

OHS Seeks Feedback on DRAFT Consent Guiding Principles

The Office of Health Strategy (OHS), guided by the Connecticut Health IT Advisory Council, provides contractual oversight of the Health Information Alliance, Inc. (HIA), Connecticut's newly formed statewide health information exchange (HIE) entity. In coming months, HIA will begin offering services to connect existing data systems and to further enable the exchange of health information between providers and healthcare organizations, and with the individuals they care for.

In preparation for the launch of HIA's data exchange services, the Health IT Advisory Council recommended OHS convene a Consent Design Group to develop a framework on which the HIA's consent policies will be approached. The Consent Design Group's work occurred over thirteen meetings from April through November of 2019.

The Consent Design Workgroup developed an extensive set of DRAFT **Guiding Principles** for OHS to use as foundational tenets for establishing future consent policies, and for evaluating technical solutions for consent management that may be offered by HIA to participants in statewide health information exchange. The Health IT Advisory Council, comprised of public and private sector leaders appointed by Connecticut General Assembly leadership and by Governor Lamont and former Governor Malloy, also contributed to the DRAFT **Guiding Principles**, providing a thorough review and recommending changes to OHS during several meetings between November 2019 and January 2020. The [Final Report and Recommendations of the Consent Design Workgroup](#), contain the DRAFT **Guiding Principles** as well as the background and details of the Consent Design Workgroup's process and work.

OHS is seeking feedback on the DRAFT Guiding Principles through March 15, 2020. All feedback submitted through this process will be documented and presented to the Health IT Advisory Council at their March 19, 2020 meeting. Following the Health IT Advisory Council's review of all feedback submitted through this process, next steps will be determined in order for OHS to finalize the Guiding Principles and begin to consider specific consent policies for various types of data, and various purposes for data exchange.

Please submit all feedback on the DRAFT Guiding Principles, and any additional input to help inform future planning for consent policies to HITO@ct.gov.