



Building a “Meaningful Community” in Texas for HIT

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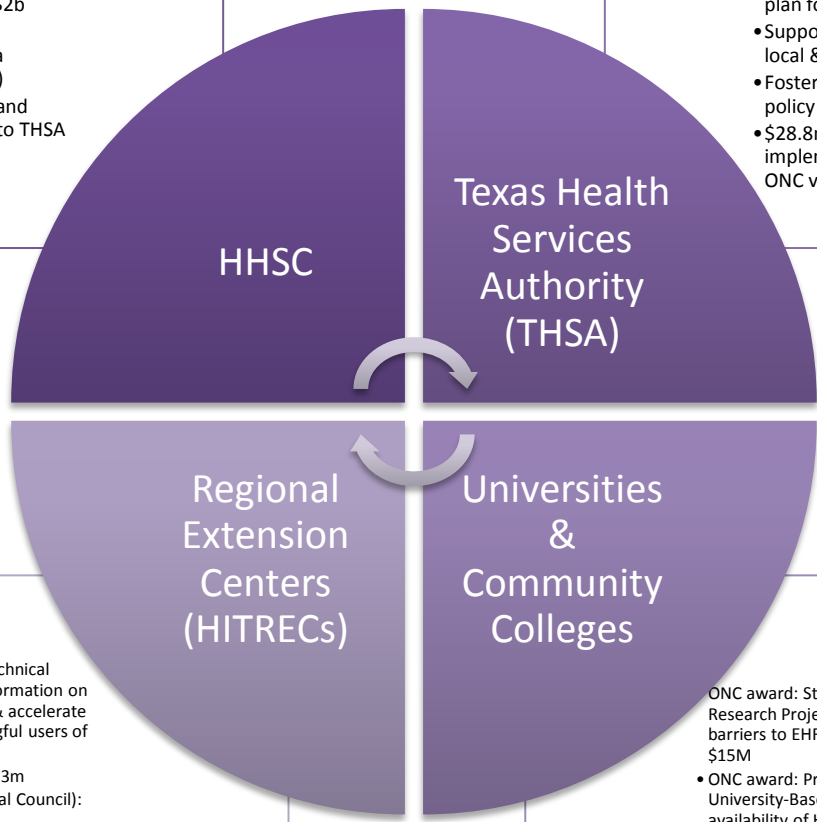
Texas Landscape: State Funding and Projects

- State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program
\$28.8 million – HHSC/ Office of e-Health Coordination (OeHC)
- Medicaid Health IT Plan/EHR Incentive Payment Program
\$4.5 million planning – HHSC/Medicaid
- Health IT Regional Extension Centers (REC)
\$35.7 million – 4 awards
- Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects (SHARP)
\$15 million – UT Health Science Center, Houston
- Beacon Community Program
8 Texas applicants, 0 awards
- Health IT Workforce Grants
\$5.4 million – Texas State University, San Marcos

Texas eHealth Alliance
•Policy •Advocacy •Information •Education

- Pass through Medicaid incentive funds: up to \$2b through 2019
- Develop & implement a Medicaid HIE (HB 1218)
- Pass through planning and implementation funds to THSA

- Develop & implement a state plan for HIE
- Support the development of local & regional HIE
- Foster the development of HIT policy for the state
- \$28.8m planning & implementation funds through ONC via MOU with HHSC



Public Stakeholders
•Consumers
•Non-profits
•Public Health Agencies

Provider Stakeholders
•Physicians
•Hospitals
•FQHCs
•Laboratories
•Pharmacies

- Funded by ONC to offer technical assistance, guidance & information on best practices to support & accelerate efforts to become meaningful users of EHRs
- CentrEast REC (TAMU): \$5.3m
- North TX REC (DFW Hospital Council): \$8.5m
- West TX HIT REC (Texas Tech): \$6.7m
- Gulf Coast REC (UTHSC): \$15.2m

- ONC award: Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects (SHARP) for research on barriers to EHR adoption: UTHSC- Houston, \$15M
- ONC award: Program of Assistance for University-Based Training to increase availability of HIT professionals: Texas State University, \$5.4m

