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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- Programs reach into every corner of America, providing a safety net of direct health care services to 20 million people each year (about 1 in every 15 Americans.   HRSA had a budget of approximately $6.6 Billion in FY07.

- Comprised of six bureaus: Maternal and Child Health, HIV/AIDS, Primary Health Care, Health Professions, Health Systems, and Clinician Recruitment and Service.

- 14 offices including Offices of Rural Health Policy, Minority Health and Health Disparities, International Health, Health Information Technology, and the Center for Quality.

HRSA's Office of Health Information Technology

- Formed in December 2005, as the principal advisor to the HRSA Administrator in developing an agency-wide HIT strategy.

Mission:

 The Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) promotes the adoption and effective use of health information technology (HIT) in the safety net community.

HIT Goals for the Safety Net Providers

Bring HIT to America's safety net providers which will:

- Improve quality of care

- Reduce health disparities

- Increase efficiency in care delivery systems

- Increase patient safety

- Decrease medical errors

- Prevent a digital divide

What OHIT Does

- Award planning and implementation grants for telehealth, electronic health records, and other health information technology innovations.

- Provide technical assistance to HRSA grantees and staff (e.g., project officers and Office of Performance Review) related to effective HIT adoption and Federal and state policies and legislation.

- Provide leadership and representation for HRSA grantees with Federal and state policymakers, researchers, and other stakeholders.

HIT Planning Grants

- Objective
  - To support health centers in structured planning activities that will prepare them to adopt EHRs or other HIT innovations
- Project Period
  - One Year
- Examples of Activities Supported by Grant
  - Planning for EHR adoption-readiness assessment, workflow analysis, due diligence in selecting vendor
  - Determining specific network HIT function
  - Network of health centers has formed to purchase an EHR but needs funds to help with the readiness assessment and procurement process.
  - Network of health centers wants to form a health information exchange with other partners in the state and needs funds for planning and hardware purchases.

FY 2007 HIT Planning Grants

Organizations

- Asian Health Services   Oakland, CA
- B-K Health Center, Inc.   Susquehanna, PA
- Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.   Ventura, CA
- Collier Health Services   Immokalle, FL
- Joseph M. Smith Comm Health Center   Allston, MA
- Primary Health Care, Inc.   Des Moines, IA
- South Central Family Health Center   Los Angeles, CA
- Yellowstone City County Health Dept.   Billings, MT

EHR Implementation Grants

- Objective
  - To implement electronic health records (EHRs)
- Project Period
  - Three Years
- Examples of Activities Supported by Grant
  - Implementation of EHRs across network, is within 6 months of issuing a request for proposals, but needs additional funds to purchase the EHR system, training, hardware, and converting from paper to electronic.
  - Include networks interested in spreading their capacity to other centers, via ASP or other means

FY 2007 EHR Implementation Grantees

Organizations

- Henrietta Johnson Medical Center   Wilmington, DE
- Redwood Community Health Coalition   Santa Rosa, CA
- Northern Minnesota Network   Isanti, MN
- Oregon Comm Health Information Network   Portland, OR
- Community Health Care Association of NY   New York, NY
- Blackstone Valley Community Health Care   Pawtucket, RI
- Health Choice Network, Inc.   Miami, FL
- Wasatch Homeless Health Care, Inc.   Salt Lake City, UT

High Impact Grants

- Objective
  - Promotes the high impact implementation of an EHR; Goals include the adoption and effective use of EHRs; the creation of sustainable business models for deploying HIT in HCCNs and large multi-site health centers; enhancing the ability of safety net providers to leverage initiatives and resources as well as improving quality and health outcomes in the CHC Program.

- Project Period
  - One Year

- Examples of Activities Supported by Grant
  - Implementation of EHR across network or health center sites, is within 6 months of issuing a request for proposals, but needs additional funds to purchase the EHR system, training, hardware, and converting from paper to electronic.
  - Include networks interested in spreading their capacity to other centers, via ASP or other means

FY 2007 High Impact Grantees

Organizations

- Community Health Integrated Partnership, Inc   Glen Burnie, MD
- Access Community Health Network*   Chicago, IL
- Greene County Health Care, Inc.   Snow Hill, NC
- PTSO of Washington   Seattle, WA
- Oregon Comm. Health Information Network   Portland, OR
- Near North Health Service Corporation   Chicago, IL
- Unity Health Care, Inc*   Washington, DC
- Nevada Health Centers, Inc*   Carson City, NV
- Community Health Centers Alliance, Inc   St. Petersburg, FL
- SEA-MAR Community Health Center*   Seattle, WA

Multi site health center.

