

Purpose:	The Sustainability Workgroup will define and recommend financial sustainability plans to support health information exchange activities throughout the state, beyond the initial start up funding.
Meeting Schedule:	The Sustainability Workgroup will meet on Friday afternoons from 12:00 to 1:30 pm CDT on a weekly basis. Meeting frequency is subject to change based on need.
Scope and Boundaries:	The Sustainability Workgroup will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a business plan based on a revenue stream wherein the private and public sectors pay for value resulting from exchange of health information, • Assess the options for startup and ongoing funding for health information exchange, • Work within the State’s defined priorities for addressing technical needs for providers throughout the state to exchange health information electronically. The State will provide guidance on priorities and support to enable exchange capabilities for providers in different locations (e.g. rural, urban, suburban), as well as those serving “vulnerable and underserved”¹ populations.
Objectives and Goals:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a model for business and financial sustainability that includes governance details to support secure exchange of health information within the state and across state boundaries, • Develop a business plan for HIP TN sustainability supporting statewide HIE, • Support the State Plan (Strategic Plan and Operations Plans for statewide HIE), • Support the HIP TN RFP process to define and address the business requirements of infrastructure and services provided under contract to HIP TN.
Measures of Success:	The Sustainability Workgroup will be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that Health Information Exchange is supported statewide, as well as across state boundaries, • Focusing on the patient’s perspective, • Final analysis must take place that lends itself to evaluation by the private and public sectors including serviceability, functionality and ROI, • The creation of a validated sustainable business plan for HIP TN.
Deliverables:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable business model for HIP TN, regional exchanges, and overall statewide HIE.

¹ “Vulnerable” denotes high risk for healthcare problems. “Underserved” denotes populations that receive fewer healthcare services than required for actual or potential healthcare problems – JAMIA
Medically Underserved populations are those with economic barriers or cultural or linguistic access barriers to primary medical services – HRSA
There is considerable overlap between Vulnerable and Underserved but an individual may be vulnerable and not yet underserved – JAMIA
Source: <http://jamia.bmj.com/content/11/6/448.full.pdf>



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<p>Constraints:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance the requirements of the ONC Cooperative Agreement with HIP TN business model, • The definition of meaningful use and the implementation stages, • State Strategic Plan and State Operational Plan for HIE within and across state boundaries, • Limited funding for the HIP TN initiative will be milestone-based as outlined in the Cooperative Agreement, • 501(c)(3) status may limit or constrain some opportunities for revenue generation.
<p>Other related projects/initiatives that the Sustainability Workgroup needs to coordinate with:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Planning initiatives that include TennCare Plans, eHealth plans for statewide HIE (Strategic Plan and Operations Plan), State Health Plan, Department of Health, Department of Mental Health, Department of Corrections, others as defined and approved by Sustainability Workgroup, • Regional Extension Centers, • Other workgroups, including those led and supported by HIP TN (e.g. P&S, Clinical, Technology and Consumer).