

# ARRA HITECH Act and Nevada

## Western States Health-e Connection Summit

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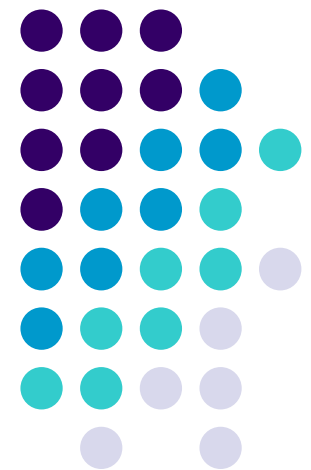
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# HITECH Act

## Recommended State Actions



- Prepare/update HIT strategic plan for HIE Adoption, aligned with federal efforts
  - ❖ HIT Strategic Plan and Operational Plan being done as Phase I of Nevada's HIE Cooperative Agreement
  - ❖ Joint Environmental Scan being done with Nevada Medicaid
- Engage stakeholders
  - ❖ Nevada HIT Blue Ribbon Task Force of key stakeholders providing oversight and guidance – meets in accordance with Nevada Open Meeting Law for maximum transparency
  - ❖ HIT Task Force Planning Subcommittees appointed April 9, 2010 to assist with planning process – all include non-Task Force stakeholders
  - ❖ Related efforts being coordinated with Nevada Broadband Task Force
  - ❖ Broader stakeholder outreach planned through work of the Subcommittees
- Establish State Leadership Office
  - ❖ Office of HIT (OHIT) located within the Director's Office, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
  - ❖ HIT Web site established (<http://dhhs.nv.gov/HIT.htm>) and linked with the Nevada ARRA Web site (<http://nv.gov/recovery/>)

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## Recommended State Actions



- Prepare state agencies for participation
  - ❖ Coordinating closely with Nevada Medicaid
  - ❖ Key agencies represented on the HIT Task Force
  - ❖ Working with department agencies that are direct service providers regarding EHR adoption, meaningful use and HIE requirements
- Implement privacy and security strategies and reforms
  - ❖ HIT Task Force Report to the Governor recommending initial HIE policy framework – due April 30, 2010
  - ❖ Subcommittee appointed to research the issues and make recommendations to the Task Force and State HIT Coordinator
- Determine the Health Information Organization (HIO) Operational and Business Model
  - ❖ HIT Task Force has reviewed various models and options
  - ❖ Subcommittee appointed to research the issues and make recommendations to the Task Force and State HIT Coordinator

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## Recommended State Actions



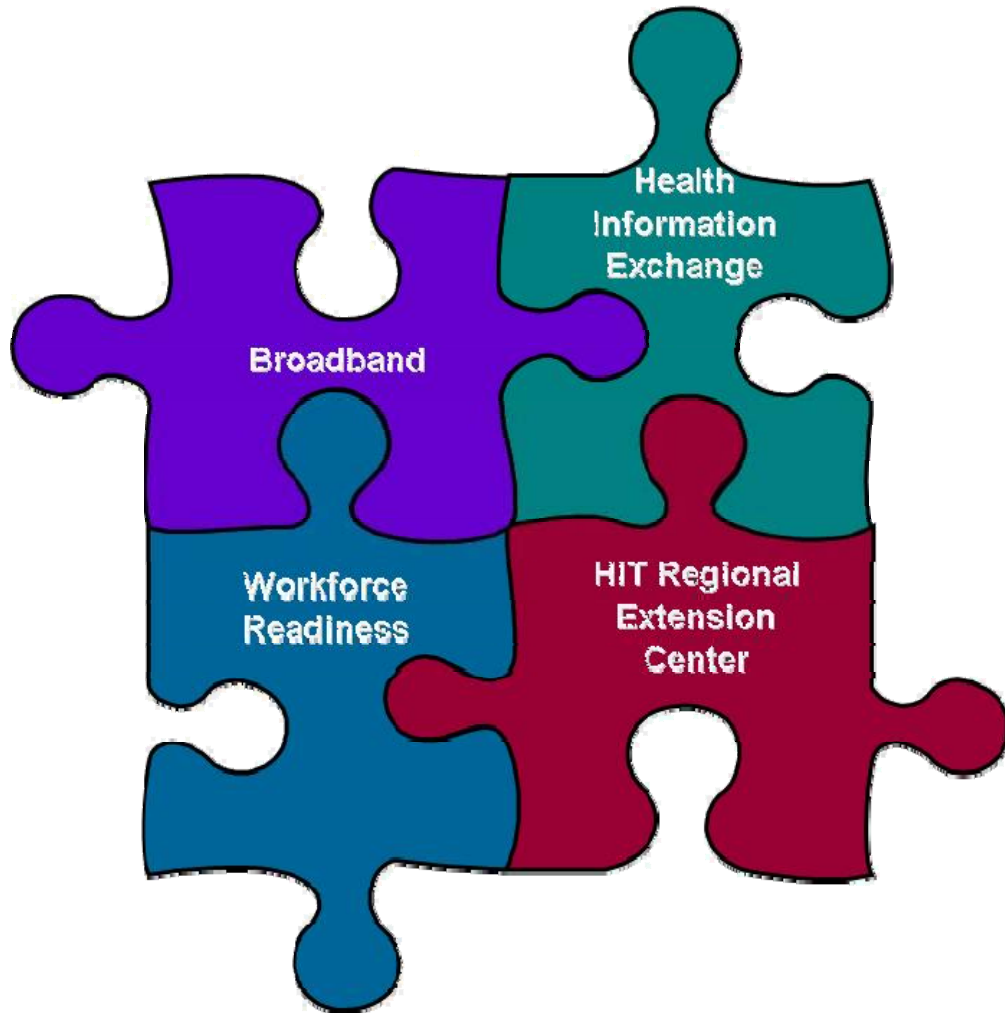
- Create a communications strategy
  - ❖ Initial strategy – inform and engage primary stakeholders through the Task Force meetings, DHHS HIT Web site, and informal discussions
  - ❖ Comprehensive HIE communications strategy will be developed as part of the planning process and based on:
    - Marketing communications best practices
    - Results of the environmental scan and legal inventory
    - Identification of key messages and value propositions
    - Determination of governance structure
  - ❖ Communications strategies to be detailed in the HIT Strategic Plan, with the tactical components described in the HIE Operational Plan
- Establish opportunities for HIT training and education, i.e., workforce readiness, training and development
  - ❖ Nevada REC and Nevada System of Higher Education represented on HIT Task Force
  - ❖ Three-way coordination with Nevada REC and Nevada Medicaid
  - ❖ Subcommittee appointed to research the issues and make recommendations to the Task Force and State HIT Coordinator



