Health Information Exchange Steering Committee Meeting

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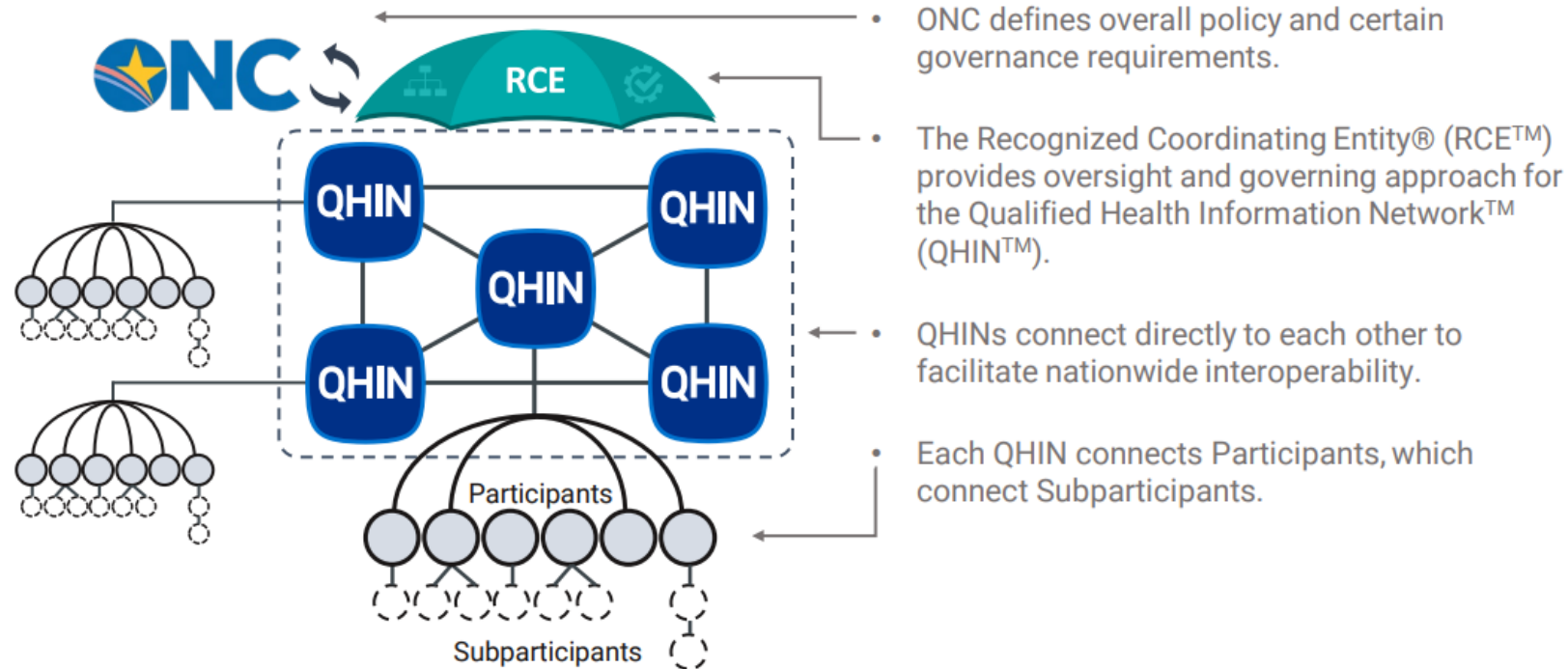
Agenda

- Various updates
- Education session: TEFCA, *Beth Anderson*

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Various Updates

- HIE Steering Committee Member - New member

- September HIE Strategic Planning Session

- Social Drivers of Health Roadmap Consultant and progress

- HIE
  - Analytics Layer - RFP [posted](#)

Education Session: TEFCA

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Trusted Exchange Framework & Common Agreement (TEFCA)

- ONC defines overall policy and certain governance requirements.

- The Recognized Coordinating Entity® (RCE™) provides oversight and governing approach for the Qualified Health Information Network™ (QHIN™).

- QHINs connect directly to each other to facilitate nationwide interoperability.

- Each QHIN connects Participants, which connect Subparticipants.

Exchange Purposes: Currently, TEFCA will support exchange for the following Exchange Purposes: Treatment; Payment; Health Care Operations; Public Health; Government Benefits Determination; and Individual Access Services (IAS). This means organizations connected to TEFCA are *optionally* allowed to request for or respond to any of these purposes. As a starting point, TEFCA will only require responses for Treatment and IAS. Over time, responses will be required for the remaining Exchange Purposes and other Exchange Purposes may be added.

Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) | HealthIT.gov

According to ONC, TEFCA:

- Establishes a universal floor for nationwide interoperability

- Provides individuals and organizations with easier, more efficient, secure access to more health information

- Significantly reduces the number of connections that individuals, health care providers, and other interested parties need to make

- Creates baseline governance, legal, and technical requirements that will enable secure information sharing

- Enables an expanded set of exchange purposes beyond Treatment

- Supports existing health information networks and expands and improves the access to health information they can provide

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Main Components

- The **Common Agreement** is the legal contract that the recognized Coordinating Entity® will sign with each QHIN. It defines the baseline legal and technical requirements for secure information sharing on a nationwide scale.

- The **Trusted Exchange Framework** is a common set of principles designed to facilitate trust between HINs and by which HINs voluntarily elect to abide to enable widespread information exchange: standardization; openness and transparency; cooperation and non-discrimination; privacy, security, and safety; access; equity; and public health.

- **QHIN Technical Framework** focuses on the technical components for exchange among QHINs, including patient identity resolution, authentication, and performance measurement.

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Who are the QHINs

- eHealth Exchange

- Epic Nexus

- Health Gorilla

- KONZA

- MedAllies

- CommonWell Health Alliance

- Kno2

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Additional Reading

- [Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) | HealthIT.gov](#)

- [tefca_summary_fin.pdf (ahima.org)](#)

- [TEFCA and eHealth Exchange - eHealth Exchange](#)

- [TEFCA: How It Works in Tandem With Your HIE – Contexture](#)

- [TEFCA: A Better User Experience for Exchanging Public Health Data | ASTHO](#)

- [TEFCA Awareness Among Hospitals and Variations Regarding Intent to Participate - Health IT Buzz Health IT Buzz](#)

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