



**State of New Jersey**

**NJ HIT Commission**

**Chair's Reflections and Direction**

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# **NJ HIT Commission – 2011 – Moving Forward**

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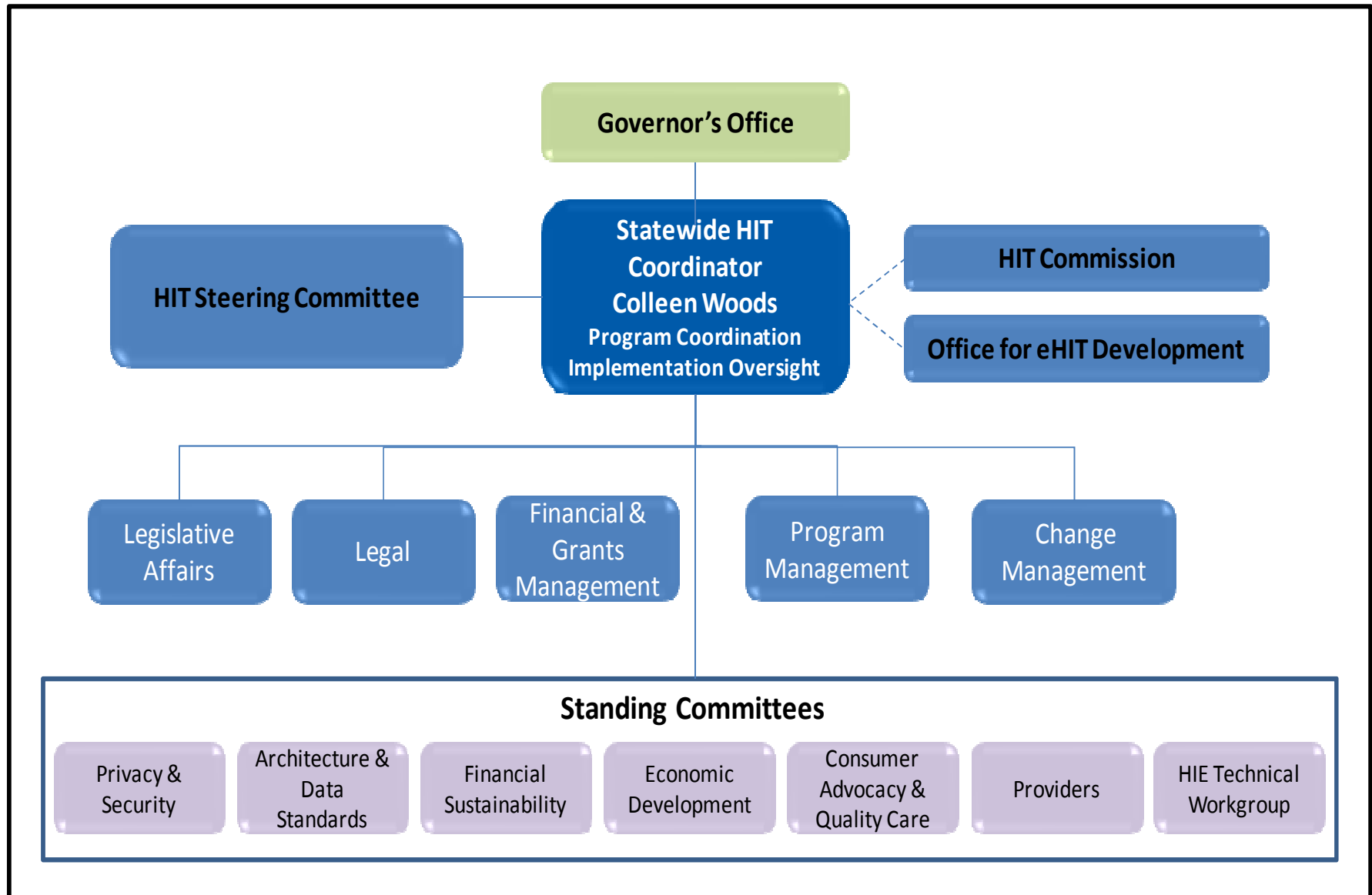
## **What is the role and scope of the NJ HIT Commission in light of . . .**

- The role of the Office of Statewide HIT Coordinator (OHITC), created a few months ago.
- Progress and vision, to date, for the NJ Health Information Network (NJHIN) and other OHITC initiatives
- Changes in federal laws and regulations vis-à-vis HIT
- The realities of time and volunteerism
- Intent of the original HIT Commission statute

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## NJ HIT Program Governance

