth Initiative's Public Health Work

- eHealth Initiative's Public-Private Sector Collaboration for Public Health served as a launch-pad for Connecting for Health
- eHI provides staffing support to Connecting for Health – overlapping leadership
- Similar strategy but Connecting for Health touches on broader group of constituencies



Critical Success Factors

- Engaging those with the ability to drive change
- Focusing on practical, incremental solutions that can be implemented in the near-term
- Rapidly producing tangible results
- Working collaboratively with other groups

