



AHIC Transition Update To The NCVHS

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Initiating the Transition

- January, 2008, Secretary Michael O. Leavitt announced an effort to design and establish AHIC 2.0 as a public-private partnership to succeed the initial federal advisory committee.
- Funds of up to \$13 million are being awarded over a two-year period, with the initial two phases completed by late 2008.

AHIC Successor Planning Groups

- A team of LMI Consulting and the Brookings Institution led the first phase
 - transition process that encompassed four planning groups
 - *Governance*
 - *Sustainability*
 - *Membership*
 - *Transition*
 - hundreds of volunteers representing all the stakeholders-including consumers.

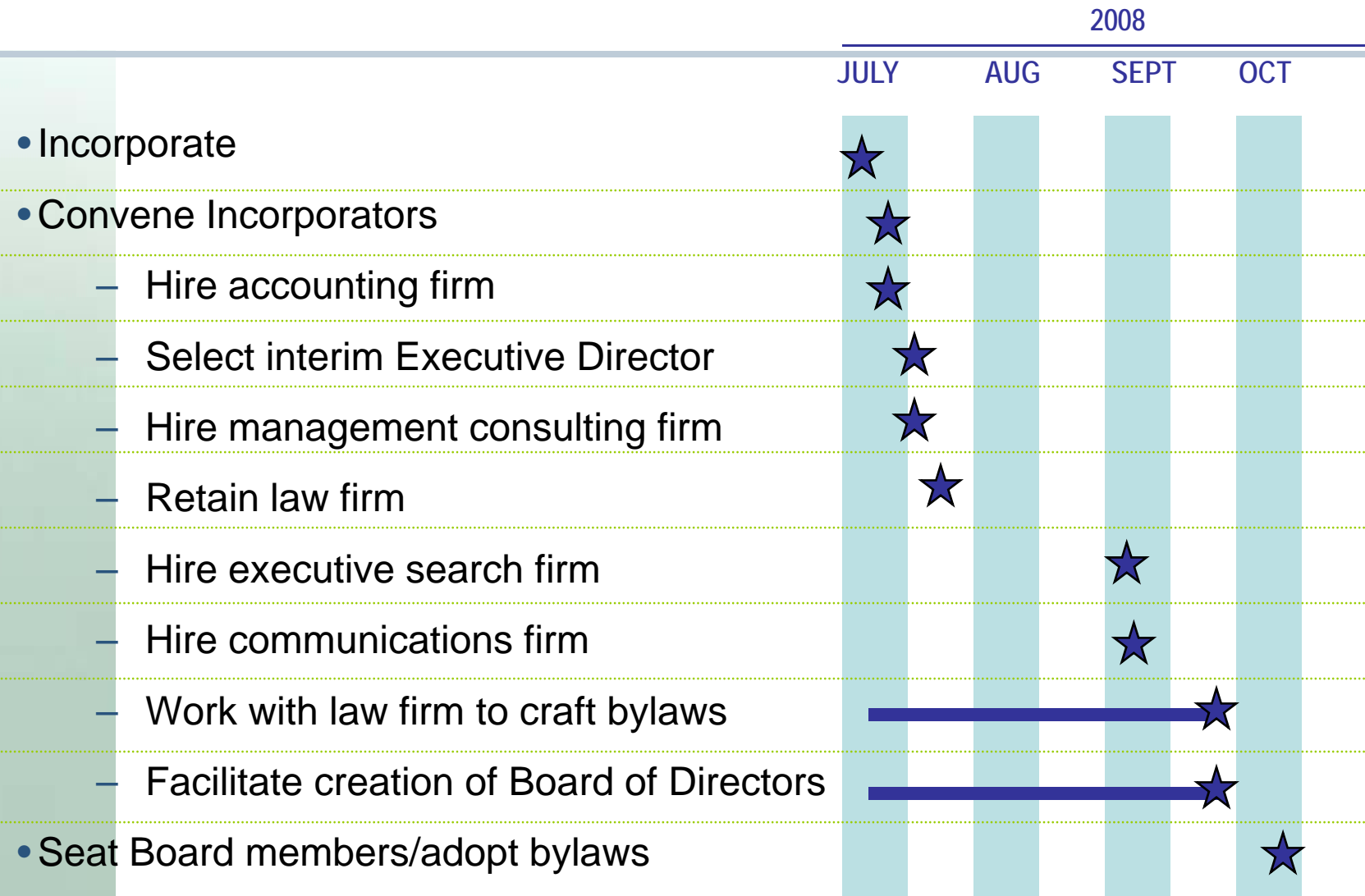
AHIC Successor Purpose

- The AHIC Successor will be an independent, sustainable public-private enterprise that brings together the best of the public, non-profit and private sectors into a trusted, purpose driven organization for the creation and use of a secure interoperable nationwide health information system.
- Its vision is to realize interoperability that engages individuals, providers, institutions and other stakeholders in a patient-centered learning health care system that supports continuously improving health care quality, safety, efficiency and accessibility.
- The AHIC Successor's primary purpose is, through achievement of its vision, to improve and maintain the health and well-being of all individuals and communities in the United States.

AHIC Successor Scope

- Accelerate the adoption of interoperable health IT by ensuring the availability of harmonized, coordinated, up-to-date standards and rigorous conformance testing through certification.
- Prioritize stakeholder requirements for health IT interoperability.
- Advance health information policies and technical approaches that promote AHIC Successor's vision and purpose and protect confidentiality, privacy, and security, consistent with the policies established by HHS and applicable federal and state laws.
- Oversee and facilitate the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN – a network-of-networks).

First operational steps



AHIC Successor, Inc. Operational Accomplishments

- AHIC Successor, Inc. was incorporated July 17, 2008
- Laura Miller appointed as Interim Executive Director, July 23rd
- AHIC Successor will seat a Board of Directors shortly:
 - Members selected, to be announced at September 23rd AHIC meeting