Payers
•Insurers •Employers •State & Local Government

Health and Human Services Commission Current Status

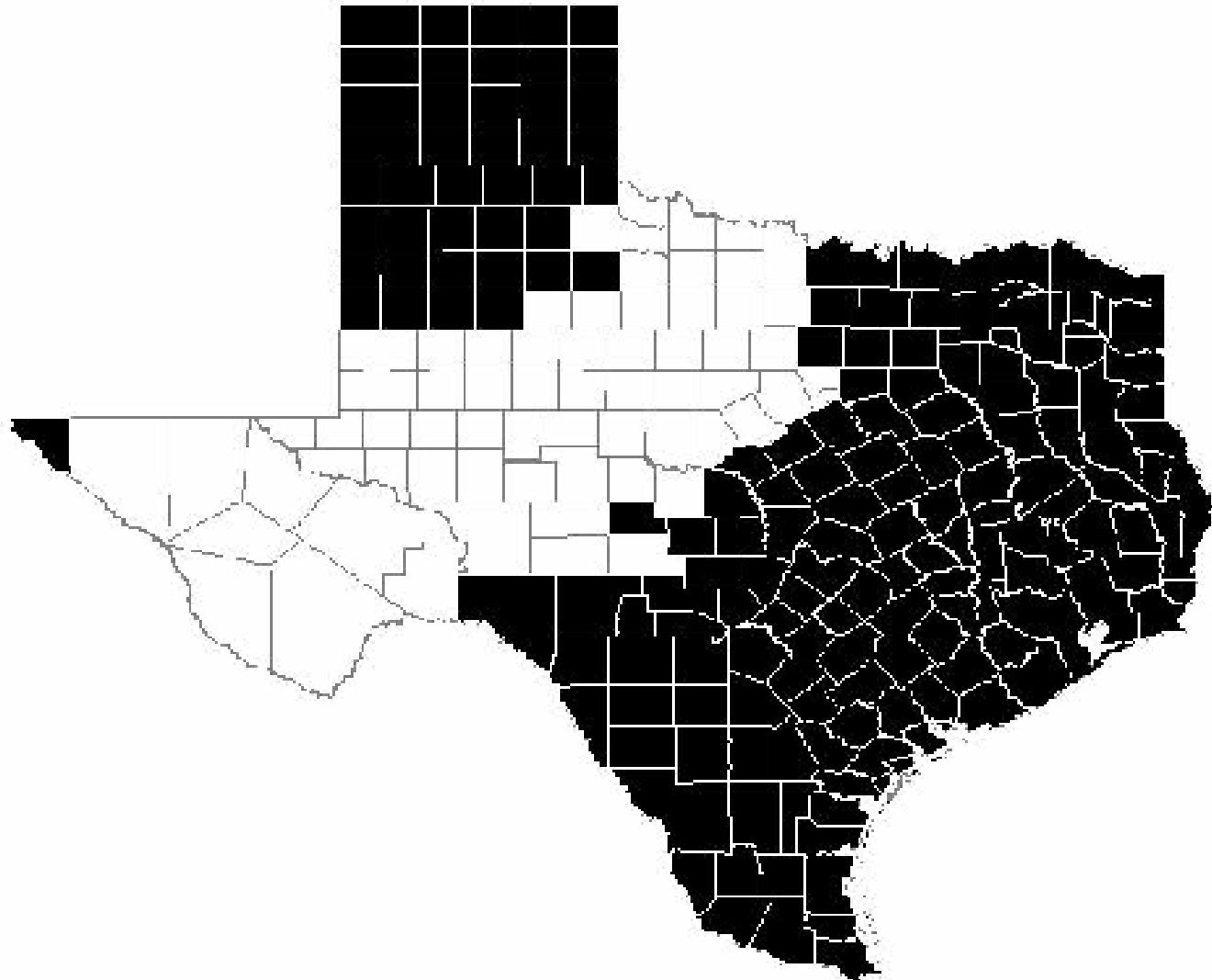
- Medicaid Eligibility and Health Information Services
 - Medicaid/CHIP Health Information Exchange
 - E-prescribe
- Medicaid EHR Incentives
- Telemedicine and telehealth rules

