

# Focus Group: Data Management & Analytics

Topic: Data Sources

04/23/2024

**Indian Health Service**  
Health Information Technology  
Modernization Program



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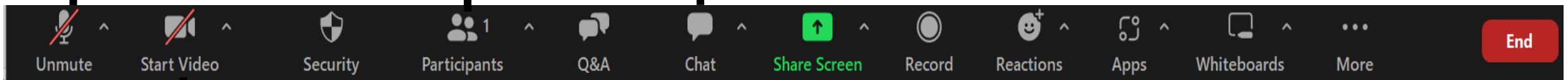
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# Meeting Courtesies

- Participation in the focus group is voluntary and has no term limits
- Be prompt, be prepared, and be ready with constructive feedback
- Share constructive individual feedback via engagement during the meeting
- Communicate with grace and respect for all participants
- Be engaged, listen attentively and actively, share ideas, ask questions, contribute
- It's all right to refrain from discussing specific topics if you are uncomfortable
- All responses are valid—there are no right or wrong answers
- Maintain others' privacy by not discussing details outside the group
- Any topics or ideas not directly related to the current agenda will be 'promptly parked' and revisited at an appropriate time



# Welcome & Introductions

**Eric J. Newland** - *Data Management & Analytics Focus Group Facilitator*

**Charles Cross** - *DHITMO Engineering Branch Chief*

**Vanessa Weaver** - *Dir. Div. of Data Management & Analytics*



# Overview

## Purpose

The Focus Group will help the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to understand the strategies used by other Federal agencies, Tribes, and Urban Indian Organizations to modernize their Health IT capabilities resulting in performance changes in healthcare delivery. The participants from the Focus Groups in the area of Data Management and Analytics will review and suggest strategies on an individual basis that support effective data use, security and privacy controls, and standards.

## Agenda

- Introductions
- Data Ethical Considerations
- Data Analytics and Sources
- Closing Remarks

## Desired Outcomes

- Improve shared understanding among Focus Group Participants
- Capture issues and lessons learned data
- Improve the system and tool to support the patient's and healthcare teams' utilization of a new electronic health record
- Your input is important and provides valuable information and understanding the end-user needs necessary to support the modernization efforts

# Health IT Modernization Guiding Principles



**DESIGN** solutions that deliver culturally appropriate care, quality, safety and improved patient outcomes



**PARTNER** across I/T/U for collaborative decision-making that is fully informed by clinical and business users in the field



**EMPHASIZE** usability and human-centered design



**CONFIGURE** solutions to meet organizational requirements with minimal customization



**ENGAGE** patients in their health journey through improved patient access



**UTILIZE** recognized best practices across clinical and business processes



**ADOPT** enterprise technology solutions that support continuity of care



**PROVIDE** timely and complete communication, training and tools to support a successful deployment

# Focus Group Kickoff Highlights

*February 28, 2024 - Focus Group Summary*



- 29 Participants from 14 different I/T/U
- Many of the participants are working with different EHRs with different challenges
- Many of the participants have unique experiences in migrating to a new EHR, which brings a lot of knowledge to IHS so we can learn from your lessons learned
- The insights and information that is provided will help IHS in making better decisions and would be appreciated





Topic 1:  
*Ethical  
Considerations*



# Topic 1 Discussion & Questions



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**Topic 2:**  
*Data Analytic  
and Sources*



# Topic 2 Discussion & Questions

# References



- IHS Health Modernization webpage:  
<https://www.ihs.gov/hit/>



# Planning for Next Meeting

Eric J. Newland - *Data Management & Analytics Focus  
Group Facilitator*

# Upcoming 2024 Focus Group Sessions

Each Focus Group session is held every 3 months (quarterly)

## Focus Group Kick Off (Q1)

Feb 27-29, 2024

1PM ET Virtual

Core Topic:

*Data Management Intro*

## Focus Group Meeting (Q2)

April 23, 2024

2PM ET Virtual

Core Topic:

*Data Sources*

## Focus Group Meeting (Q3)

July 11, 2024

2PM ET Virtual

\*Proposed Topic:

*Data Pipeline & Environment*

## Focus Group Meeting (Q4)

Oct. 2024

Virtual

\*Proposed Topic:

*Policy Access*

*\*Subject to change based on participation*

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# Upcoming Engagements

Eric J. Newland - *Data Management & Analytics Focus  
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# Statement of Interest



The IHS desires to learn which tribal and urban health care entities have an interest in becoming a tenant on the shared system.

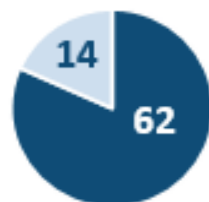
**Opportunity** for Tribes and urban Indian organizations to formally express interest in participating in the IHS enterprise EHR solution



The IHS shared a [Statement of Interest](#) form where tribal and urban health care entities can indicate their interest in partnering with the IHS on the shared enterprise solution. The Statement of Interest is **NON-BINDING** and will connect partners to support system configuration, organizational assessment, and implementation planning.

The Statement of Interest was attached to a [Dear Tribal Leader and Urban Indian Organization Leader letter](#) published on June 29, 2023.

The IHS has received **78** Statement of Interest documents to date.



62 tribal partners and 14 urban Indian organizations have submitted a Statement of Interest to date



46% already use commercial health IT solutions other than or alongside RPMS



78% of respondents desire to implement **early** in the Modernization Program







As of April 8, 2024

# 2024 TRIBAL CONSULTATION AND URBAN CONFER

with the Health IT Modernization Program

Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer (TC/UC) events provide an opportunity to work with our partners to connect technology, business systems, and data to help providers and patients make informed decisions to improve care and health outcomes across Indian Country.

Scan or click the QR codes to register

 <p><b>MAY 09</b> <small>*VIRTUAL</small></p>	<p><b>DEPLOYMENT AND COHORT PLANNING</b></p>	
 <p><b>AUG 08</b> <small>*VIRTUAL</small></p>	<p><b>MULTI-TENANT DOMAIN CONSIDERATIONS</b></p>	
 <p><b>NOV 07</b></p>	<p><b>SITE READINESS AND TRAINING</b></p>	

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