 - 1st Board meeting scheduled for October 27th .

Membership Plans

- AHIC Successor will complete an integrated membership and communications plan this Fall.
- Member segments include
 - Consumers
 - Employers
 - Government and Public Health
 - Health Care Providers
 - Health Informatics, Research, Academic
 - Health Information Exchanges; Regional/State-Level Public Private Partnerships
 - Health Plans and Other Payers
 - Infrastructure and Standards (Technical)
 - Other Health Entities (Pharma, Labs, Device Manufacturers)
 - Quality
 - Vendors, Consultants (Supply chain)

ONC is developing proposals for transitioning current AHIC Workgroup activities to the AHIC Successor

- The recommendations reflect unfinished or additional activities of the seven workgroups and ad hoc CDS planning group, based on their “broad charges.”
- These recommendations will include:
 - A prioritized list of transition activities for the initial year of ASO operations.
 - A complete list of transition activities including those best taken on by other entities (including Federal Government or a FACA).
- These recommendations may include:
 - Sample organizational model(s) for the AHIC Successor to use to continue advancing these important activities.
 - Sample level of effort (LOE) for the AHIC Successor to consider when setting up their operations to include AHIC Workgroup transition activities.

ONC's Approach

- Focus on transitioning activities, not workgroups per se
- Look for synergies among the recommended activities from existing workgroups
- Look for opportunities to carry over the “intellectual capital,” energy, and engagement of current workgroup participants

AHIC Successor Prioritization: Value Cases

- **A Value Case is the primary artifact of the AHIC Successor process used to prioritize health IT initiatives and syndicate the cost of interoperability**
 - Submitted to AHIC Successor by consortia of industry/government stakeholders
 - Describes an opportunity for information exchange within the context of an interoperability roadmap;
 - Illustrates specific scenarios for interoperability (similar to a use case); and
 - Demonstrates a case for action based technical, business, and societal risk adjusted value
- **Specifically, a Value Case:**
 - Presents the costs, value, and risks of implementing the specific scenario; and
 - Describes potential measures of actual impact on improving care
 - Once recognized, it commits the submitting organization to fund and execute actions necessary to implement the case

Questions?