

# Health Information Exchange Steering Committee Meeting

~~July 15, 2024~~

**August 5, 2024**

# Agenda

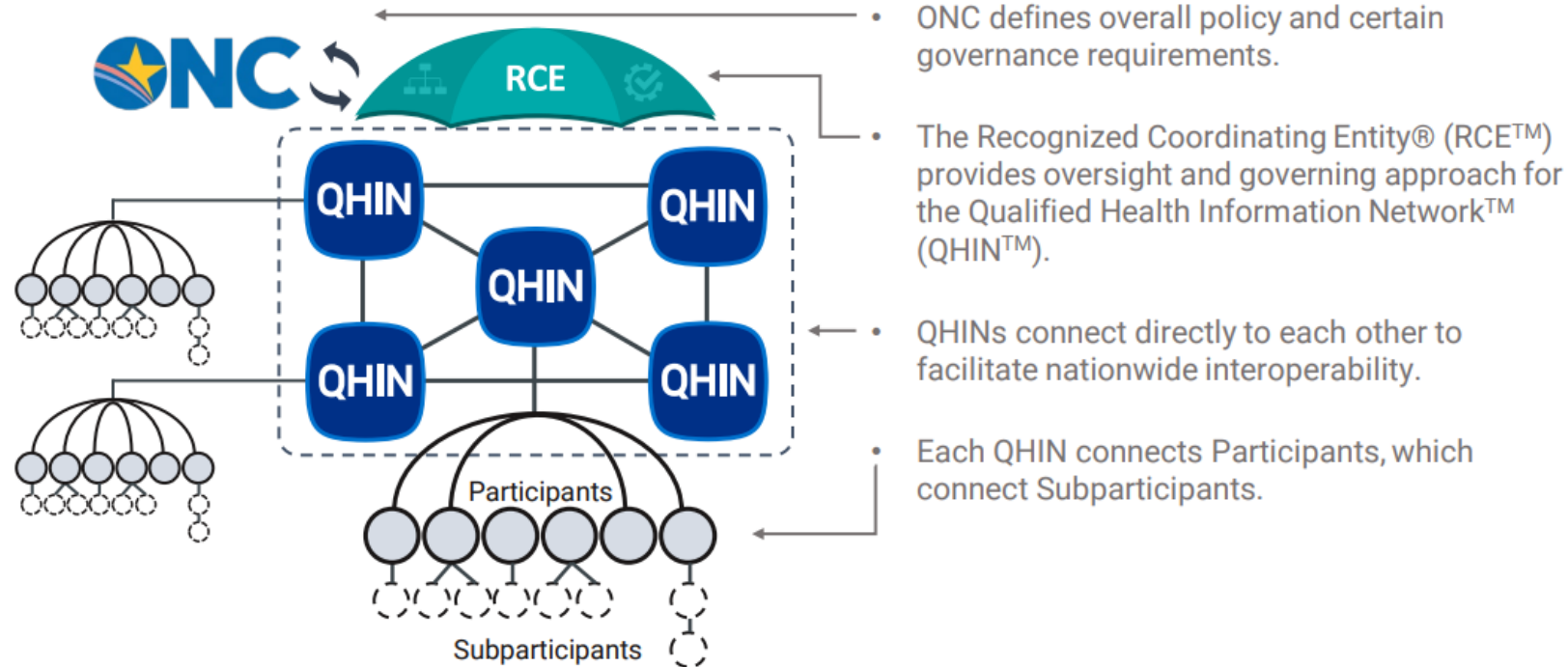
- Various updates
- Education session: TEFCA, *Beth Anderson*

# 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 closed, bid review in progress, scoring meeting on 8/13

# Education Session: TEFCA

# Trusted Exchange Framework & Common Agreement (TEFCA)



**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.

# 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

# Main Components

- The **Common Agreement** is the legal contract that the recognized Coordinating Entity<sup>®</sup> 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.

# Who are the QHINs

- eHealth Exchange
- Epic Nexus
- Health Gorilla
- KONZA
- MedAllies
- CommonWell Health Alliance
- Kno2



# 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](#)