# Nevada's State HIE Cooperative Agreement

- ONC NOA for \$6,133,426
- Funds 3 new state positions and State HIT Coordinator
- Oversight: HIT Task Force, State ARRA Director and Legislative Finance Subcommittee
- Phase 1: Development of HIT Strategic and Operational Plans (Nevada is starting at square one)
- Phase 2: Establishment of basic HIE infrastructure (existing assets/investments to be leveraged as much as possible)
- Environmental Scan anticipated to begin May 1, contingent on various required federal and state funding approvals
- Challenges
  - ❖ Current and projected state economic situation
  - ❖ Nevada Legislature meets every two years, impacting timely resolution of legal and policy issues
  - ❖ Deadlines, terms and conditions not aligned with Medicaid HIE activities or state processes and procedures
  - ❖ Required state approvals for grant spending authority, contracts, personnel recruitments, etc.
  - ❖ State terrain (most mountainous state), impacting connectivity for HIE

# Health Information Technology



Statewide HIT success will be measured by how well it is implemented, and the impact it has on improving the quality, safety and efficiency of health care to Nevadans



# HIT/HIE for Nevada

- **Broadband**

- ❖ Nevada Broadband Task Force – 12 members appointed by Governor Gibbons; no sunset; follows Open Meeting Law; collaborating with HIT Task Force and State HIT Coordinator
- ❖ Various private and public sector applications submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> funding round of the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP); lack of broadband infrastructure in rural areas is a concern for achieving meaningful use and HIE
- ❖ Various private and public sector applications submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> funding round of the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP), to expand statewide broadband infrastructure, establish public computer centers, and support HIE

- **HIE**

- ❖ Nevada HIT Blue Ribbon Task Force – sunsets June 30, 2011, unless extended by Executive Order; follows Open Meeting Law; collaborating with Broadband Task Force and State HIT Coordinator; coordinating with REC and University System
- ❖ Office of HIT, DHHS – designated lead agency by the Governor
- ❖ Major northern Nevada health care system has applied for a Beacon grant
- ❖ Cash match will be a challenge, given state's economic situation; Task Force subcommittee to assist with stakeholder outreach

# Nevada HIT Blue Ribbon Task Force



- 20-member Task Force established by the Governor Gibbon's Executive Order (September 2009)
- Members appointed by the Governor and represent a diverse group of HIT stakeholders (e.g., health care systems and providers, insurance and payers, Medicaid, public health, medical records, legal, REC, pharmacy, Nevada System for Higher Education and consumers)
- Meet in accordance with Open Meeting Law, and **all meeting agendas, minutes and materials** are posted on the DHHS HIT Web site: <http://dhhs.nv.gov/Hit.htm> (**meeting schedule and membership list also posted**)
- Subcommittees appointed to assist with planning process, based on the five domains
- State ARRA Director or staff attend HIT Task Force meetings
- Has met 5 times since being formed and bylaws were adopted during the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting; next meeting on May 7, 2010
- First report due to the Governor on April 30, 2010, outlining policy recommendations



# HIT/HIE for Nevada

- **HIT Regional Extension Centers (RECs)**

- ❖ Nevada-Utah Quality Improvement Organization is also the REC
- ❖ Coordinating efforts with Nevada Medicaid and State HIT Coordinator
- ❖ Represented on HIT Task Force and relevant Subcommittees

- **Workforce Readiness**

- ❖ Nevada System of Higher Education is leading these efforts and represented on HIT Task Force and relevant Subcommittees
  - Community College System participating in regional application for Community College Consortia program
  - College of Business providing economic and business development expertise
- ❖ REC, Nevada Medicaid and State HIT Coordinator collaboration is ongoing



# Nevada HIT/HIE Next Steps

- Environmental Scan
- Legal Inventory
- Policy and Legal Framework
- Decide Governance Structure
- Determine Privacy and Security Requirements
- State HIT Strategic Plan
- State HIE Operational Plan
- Finalize Cash Match Sources