FY 2007 High Impact Grantees (cont)

Organizations

- Charles B. Wang Community Health Center   New York, NY
- Georgia Association for Primary Health Care   Decatur, GA
- Coastal Family Health Center, Inc.   Biloxi, MS
- Ohio Shared Information Services   Cincinnati, OH
- Voices of Detroit Initiative   Detroit, MI
- Southwest Virginia Community Health   Saltville, VA
- Birmingham Health Care, Inc.   Birmingham, AL
- El Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center   Tucson, AZ

HIT Innovation Grants

- Objective
  - To implement health information technologies other than EHRs
- Project Period
  - Three Years
- Proposed Activities Include:
  - E-prescribing
  - Patient Disease Registry
  - Oral Health Records
  - Smart Cards
  - Interactive Patient Kiosk
  - Integrated Mental, Behavioral, Oral, and Primary Care Health Record

FY 2007 HIT Innovation Grantees

- Organizations

  - Northern Minnesota Network (Cat.1)   Cambridge, MN
  - Health Federation of Philadelphia (Cat. 1)   Philadelphia, PA
  - Institute for Urban Family Health   New York, NY
  - Boston HealthNet   Boston, MA
  - Community Health Centers Alliance   Petersburg, FL
  - Community Health Center Network   Alameda, CA
  - Council of Community Clinics   San Diego, CA
  - Assn of Asian/Pacific Comm Hlth Organizations   Oakland, CA
  - Birmingham Health Care, Inc   Birmingham, AL
  - Southwest Virginia Community Hlth Systems, Inc   Saltville, VA
  - CHC Collaborative Ventures, Inc   Tucson, AZ
  - Oregon Community Health Information Network, Inc   Portland, OR
  - Colorado Community Managed Care Network   Denver, CO

FY 2007 HIT Innovation Grants Summary

- ## Northern Minnesota Network (Cat.1)   Cambridge, MN
  - E-prescribing system
- ## Health Federation of Philadelphia (Cat. 1) Philadelphia, PA
  - Patient Disease Registry
- ## Institute for Urban Family Health New York,
  - Personal Health Record (PHR)
- ## Boston HealthNet Boston, MA
  - Vertical HIE: Integrating EHR systems of CHCs with the Boston Medical Center. Clinicians can track patients from health center to health center as well as to the hospital.

FY 2007 HIT Innovation Grants Summary

- ## Community Health Centers Alliance Petersburg, FL
  - Oral Health Record.

- ## Community Health Center Network Alameda, CA
  - HIE will receive and exchange electronic information with labs, pharmacies and hospitals.

- ## Council of Community Clinics San Diego, CA
  - Community Health Record will build off an existing HIT infrastructure to enhance its data warehouse and work with clinics, hospitals, the public health department, and other community partners to build a community health record.

FY 2007 HIT Innovations Grant Summary

- ## Assn of Asian/Pacific Community Hlth Org Oakland, CA
  - Data Repository will link current HIT infrastructures to track clinical outcomes in WA and HI.

- ## Birmingham Health Care, Inc Birmingham, AL
  - Smart Cards will store medical records, demographic, insurance, and patient health information on credit cards that patients keep in their possession.

- ## Southwest Virginia Community Health Systems, Inc Saltville, VA
  - Interactive Patient Kiosk.

FY 2007 HIT Innovations Grant Summary

- ## CHC Collaborative Ventures, Inc Tucson, AZ
  - Telemedicine, distance learning, video conferencing.

- ## Colorado Community Managed Care Network Denver, CO
  - HIE will allow health centers with different EHR systems to be connected and interoperable.

