

eHealthConnecticut: Regional Extension Center Overview



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eHealthConnecticut REC Overview

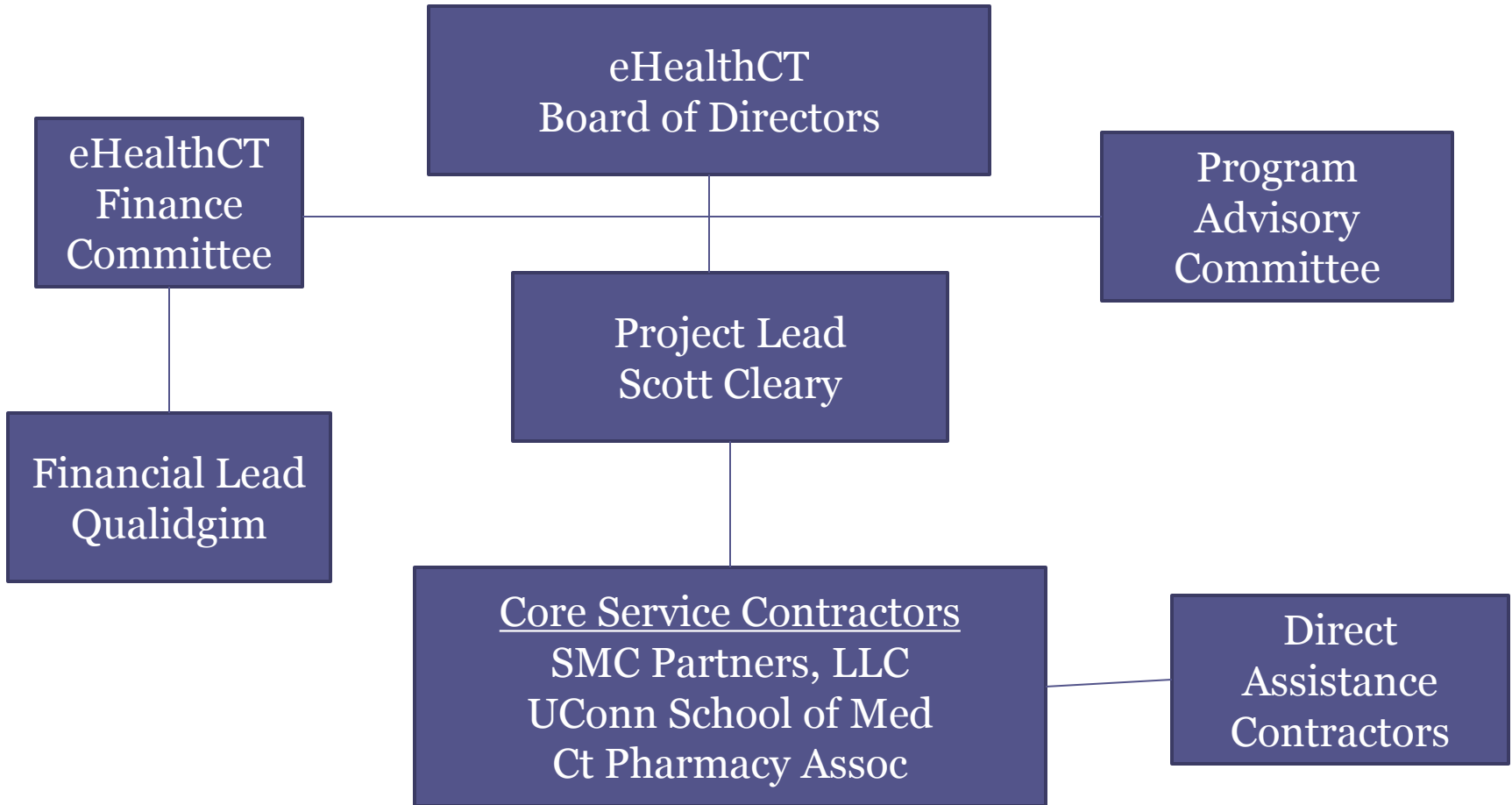
- \$5.75 million awarded to eHealthConnecticut on 4/6/2010. Expanded to \$6.4 March 2011.
- Goal: To bring 1308 Priority Primary Care Providers to Meaningful Use
- 4 year “Cooperative Agreement” with Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), Department of Health and Human Services, grant number 90RC0053
- Federal grant offers 9:1 match years
- 62 REC’s; only one REC for any geography; eHealthConnecticut is statewide



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eHealthConnecticut REC Structure





