

# Texas Health Services Authority Privacy and Security Task Force

May 11, 2011  
10:00 am

# Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements
2. Update on Implementation of Texas HIE Plan
  - a. Local HIE Grant Program
  - b. White Space Strategy
3. Governance and Statewide Collaborative Policy Development
4. Privacy and Security Task Force Charter

# Meeting Agenda (cont.)

5. Key Initial Areas of Task Force Focus
  - a. Legal Framework
  - b. Consent Policy
  - c. HIE Trust Agreements
  - d. Universal Consent Form
  - e. Security Policy Standards
6. Presentation by HITRUST on Common Security Framework
7. UH Health Law Policy Institute Deliverables
8. Future Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items
9. Other Items?

# Update on Implementation of Texas HIE Plan

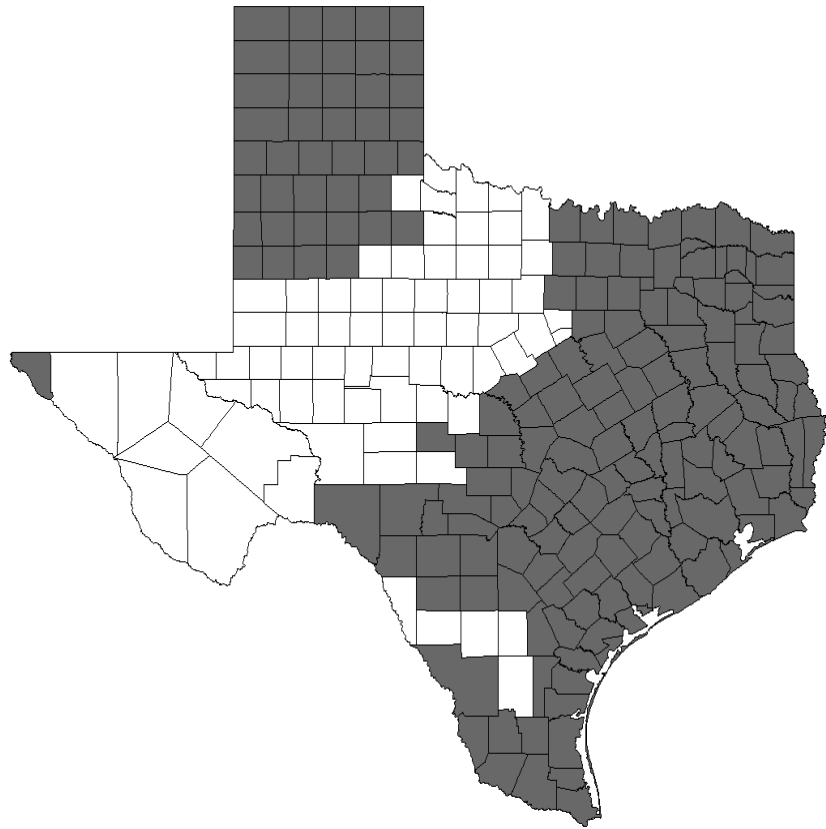
Local HIE Grant Program and White Space Strategy

- HHSC, with support from THSA, is administering a \$19.5 million Local HIE Grant Program to support new or expanding HIE initiatives by partially funding planning, development, and operations of local HIE networks.
- Grant funds may be used to:
  - Develop a business and operational plan for upgrading or implementing HIE infrastructure to deliver core HIE services and to implement required policies and standards;
  - Upgrade or implement HIE infrastructure to deliver core HIE services and implement policies and standards; and
  - Monitor and evaluate HIE impact to inform sustainability planning.
- HHSC announced \$3.5 million in tentative awards for planning to seventeen (17) local HIEs in March 2011.

**Tentative Local HIE Grant Awardees**

Coalition of Health Services	North Texas Accountable Healthcare Partnership
FirstNet HIE	Northeast Texas HIE
Greater Houston HIE	Paso del Norte HIE
Healthcare Access San Antonio	North Texas Red River HIE
Health Information Network of South Texas	Rio Grande Valley HIE
HIE Southeast Texas	Rio One Health Network
Integrated Care Collaborative	Southeast Texas Health Systems
iHealth Trust	Galveston County HIE
Montgomery County HIE	

