Health Equity by Design (HEBD) Task Force 2024

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November 20, 2024

Call to Order/Roll Call

Seth Pazinski, Designated Federal Officer, ASTP

Health Equity by Design Task Force 2024 Roster

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Hannah Galvin* (Co-Chair)	**Cambridge Health Alliance**	Susan M. Jenkins	HHS Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)
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Opening Remarks

Hannah Galvin, Task Force Co-Chair

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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 Charge and Background**
- Tom Mason, Chief Medical Officer, ASTP

1:50 PM **Task Force Discussion**
- Hannah Galvin, Task Force Co-Chair
- Hung Luu, Task Force Co-Chair

2:10 PM **Proposed Components for Task Force Recommendation**
- Hannah Galvin, Task Force Co-Chair
- Hung Luu, Task Force Co-Chair

2:20 PM **Task Force Discussion**
- Hannah Galvin, Task Force Co-Chair
- Hung Luu, Task Force Co-Chair

2:50 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**

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HEBD Charge and Background

Tom Mason, Chief Medical Officer, ASTP

ASTP Activities to Impacts

ASTP is at the forefront of the federal government's efforts to support the entire health system with the use of health IT and the promotion of nationwide, standards-based health information exchange.
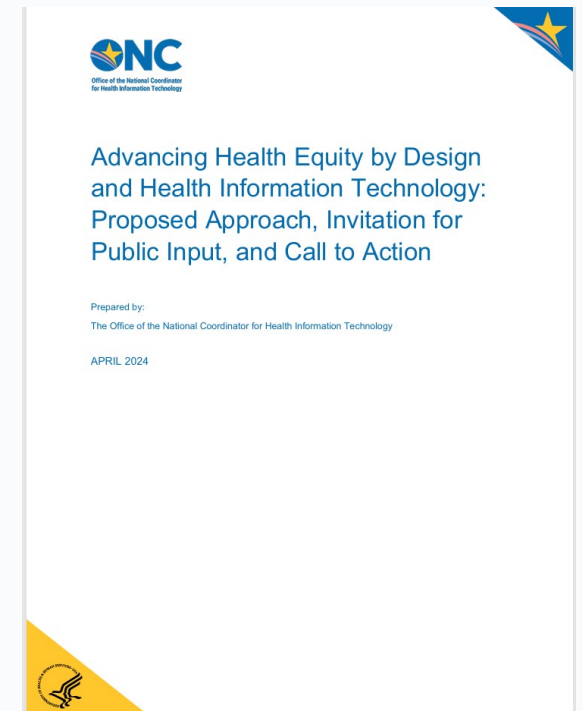
Vision: Better health enabled by data

Mission: To create systemic improvements in health and care through the access, exchange, and use of data

ASTP Concept Paper:
Advancing Health Equity by Design and Health Information Technology: Proposed Approach, Invitation for Public Input, and Call to Action

(April 2024)

1. Health IT, its workflows, and accompanying policies are focused on helping eliminate disparities in health and care access and contribute to equitable health outcomes

2. Health IT systems are designed to identify and quantify disparities and can be utilized to target "upstream" causes to prevent avoidable "downstream" healthcare conditions such as an advanced disease state or episodic health crisis

3. Federal authorities related to interoperability, healthcare data standards, certification requirements for health IT, and health IT coordination improve health equity consistent with this approach

ONC
Office of the National Coordinator
for Health Information Technology

Advancing Health Equity by Design
and Health Information Technology:
Proposed Approach, Invitation for
Public Input, and Call to Action

Prepared by:
The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

APRIL 2024

https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/2024-04/ONC-HEBD-Concept-Paper_508.pdf

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Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC)

What is the HITAC?

The Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) was established in the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) and is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

What does the HITAC do?

The HITAC recommends to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology policies, standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria. HITAC has six target areas as defined in the Cures Act: Use of Artificial Intelligence that Improves Health and Health Care, Design and Use of Technologies that Advance Health Equity, Use of Technologies that Support Public Health, Interoperability, Privacy and Security, and Patient Access to Information.

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

Health and Human Services Organizations (Examples)

- Hospitals, clinics, health centers, provider networks, and other health care delivery entities
- Human services providers
- Community-based organizations (CBOs) and CBO networks
- Payers
- Patient organizations
- Government agencies, including federal, state, local, and tribal
- IT platform developers and managers
- Health information exchanges (HIEs)
- Other health and human services entities

*Examples – list is not comprehensive or exhaustive

Informational Resource Example: ASTP Health IT Playbook

https://www.healthit.gov/playbook/

Task Force Discussion

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Clarifying Points from the HEBD TF Co-Chairs

- Considerations that health and human services organizations can use to include HEBD in health IT
  - Focus on healthcare delivery organizations that use standards-based health IT, specifically hospitals, clinics, human services COB's (and actors with which they exchange data).
  - Focus on data as a foundational to these considerations; specifically:
    a) HEBD approaches to the capture, use, harmonization, and exchange of health data and
    b) Which types of data should be leverages by health and human services organizations to better promote health equity
  - Highlight existing small-scale implementations for potential expansion

- 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
  - These recommendations can be focused on the future and going forward
  - Recommendations can relate to coordination, policy, standards, etc.
  - Recommendations can relate both to data strategy as well as wider-scale technology strategy

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Example Components of an Informational Resource for Health Organizations

- Summary/Purpose of the Resource
  - Objectives
  - Audience
  - Limitations

- Background

- Explanation of Framework/Themes (or how information is organized)

- Information Organized by Themes
  - Overview
  - Challenges/Opportunities
  - Considerations
  - Resources

- Conclusion

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Proposed Components for Task Force Recommendation

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What Components should be included in our HEBD Framework?