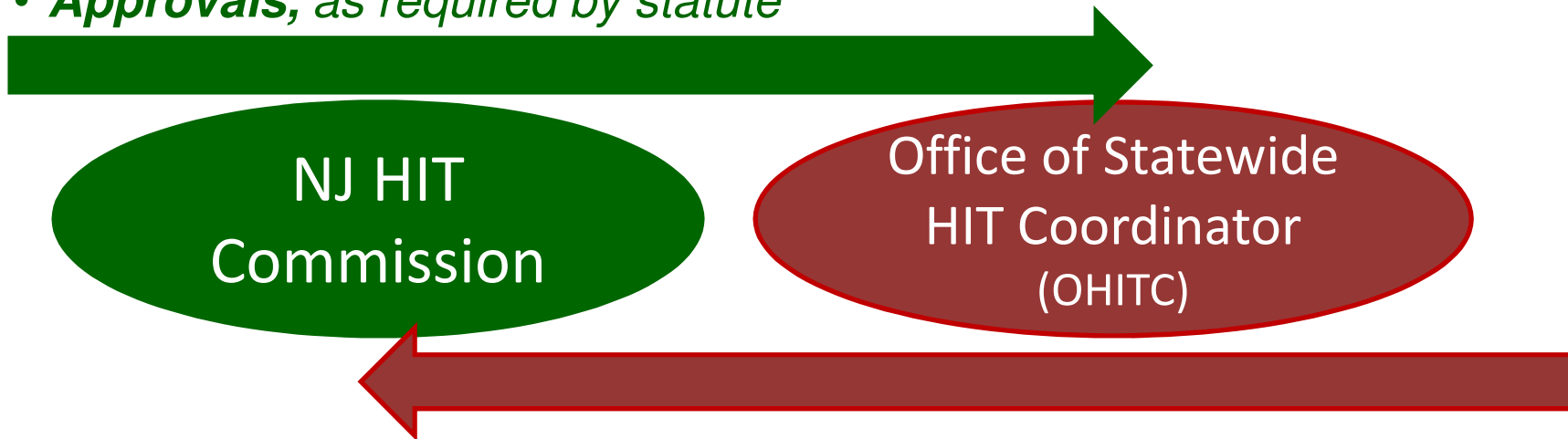


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## Working together: HIT Commission & OHITC

- Recommend **strategic direction** to OHITC, within the Governor's office, for HIT matters
- Provide **advice & recommendations** for operational design & implementation of various HIT initiatives, including prioritization
- Conduit for **voices of the constituencies** of the HIT Commission
- **Approvals**, as required by statute