Texas Health Services Authority

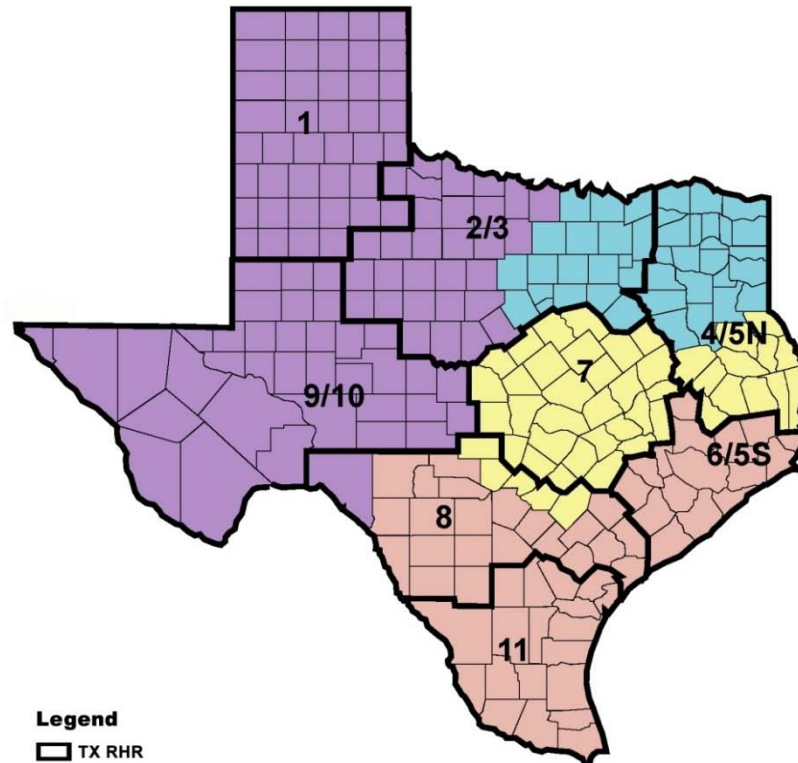
Current Status

- Administering Planning Funds
 - Local HIE Grants focused on: governance, sustainability, infrastructure, privacy and security
 - White space
 - Evaluating state level services

Texas Local HIE Coverage Map







Regional Extension Centers Current Status



Legend

 TX RHR

Regional Center

-  Dallas Fort Worth Hospital Council/University of Texas at Southwestern and University of Texas at Dallas
-  Texas Tech University Health Science Center
-  The Texas A&M System Health Science Center - Rural and Community Health Institute
-  University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Regional Extension Centers Current Status

- Focus on enrollment of primary care doctors
- Selecting vendors and staying “neutral”
- Developing partnerships with organized medicine and other stakeholders

Universities and Community Colleges Current Status

- HITECH grants
 - PURE HIT Consortium
 - SHARP grant
 - Community College Consortium
- Texas State HIT Workforce development program

So...how do we make a “Meaningful Community”?

- We can't be the Wizard behind the curtain
- We have to win the loyalty of patients and their families
- We must stay connected to each other
- We have to be willing to throw a bucket of water on someone from time to time

If I Only Had a Brain...



Scarecrow: I haven't got a brain... only straw.

Dorothy: How can you talk if you haven't got a brain?

Scarecrow: I don't know... But some people without brains do an awful lot of talking... don't they?

Dorothy: Yes, I guess you're right.

If We Have a Brain...

We use technology in a meaningful way:

- Substantive outcomes
- Reliable systems
- Virtual medicine

If We Have a Brain...

Technology will line up with consumer expectations:

- On-demand
- Personalized
- Portable

To be a Meaningful Community: We can't be the Wizard behind the curtain



If I Only Had a Heart...



Wizard of Oz: A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others.

If We Have a Heart...

We use technology in a meaningful way:

- It's about empowering the community
- Technology can become invisible
- We don't sell widgets just to sell them

If We Have a Heart...

Technology will inspire consumer confidence by:

- Respecting individual rights
- Protecting privacy and provide security
- Enabling and empowering health care consumers

**To be a Meaningful Community:
We have to win the loyalty of patients and their families**



If I Only Had a Home...



Dorothy: Oh, but anyway, Toto, we're home. Home! And this is my room, and you're all here. And I'm not gonna leave here ever, ever again, because I love you all, and - oh, Auntie Em - there's no place like home!

If We Have a Home...

We take advantage of the new delivery systems that are emerging:

- Patient centered medical homes
- Accountable Care Organizations
- Home telemonitoring

If We Have a Home...

We use health IT to strengthen existing relationships and produce new ones:

- Between providers
- Between academic institutions
- Let's not forget long-term care

**To be a Meaningful Community:
We must stay connected to each other**



If I Only Had the Nerve...



Cowardly Lion: Courage! What makes a king out of a slave? Courage! What makes the flag on the mast to wave? Courage! What makes the elephant charge his tusk in the misty mist, or the dusky dusk? What makes the muskrat guard his musk? Courage! What makes the sphinx the seventh wonder? Courage! What makes the dawn come up like thunder? Courage! What makes the Hottentot so hot? What puts the "ape" in apricot? What have they got that I ain't got?

If We Have the Nerve...

We acknowledge that we're facing a perfect storm:

- Demographic changes among patients and providers
- Shifting policy and regulatory environment
- Competition for resources

If We Have the Nerve...

We look for the opportunities in the chaos by:

- Challenging the status quo
- Being a champion for change
- Changing the game

**To be a Meaningful Community:
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Helpful Links

<http://www.txrecs.org/>

<http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/>

<http://www.thsa.org/>

http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/HealthIT/HIT_Home.aspx

<http://www.himss.org/>

Questions?



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