- ## OCHIN (previously Oregon Community Health Information Network, Inc) Portland, OR
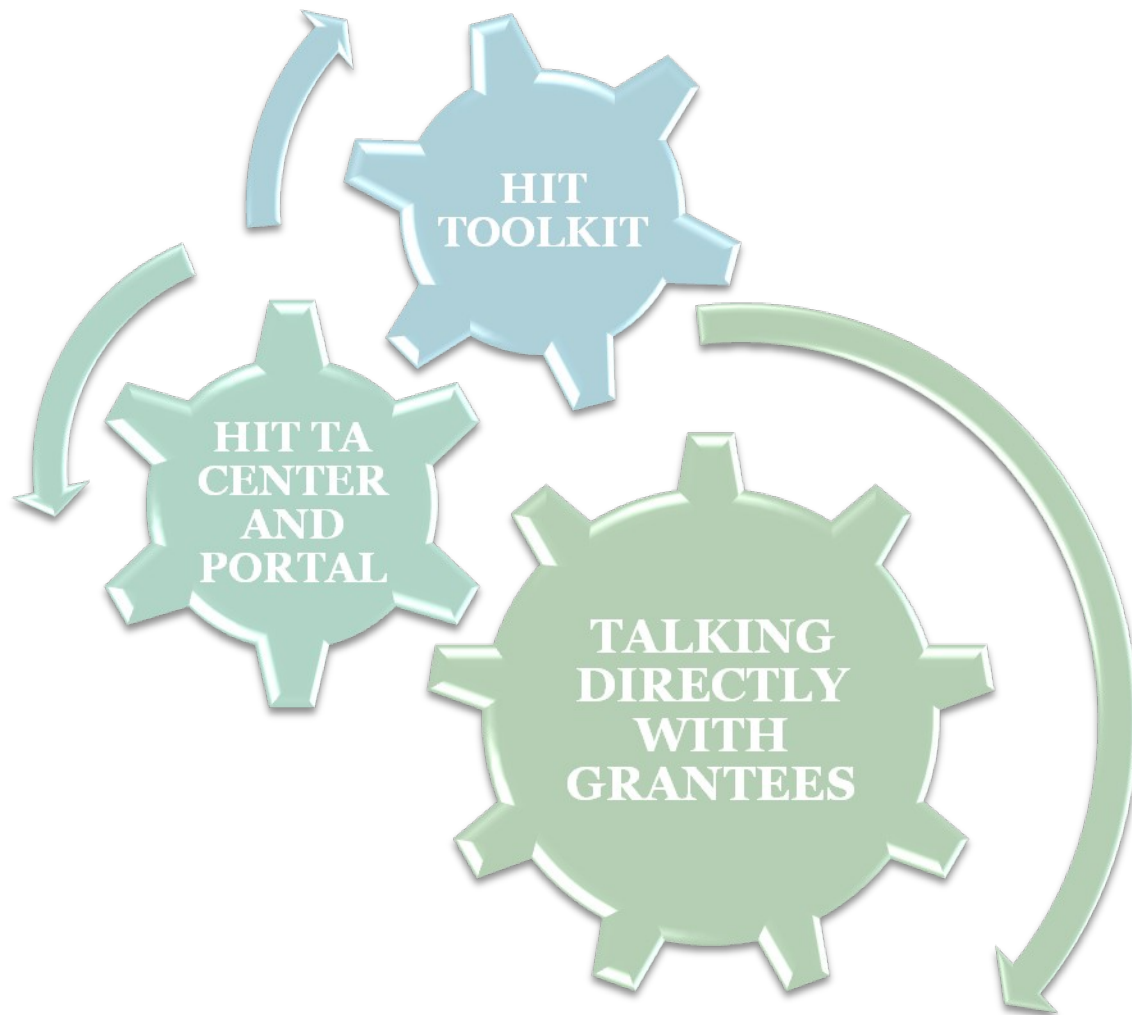 - Integrated Mental, Behavioral, Oral, and Primary Care Health Record.

OHIT Funding Summary FY 2007

	HIT Planning	HIT Innovations	HIT EHR	High Impact EHR	Total
Number of Awards	8	13	8	18	47
Total $ Awarded	$931,001	$3.3 m	$5.5 m	$23 m	$32.7 m
Number of Urban/Rural Grantees	3 Urban 3 Rural 2 Both	6 Urban 3 Rural 4 Both	2 Urban 1 Rural 5 Both	15 Urban 1 Rural 2 Both	-

A Strategy for Providing HIT Technical Assistance (TA)

TA Tools developed by OHIT form a mechanism to increase health IT knowledge in the grantee community.

HIT TOOLKIT

HIT TA CENTER AND PORTAL

TALKING DIRECTLY WITH GRANTEES

TA – HRSA Portal

- In partnership with the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) HRSA has established a Health IT Community for HRSA grantees.

- Serves as a virtual community for health centers, networks and PCAs to collaborate around the adoption of technologies promoting patient safety and higher quality of care.

- Facilitates collaboration via discussion forums where health centers facing similar challenges can share thoughts and lessons from experiences with a variety of IT systems and scenarios.

TA – HRSA Portal

- Will include tabs for maternal and child health, rural health, HIV/AIDS grantees, and telehealth grantees.

- Creates a central hub for communication across geographically disparate sites, allows team members to view important announcements, documents, tasks, events, and discussions related to their initiative.

- Private community capability
  - A virtual place for grantees to have a place for project plan tasks lists, upload documents, create calendars, and have discussion boards on the project.
  - Grantee controls who has access to the community.
  - Perfect for large health centers, networks, and people working with other partners.