Identifying the key pieces that will organize our work:

- TF Charge, Goals, Aims

- Guiding Principles

- Themes

- Considerations

Environmental Scan and Digital Healthcare Equity Framework

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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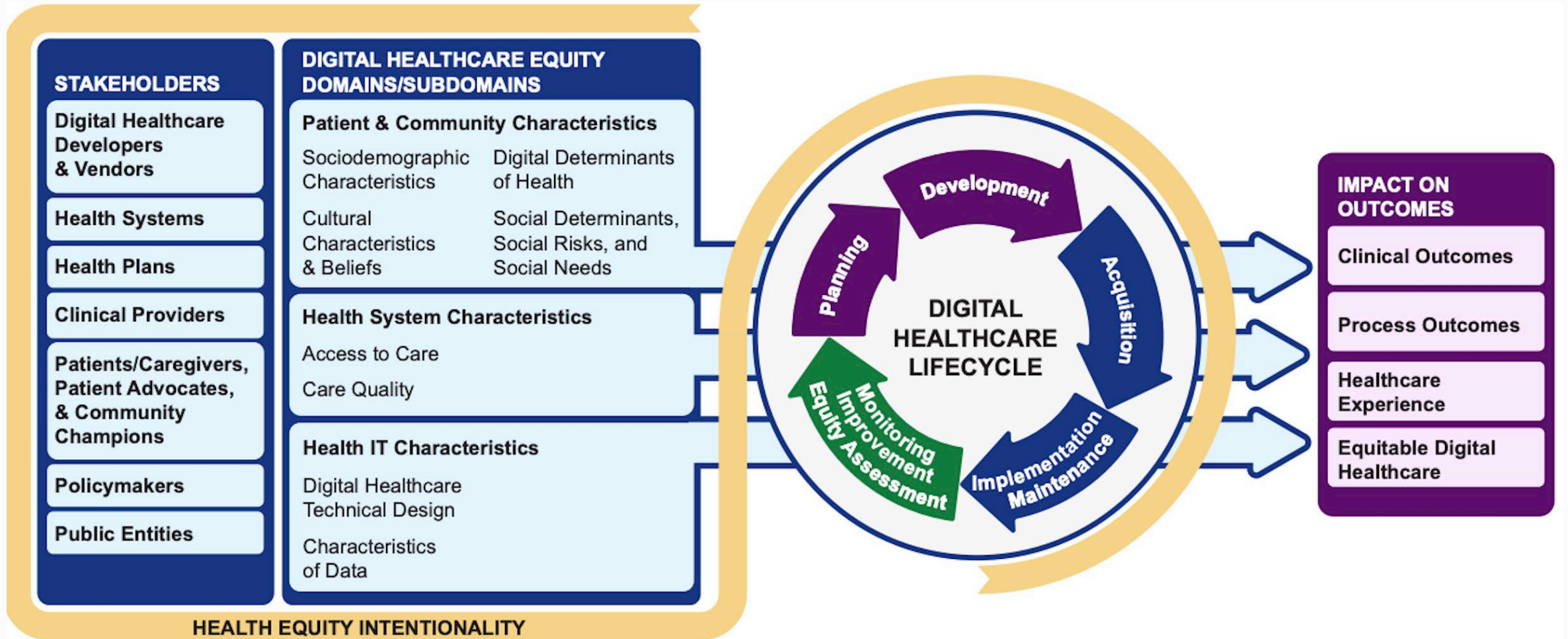
AHRQ Publication No. 23-0028
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Evidence- and Consensus-Based **Digital Healthcare Equity Framework**

AHRQ — Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

https://digital.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/citation/digital-health-equity-framework-task1-report.pdf

https://digital.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/citation/health-equity-framework.pdf

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

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Public Comment

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Public Comment

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*(Once called upon, press "*6" to mute/unmute your line)*

All public comments will be limited to three minutes

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Written comments will not be read at this time,
but they will be delivered to members of the Task Force and made part of the public record

Next Steps

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Meeting Schedule for the Full HITAC

HITAC Meeting Date	Task Force Update
02/13/2025	Present HEBD Task Force updates to HITAC
03/20/2025	Present HEBD Task Force updates to HITAC
04/10/2025	Review draft HEBD Task Force recommendations
05/08/2025	HITAC vote on final HEBD Task Force recommendations

Meeting Adjourned