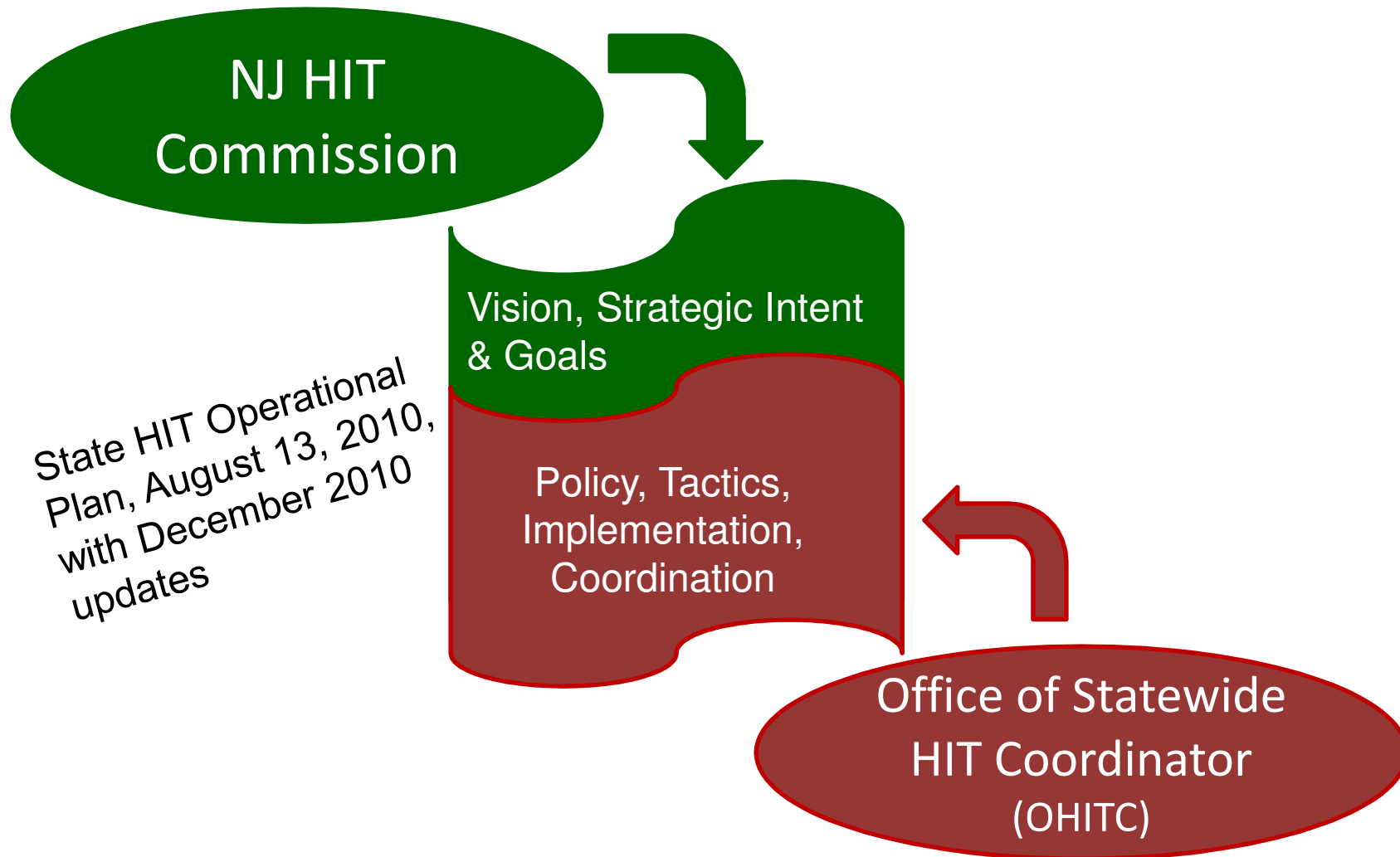


- **Develop and adopt policy for State HIT Program**
- **Requests for input** into the operational design & implementation for various HIT initiatives, as outlined in the "State HIT Operational Plan"
- **Coordinate and facilitate** the implementation of the Plan
- **Makes requests for approval**, as required by statute

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**The State HIT Operational Plan, as amended from time-to-time, documents the scope of NJ's HIT Program, including strategy and tactics**



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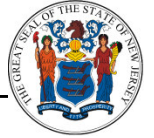
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**Given the Commission's role, what is its agenda in the months ahead:**

- 1. Address requests for input, volunteer assistance, approval, etc.,** from the Office of Statewide HIT Coordinator
- 2. Conduct dialogue** with our constituencies
- 3. Monitor & provide feedback** on progress-to-date on the State HIT Operational Plan ("HIT Plan")
- 4. Remain knowledgeable** of the evolving Federal and State policy, legislative and regulatory landscape
- 5. Highly Desirable: Volunteer for committee-work** on various OHITC committees or special projects (security, technology, communications, etc.)

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**1. Address requests for input, volunteer assistance, approval, etc., from the Office of the HIT Coordinator**

- Such requests will be posted to the Commission's monthly meeting agenda
- Background materials to be sent by email approximately 10 days in advance.

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## 2. **Conduct dialogue** with our constituencies

- Each HIT Commission Member represents his or her
  - **Personal opinion** – influenced by professional training, experience, education, etc.
  - **Formal “office,”** e.g., DHSS, DHS, DOBI, etc.
  - **Peer or industry group,** e.g., physicians, pharmacists, nurses, IT professionals, hospitals, health insurance payers, etc.
  - **General public**
  - Others?
- **Discussion topic:** How will we *each* dialogue with our constituencies to gain their input into and support of HIT initiatives?

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## **3. Monitor & provide feedback** on progress-to-date on the State HIT Operational Plan (“HIT Plan”)

- **HIT Plan Scorecard** to be created and maintained by the Statewide HIT Coordinator and Executive Director-HIT Commission. Scope to include:
  - Status on HIT Plan’s **major milestones**
  - Status on NJ HIT Program’s **Vision Statements** (listed in HIT Plan)
  - Status on **“Strategic Intentions”** (listed in HIT Plan)
- Monthly Review of OHITC **Committee Reports**

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**4. Remain knowledgeable** of the evolving Federal and State policy, legislative and regulatory landscape

- The Commission's Executive Director and the Office of the Statewide HIT Coordinator will collaborate to create a **Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Scorecard** that
  - Briefly outlines the significant HIT-related policies, laws and regulations and a related itemized impact statement vis-à-vis the scope of the HIT Operational Plan
  - Review of this Scorecard will be a standing agenda item

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**5. Highly Desirable: Volunteer for committee-work and special projects** on various OHITC committees (security, technology, communications, etc.)

- The OHITC committees and projects are where tactical work occurs.....these are “working committees”
- Several of us already volunteer on such committees...thank you!
- It is not a conflict-of-interest to serve on both the Commission and on OHITC committees.
- Needed now: A committee chair for the Architecture & Data Standards Committee

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## Next Steps & February agenda items:

- Please read the **State HIT Operational Plan** in preparation for a review of the first draft of the **HIT Plan Scorecard**
  - Creation of Metrics/Goals/Desired Outcomes for each item. *30 minutes will be allotted.*
- Please read the two **OHITC Committee Reports** (Privacy & Security and HIE Definition). *20 minutes to be allotted.*
- Review the first draft of the **Policy, Legislative and Regulatory Scorecard** *10 minutes will be allotted.*
- Approach - **dialogue with constituencies** *20 minutes*
- Promoting **e-prescribing** *10 minutes*
- Vision of the **Innovation Center** *10 minutes*

# Administrative (Housekeeping) Items

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## Items to address:

- Regular meeting time:
  - Continue 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month?
  - Availability of teleconferencing/webinar
- Use of e-mail communication
- HIT Commission budget – Fiscal Year 2011
- HIT Commission Committees (per the Bylaws)
  - Executive Committee – optional
  - Bylaws Committee – needs to meet for annual review of Bylaws
  - Other Committees – now managed by the Office of Statewide HIT Coordinator