

# Consolidated Health Informatics “CHI”

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# Topics to discuss today...

- Overview of Consolidated Health Informatics
  - CHI history and strategy
  - CHI in the Electronic Health Care Data Environment
- CHI standards process
  - Approach
  - Portfolio overview
- Status
  - Accomplishments
  - Future

# CHI Overview

- One of the 24 Quicksilver eGovernment Initiatives of the President's Management Agenda
- **Goal:** To adopt existing clinical vocabulary & messaging standards to enable interoperability in the federal health care enterprise.
- Federal agencies will incorporate adopted standards into individual IT architectures within new systems and major system upgrades
- “Tipping point” for industry—industry seeking federal lead
- Coordinated with the NCVHS
- Complementary to HIPAA

FOR MORE INFO...

See the Government-to-Business portfolio at the [www.egov.gov](http://www.egov.gov) web site <sup>3</sup>



# *CHI Federal Participation*

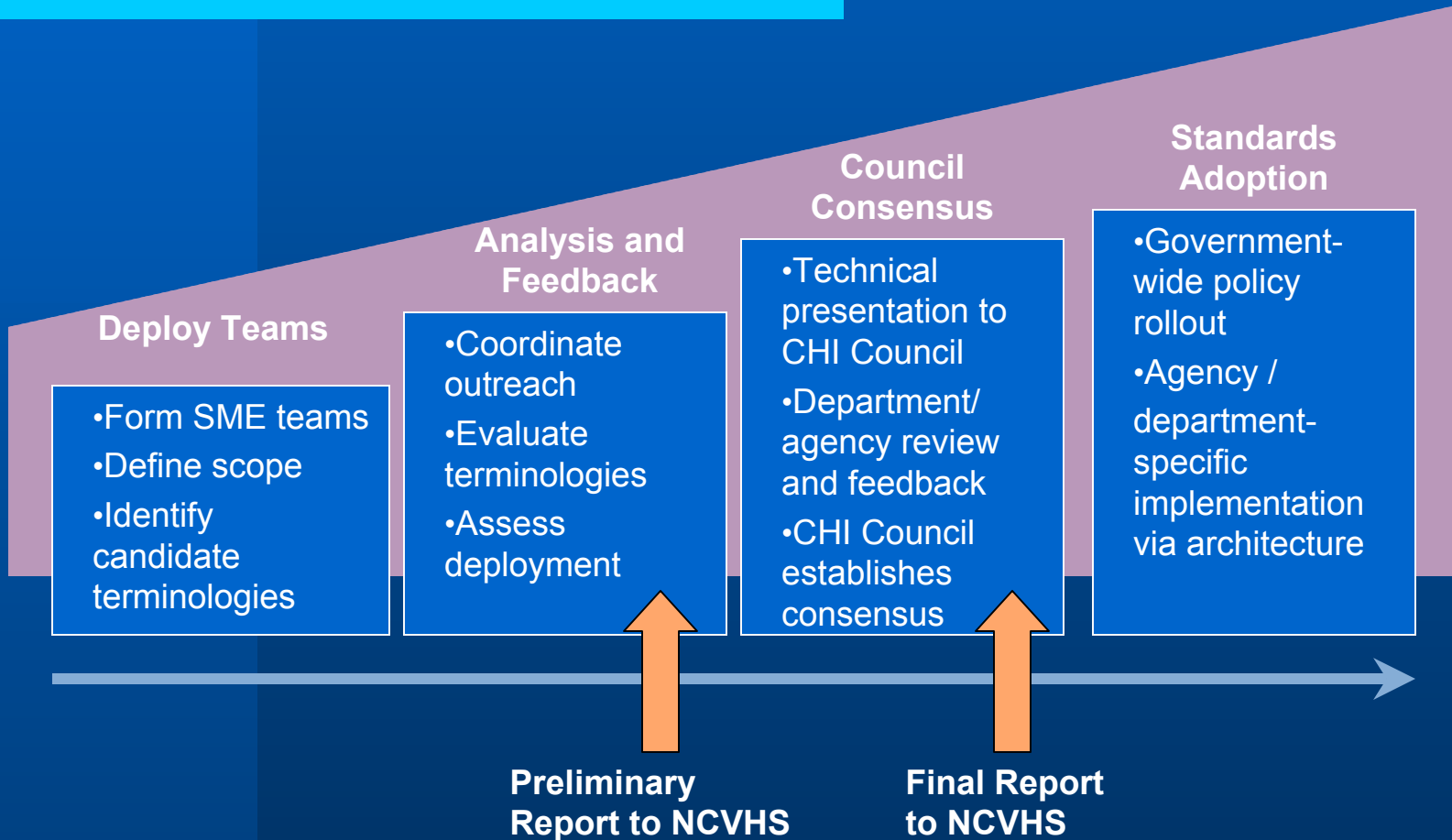
**Managing Partner**  
**HHS**

**Federal Enterprise-wide Governance Structure: CHI Council**

**Lead Partners**  
**VA, DOD, HHS**

**Supporting Partners**  
**SSA, EPA,**  
**Commerce/NIST, NASA,**  
**& more...**

# Standards Adoption Process



# Range of Recommendations:

- **Solution Available:**
  - Acceptable terminology; needs only “evergreening” to maintain
- **Imperfect Terminology: Resulting in Follow-up**
  - **Addressing Gaps**: Standard can be used and will be improved through gaps being addressed
  - **Conditional Approval**: Standard cannot be used until conditions addressed
  - **Temporal Issues**: Actions pending with defined timeframe (ballots, work to make production version available)
- **No solution at this time:**
  - Recommend development of a solution: With whom would the government work to develop that vocabulary?

# Standards Adopted: March 2003

- **LOINC:** Laboratory Result Names
- **Health Level 7:** Messaging Standards (*scheduling, medical record/image management, patient administration, observation reporting, financial management, patient care*)
- **NCPDP:** Retail Pharmacy Transactions
- **IEEE 1073:** Messaging Standard for medical device connectivity
- **DICOM:** Messaging Standard for inter-agency sharing of imaging data



# Recommendations Under Review

- Lab Results Contents
- Demographics
- Units
- Immunizations
- Medications
- Interventions and Procedures
- Lab Test Order Names
- Diagnosis/Problem List
- Anatomy/Physiology
- Nursing
- Billing/Financial
- Medical Devices and Supplies
- Encounters
- Disability
- Population Health
- Text-Based Reports
- History and Physical
- Multimedia
- Genes and Proteins
- Chemicals

# CHI Accomplishments

- Established federal enterprise-wide governance structure: CHI Council
- Defined and completed initial work on target portfolio (24 domains)
- Partnership with NCVHS to coordinate timing on standards recommendations and industry outreach
- Adopted standards for first five domains (March 2003)
- Remaining domains have received recommendations and are in the process of adoption

# Future of CHI

- Adoption of the recommended standards for the remainder of the portfolio
- OMB “graduates” eGov Initiatives by September 2004
- CHI and Federal Health Architecture (FHA) partner to integrate work
- Phase II planning sessions underway

# Discussion Questions? Suggestions?

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