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Collaborators



- CMS/ONC
- CT Department of Social Services
- CT DPH and HITE-CT
- Capital Community College- Workforce Training



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Who We Serve: Priority Primary Care Providers

- Includes:
 - Licensed Doctor of Medicine (MD),
 - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO),
 - Nurse practitioner (NP),
 - Physician Assistant (PA) with prescriptive privileges
- Who:
 - Provides primary care services in the areas of Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Pediatrics.
- Currently 685 Providers enrolled in Program



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Who We Serve: Settings

- To be eligible for these federally subsidized services practices must be either:
 - Individual or small group practices primarily focused on primary care. Small group practices are defined as having 10 or fewer providers with prescriptive privileges in the practice.
 - Public and Critical Access Hospitals
 - Community Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics
 - Other settings that predominantly serve the uninsured, underinsured, and medically underserved populations.



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Channel Partners

- Stakeholder Organizations Which Refer Customers. Include:
 - CSMS
 - Statewide and Local IPAs and PHOs
 - Community Health Centers/FQHCs
 - Hospital and Hospital Systems



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Direct Assistance Contractors

- Boots on the Ground Technical Assistance

Organizations	
Arcadia Solutions	CHCACT
Community Health Center, Inc	Hartford Healthcare Corporation
Integrated Health Care	Medical Practice Partners, LLC
Medical Professional Services	Meriden Wallingford IPA
Plexeon Health IT Solutions	ProHealth Physicians
Qualidigm	Saint Francis HealthCare Partners
Yale-New Haven Health System	



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EHR Vendor Strategy

- Vendor Neutral
- RFI last summer
- Minimum Criteria:
 - ONC MU Certified
 - CT HIE Compliant
- Information Posted on Website





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Easy Provider Interface



The screenshot shows the website's header with navigation links (HOME, CONTACT US, ABOUT US), a search bar, and tabs for 'Regional Extension Center', 'Health Information Exchange', and 'Quality Improvement'. Below the header is a video player featuring Scott Cleary, Program Director, with a caption 'Scott Cleary, Program Director | HealthConnecticut, Inc.'. The main content area includes a welcome message, an email sign-up form, and three columns: 'News & Information', 'REC Training & Education', and 'Featured Links'. The 'Featured Links' section includes links to the CMS Web Site, a YouTube video, and the Connecticut Department of Social Services logo.



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Welcome to Connecticut's Federally Funded Program to assist eligible providers to select, implement, and achieve meaningful use of Electronic Health Records and earn EHR incentive payments. [Click here to get started.](#)



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News & Information

[Health Information Technology Exchange of Connecticut \(HITE-CT\)](#)

[CT Hospitals Early Adopters of Health IT](#)

REC Training & Education

The REC is developing training and education materials to help Connecticut providers with adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records. Please follow the link below and complete our short survey in order to assist us with developing educational offerings that are responsive to your needs.

[Needs Assessment: Survey for Physicians](#)

Featured Links

[CMS Web Site for the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs](#)

[YouTube: CMS Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Instructions](#)





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Provider Responsibility

Scope of Work	Choose One	Payment 1: Contract	Payment 2: Live with EHR	Payment 3: Achieved Meaningful Use	Total
EHR Selection, Implementation, and Meaningful Use Achievement:		\$250	\$250	\$250	\$750
EHR Implementation and Meaningful Use Achievement:		\$200	\$200	\$200	\$600
Meaningful Use Achievement:		\$150	\$150	\$150	\$450



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Provider Receives

\$2,000-\$5,500 worth of technical assistance per provider (depending on scope, practice size) and these work products, tailored to your practice:

- Readiness Assessment
- Work Plan
- EHR Selection Criteria and Options Analysis
- Implementation and Training Plan
- As-Is and To-Be Workflows
- IT Infrastructure Requirements
- Conversion Plan
- Meaningful Use Gap Analysis
- Meaningful Use Roadmap for Each Requirement
- Workflow and Systems Solution Description for Each Requirement



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Education

- Developed by UConn Health Center and CT Pharmacy Association
- Modules to cover all aspects of REC services and Road to Meaningful Use
- On-Line and in Person Sessions
- CME credits available



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How to Get Started

1. Register on eHealthConnecticut secure website
www.ehealthconnecticut.org
2. Complete online contract
3. Choose a Direct Assistance Contractor (or ask eHCT to assign one)
4. Complete online Readiness Assessment (or have your DAC do it for you)
5. Select and implement your EHR system, get to Meaningful Use, enjoy provider and patient benefits*

* And collect incentive payments if you qualify