

<p>Purpose:</p>	<p>The Technology Workgroup will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with existing efforts at the state and local level to define, recommend and support technical infrastructure, consistent with nationally recognized standards, which helps meet the goals set out in State’s Cooperative Agreement with ONC, • Participate in state level planning processes for the purpose of enabling exchange of health information throughout the state, • Provide input on technology investments and implementations that will support exchange of health information both throughout the state, as well as across state boundaries, • Consider at all times the patient’s perspective in providing the exchange of information to ultimately improve patient care, • Identify and disseminate best practices at the national, state and regional levels.
<p>Meeting Schedule:</p>	<p>The Technology Workgroup will meet weekly. Meeting frequency is subject to change based on need.</p>
<p>Scope and Boundaries:</p>	<p>The Technology Workgroup will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, • Ensure that the Meaningful Use requirements for Eligible Providers and Eligible Hospitals serve as the foundation for the set of core services that will be developed and supported to enable exchange of information within the state and across state boundaries, • Work within the scope of the State’s Cooperative Agreement with ONC, as well as the State Strategic and Operational Plans for statewide HIE, • Work with other HIP TN workgroups to ensure that technology requirements are in line with federal and state policies and standards, and then facilitate the RFP and vendor selection process to enable 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>

<p>Objectives and Goals:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a technical infrastructure plan that is consistent with nationally-recognized standards, while maintaining practicality and cost effectiveness, • Develop a plan that will document services to be delivered in the short-, medium-, and long-term based on priority, • Support the State Plan (Strategic Plan and Operations Plans for statewide HIE), • Lead the RFP/vendor selection processes undertaken by HIP TN, • Define and manage the timeline for implementation related to technical development and services contracted by the organization, • Recommend products and refine technical processes as part of an ongoing evaluation of technical capabilities.
<p>Measures of Success:</p>	<p>The Technology Workgroup will be responsible for ensuring that each vendor's product is evaluated against the requirements in the procurement process and that each selected vendor attests that their product can successfully meet the requirements.</p>
<p>Deliverables:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and manage the deliverable timeline, • Contribute to the Operational Plan for statewide HIE that identifies technical requirements, policies, and scope of services that support statewide Health Information Exchange, as well as the exchange of health information across state boundaries, as needed to support delivery of care, • RFP outlining technical requirements, policies, scope of services, and budget constraints that is delivered to potential vendors, • Vendor recommendations based upon RFP responses and workgroups' evaluation, • Development of a baseline implementation timeline.
<p>Constraints:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited time availability of workgroup members, • Balance goals with ONC Cooperative Agreement requirements, • 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, • Consideration of requirements for state matching funds.
<p>Other related projects/initiatives that the Technology 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 Technology Workgroup, • Meaningful Use requirements, • Consider HIE technology developments across state boundaries, • Other workgroups, including those led and supported by HIP TN (e.g. P&S, Clinical, Sustainability and Consumer), • Broadband Activities as a result of ARRA Grants.