



Health IT Advisory
Committee

Health Equity by Design (HEBD) Task Force 2024

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Call to Order/Roll Call

Seth Pazinski, Designated Federal Officer, ASTP

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Opening Remarks

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Agenda

- 1:30 PM** **Call to Order/Roll Call**
- Seth Pazinski, Designated Federal Officer, ASTP
- 1:35 PM** **Opening Remarks**
- Hannah Galvin, Task Force Co-Chair
 - Hung Luu, Task Force Co-Chair
- 1:40 PM** **HEBD Principles, Considerations, and Challenges**
- Hannah Galvin, Task Force Co-Chair
 - Hung Luu, Task Force Co-Chair
- 1:45 PM** **Task Force Worksheet**
- Hannah Galvin, Task Force Co-Chair
 - Hung Luu, Task Force Co-Chair
- 2:45 PM** **Public Comment**
- Seth Pazinski, Designated Federal Officer, ASTP
- 2:55 PM** **Next Steps**
- Hannah Galvin, Task Force Co-Chair
 - Hung Luu, Task Force Co-Chair
- 3:00 PM** **Adjourn**

HEBD Task Force Charge

Incorporating HEBD Principles in Health IT

Provide ASTP with recommendations on promising practices, challenges, and resources to support health and human services organizations to incorporate HEBD principles into the design, build, implementation, use, and monitoring of health IT

- The recommendations should include:
 - Considerations that health and human services organizations can use to include HEBD in health IT
 - Recommendations for ASTP on potential next steps to advance the implementation of HEBD principles in the design, build, implementation, use and monitoring of health IT

- **Recommendations Due: May 2025**

HEBD Principles, Considerations, and Challenges

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What Components should be included in our HEBD Framework?

Identifying the key pieces that will organize our work:

- High-level Goals / Aims
- Common Principles
- Terminology
- Actions Involved / Considerations

Example Consideration Themes

- Involvement of Interested Parties, Community Members, Staff, and Patients
- Governance and leadership
- Policy and Legal Compliance
- Feasibility and Sustainability
- Infrastructure and Workflow
- Privacy/Security (HIPAA/non-HIPAA covered entities)
- HEBD Awareness and Training
- Monitoring, Reporting, and Analytics

Discussion Questions

1. What are current challenges?
2. What are the impact/consequences of current challenges?
3. What are some real-world examples of solution archetypes to these challenges?
4. What are some novel solutions for challenges that do not currently have solutions?
5. What are recommendations for next steps?

What principles should guide our work?

Examples / Ideas

- Center Those We Are Serving
- Improve Personal Health Outcomes
- Advance Population Health Equity and Justice
- Ensuring Personal Control
- Design Inclusive Solutions
- Ensure Accountability
- Mitigate Bias and Discrimination in Health Technologies
- Prevent, Reduce, and Remediate Harm

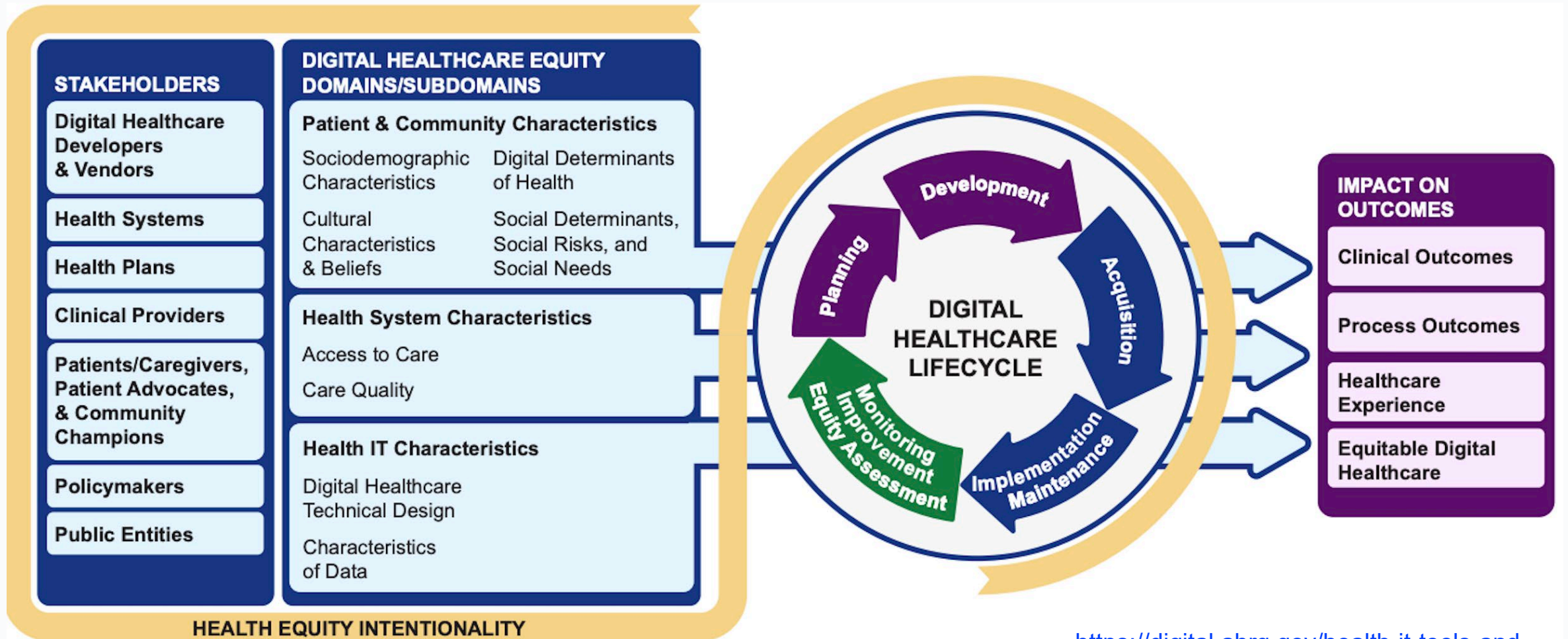


Task Force Worksheet Discussion

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AHRQ Resource: “A Practical Guide for Implementing the Digital Healthcare Equity Framework”



From AHRQ Resource: “A Practical Guide for Implementing the Digital Healthcare Equity Framework”

Key Principles

Six key principles guided development of the framework:

1. Ensure digital healthcare solutions that involve digital technologies ameliorate, not exacerbate, inequities.
2. Represent equity through person-centeredness.
3. Encourage inclusivity and participatory creation of digital healthcare solutions.
4. Support effective implementation in diverse settings.
5. Ensure specific attention to policy/regulatory relevance or impact of the proposed solutions.
6. Focus on impact and outcomes for patients, health systems, and communities.

Key Aims

An intentional approach to considering equity throughout the digital healthcare lifecycle aims to promote improvement in

- **Clinical outcomes** such as mortality, morbidity, and health/quality of life
- **Process outcomes** such as care continuity, care coordination, and care quality
- **Healthcare experiences** such as patient satisfaction/engagement and provider satisfaction/engagement

It also seeks to achieve equitable access to and equity in the quality of healthcare solutions involving digital technologies.

Environmental Scan

Environmental Scan to Determine the Current State of Existing, Related Frameworks and Best Practices for Creating Equitable Healthcare Solutions Involving Digital Technologies

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Public Comment

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Next Steps

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Meeting Adjourned