

# Welcome to the HIT Commons Quarterly Newsletter February 2022

## Headline News

HIT Commons, through support from the Oregon Health Authority, has been facilitating a table of state and community leaders around opportunities for public health data sharing. An example of this is the COVID-19 positive lab and vaccine data that is now flowing from state systems into the Collective Medical platform. Efforts like this get important data into the hands of providers and care teams on the ground to better serve patients, particularly around emergencies like the pandemic or environmental disasters. If you or your organization has ideas around how state-held public health data can improve systems like Collective Medical, please contact Justin Keller, [justin@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org](mailto:justin@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org).

## Emergency Department Information Exchange/Collective Platform

- COVID-19 resources for stakeholders continue via the [HIT Commons website](#):
- COVID-19 Vaccine Population Reports now include pediatric doses
- Public health data sharing workgroup will resume as the latest surge recedes
- “[Skilled Nursing Facilities Best Practices](#)” webinar was held on November 15th
- [Behavioral Health Collaborative](#) “State Strategies and Stakeholder Efforts to Support Care Coordination” was held on December 3rd. The conference was attended by 71 participants
- As a reminder, please visit our [EDIE Resources page](#) for webinar recordings, toolkits and other.
- HIT Commons and Apprise Health Insights revised and expanded [EDIE Quarterly Dashboards](#) for a deeper look at hospital ED trends, including county-level trends for mental health and substance use-related visits.
- Planning underway for 2022 Webinars and Stakeholder Collaboratives. If you have suggestions, please email to: [Liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org](mailto:Liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org)

## Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Integration

- Integration requests continue to rise, especially among behavioral health, dental and specialty practices.
- Q4 PDMP implementation report is linked [here](#).
- Q2 reporting from OHA Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program 2021 is linked [here](#).

## Other HIT Happenings across the State of Oregon

**Oregon Health Authority:** The Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA’s) [Health Information Technology Oversight Council \(HITOC\)](#) is seeking members for a new [chartered Health Information Exchange \(HIE\) Workgroup](#) to recommend strategies to accelerate, support, and improve HIE across the state. To apply, complete this [application](#) and submit via email to [HITOC.info@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:HITOC.info@dhsosha.state.or.us). Applications are open now through February 25th. See the goals and full scope in the [draft HIE Workgroup Charter](#). Workgroup recommendations will inform HITOC’s Health IT Strategic Plan for Oregon and OHA efforts.

### **Oregon Health Leadership Council:**

- [Connect Oregon](#), an effort to facilitate Community Information Exchange (CIE), is live in 19 Oregon counties in partnership with 12 CCOs, multiple health systems, hundreds of community-based organizations (CBOs), and 211info.
- In 2022, Connect Oregon will expand into 35/36 Oregon counties and engagement is underway with key state agency partners.
- For more information, please email: [Liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org](mailto:Liz@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org)



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