



DC Health Information Exchange Policy Board: 2022 Call for New Members

In 2012, the District of Columbia Mayor's Order (2016-035) established the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Policy Board to advise on the enhancement and sustainability of secure, protected exchange of health information among health providers and other authorized entities in the District. The Mayor's Order appointed the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), the District's Medicaid agency, to administer the DC HIE Policy Board.

The DC Health Information Exchange Policy Board is seeking new members! The following is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document providing further information on eligibility for the open seats, as well as on Board activities, membership, and meetings.

WHICH SEATS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DC HIE POLICY BOARD?

There are currently three (3) seats available for the public on the DC HIE Policy Board. These include one (1) seat specifically for a healthcare provider. **Some backgrounds of interest to the Board include behavioral health, oral health, pharmacy, community building, and patient/healthcare consumer advocacy, among others.**

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN THE BOARD?

- ✓ Be a DC resident
- ✓ Be eligible for an open membership seat
- ✓ Commit to a 3-year term and attendance at meetings
- ✓ Interest and experience in Health Information Exchange/Digital Health
- ✓ Interest in serving in at least one of the Board's four subcommittees (e.g., HIE Operations, Compliance and Efficiency; Policy; Stakeholder Engagement; and Community Resource Inventory)

WHAT DOES THE BOARD DO?

The DC HIE Policy Board advises and makes recommendations on key and timely issues related to the secure access and exchange of health information with the goal of promoting health equity, enhancing care quality, and improving outcomes for health care consumers in the District of Columbia.

The Board enlists the help of subcommittees, consisting of Board members and public stakeholders, to advise the Board on recommendations governing HIE in the District. The subcommittees are briefly described below:

- **Policy Subcommittee:** Provides recommendations on the development of policies for the broad implementation and sustainability of secure, protected health information exchange.
- **HIE Operations, Compliance, and Efficiency (OCE) Subcommittee:** Advises, monitors, and improves the community standards for HIE operations in the District to reflect best practices and ensure consistent operations within the DC HIE.
- **Stakeholder Engagement Subcommittee:** Gains and maintains stakeholder engagement for long-term operational and financial sustainability of health information exchange in the District; provides recommendations to the HIE Policy Board on strategies to promote the value of HIE through discussions and forums with identified stakeholders.

- **Community Resource Inventory (CRI) Subcommittee:** Develops recommendations for consideration by the HIE Policy Board that are related to the use, exchange, sustainability, and governance of community resource directory data through the District HIE infrastructure; the mission is to build the capacity of HIE stakeholders to share, find and use information about resources available to address health related social needs and improve health equity.

WHAT IS THE BOARD MEMBERSHIP?

The Board is composed of twenty-two (22) members who are appointed by the Mayor. The memberships consist of fifteen (15) public members who are voting members, six (6) district government employees (ex officio) voting members, and one (1) ex officio non-voting member.

- **Public Membership:** One (1) representative from each of the four (4) professional organizations (DC Primary Care Association, Medical Society of DC, DC Nurses Association, DC Hospital Association), one (1) representative from a health plan/payer, four (4) representatives from a non-provider/advocacy organization, five (5) health care providers or representatives from provider organizations, and one (1) representative with health IT experience.
- **District Government Membership:** Two (2) employees of the Department of Health Care Finance, one (1) employee from each of the four (4) DC government agencies (Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, and Department of Behavioral Health), and one (1) employee of the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services who is a non-voting member of the Board.

WHEN ARE THE BOARD MEETINGS?

The Board holds quarterly, two-hour, public meetings and periodic special sessions to discuss priority issues. The subcommittees each meet on a monthly basis.

HOW DO I APPLY?

If you are interested in applying for the HIE Policy Board, please contact Connor Ratchford, Digital Health Policy Analyst, at connor.ratchford@dc.gov by Friday March 18, 2022.

For more information about the HIE Policy board, please visit our website at <https://dhcf.dc.gov/page/hie-policy-board>