TA – HRSA Portal

- Includes a repository of information on IT targeted to the health center population members.

- For login name and password for the HRSA Health IT Community, email *HealthIT@hrsa.gov* to obtain logins for you and your staff.

- The HRSA Health IT Community news is updated daily with articles and news releases related to HIT. Be sure to check it!

AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

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Key Topics

Background information and the latest evidence on key topics from the field of health IT.

» Computerized Provider Order Entry
» Electronic Medical/Health Records
» Electronic Prescribing
» Health Information Exchange
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All Key Topics

✿HRSA Health IT Community

Welcome to HRSA's new health IT portal, developed in collaboration with the AHRQ National Resource Center for Health IT (NRC). This site is designed to provide news, tools, and access to research for health centers and rural health providers interested in health IT.

➔ HRSA Health IT News

New HRSA Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)
HRSA established the OHIT on December 27, 2005 to help grantees select and use HIT to improve quality of care.

Attend ORHP National Meeting on Health IT
Plan now to attend the HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) national meeting on health IT to be held September 21-23, 2006 in Kansas City, MO.

➔ Join A Networking Community!

We invite you to join a smaller community of your choosing to collaborate with health center stakeholders that have similar interests or characteristics. By joining a smaller community, you can hold conversations, share documents, tasks and events with other participants. It's an exciting way to make connections with your colleagues around health IT issues specific to you.

We've provided some ideas for communities below. To join one of these communities or another of your choosing, e-mail resourcecenter@norc.org with the name of the community and the names and e-mail addresses of users who wish to join.

- Getting Started with Health IT
- Implementing Health IT
- Sustainability
- Health Centers with < 5 Providers
- Health Centers with > 5 Providers
- Health Information Exchange
- EMR Vendors

➔ Contact Us

If you have any issues or suggestions, email ResourceCenter@norc.org.

HRSA Network IT Projects

Find out about these exciting projects funded by HRSA's Integrated Information and Communication Technology grant program.

» Oregon Community Health Information Network(OCHIN)
» Community Partners HealthNet(CPHN), Inc.
» Alliance of Chicago Community Health Services(ACCHS), Inc.
» Health Choice Network (CPHN), Inc.
» Collaborative Network for Northern New England (CNNNE)
» West Virginia Primary Care Network (WVPCN), Inc.

TA - HIT Toolbox

- An interactive Toolbox that will assist health centers, maternal and child health, rural health, and HIV/AIDS grantees in HIT planning, implementation, and sustainability.

- HIT Toolkit released in November 2007.

- Focus: collaborative solutions, module-based, interactive, questions and answers.

- Helps to sort through information on HIT.

- Nothing new created; includes grantee materials.

TA - HIT Toolbox

- The toolbox is organized by 9 topic-specific modules:
  - Introduction to Health IT
  - Getting Started
  - Opportunities for Collaboration
  - Project Management and Oversight
  - Planning for Technology Implementation
  - Organizational Change Management and Training
  - System Implementation
  - Evaluating, Optimizing, and Sustaining
  - Advanced Topics – including Open Source

TA - HIT TA Center

- Provide consistent HIT TA to HRSA grantees.
- TA "One to Many" Calls
  - HIT 101
  - Workflow Analysis and HIT
  - Slides, transcripts and recordings of calls are on the HRSA Health IT Community.
- Peer-to-peer technical assistance to obtain TA from an experienced peer in HIT.
- Consultant technical assistance to obtain TA from an experienced consultant in HIT.

HRSA HIT Grantee Meeting

- Collaboration, knowledge sharing, new partnerships, and the leveraging of resources among HRSA grantees to promote HIT adoption by safety net providers.

- Audience of approximately 600 HRSA grantees

- Slides, agenda, speakers, available at: *http://blsmeetings.net/OHIT/*

Other Resources

- Monthly HIT technical assistance calls and webex
- Your Federal and state partners and HRSA grantees
  - State Medicaid transformation grantees
  - Local and state public health agencies
- Organizations such as eHI, Tides Foundation, HIMSS, AHIMA, AMIA, NACHC, specialized technical assistance centers (telehealth, rural, etc.)
- AHRQ National Resource Center

Web Resources

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality – HIT
  http://healthit.ahrq.gov
- Health Information Management and Systems Society
  http://www.himss.org
- California Healthcare Foundation
  http://www.chcf.org
- Markle Foundation
  http://www.markle.org
- Robert Wood Johnson
  http://www.rwjf.org
- National Conference of State Legislatures
  http://www.ncsl.org
- eHealth Initiative
  http://www.ehealthinitiative.org

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