Local HIE Coverage in Texas



## Tentative Timeline

December  
2010  
RFA  
Released

April 2011  
Award  
Contracts

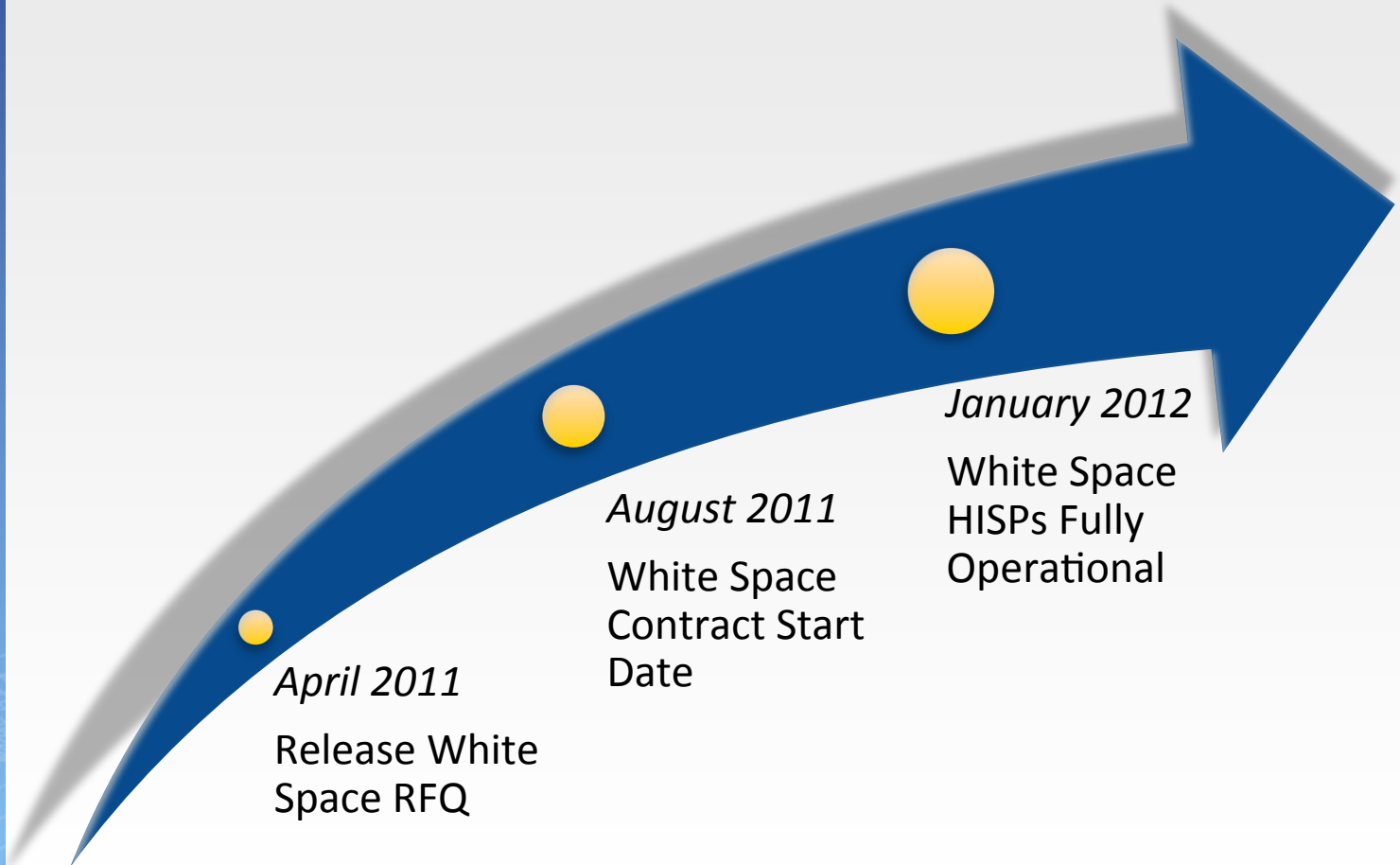
April-Dec 2011  
Planning

January 2012  
Operations

# White Space

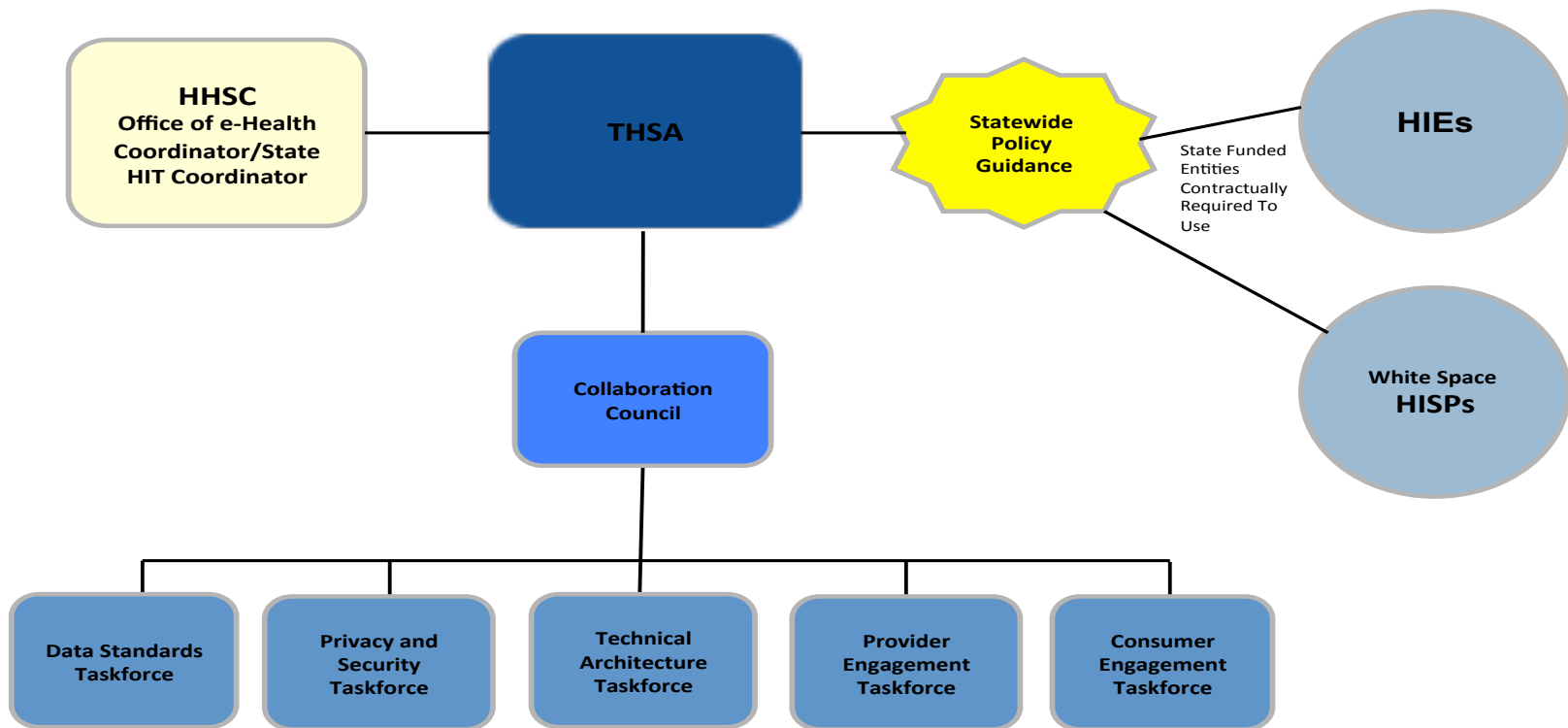
- THSA will contract with one or more qualified organizations to support physicians and hospitals located in areas without a local HIE or the “White Space” in Texas.
- These organizations, or Health Information Services Providers (HISPs), must provide the electronic capabilities for the transmission of all clinical transactions necessary for meaningful use of EHRs in accordance with recognized federal and state standards.
- \$2 million in total funds is available to support the White Space strategy. All HISPs approved by the THSA will be eligible to receive a subsidized payment from Texas hospitals and eligible physicians located in the identified White Space counties.

## Tentative Timeline



# Collaborative Policy Development Process

# Texas HIE Collaborative Policy Development Framework



# Privacy and Security Task Force Charter

This task force shall provide input on the development of privacy and security policies and standards that protect the privacy of patients involved in statewide HIE to the highest legal standard while enabling the secure exchange of health information. The task force will support ongoing analysis of a legal framework for the State of Texas.

# Initial Areas of Focus

- Legal Framework
- Consent Policy
- HIE Trust Agreements
- Universal Consent Form
- Security Policy Standards

# Presentation by HITRUST on Common Security Framework

# UH Health Law & Policy Institute Deliverables

University of Houston Health Law & Policy  
Institute has contracted with HHSC to develop a  
series of policy papers, including:

- Privacy Primer
- Consent Options White Paper
- Trust Agreements White Paper
- Draft Trust Agreement
- Privacy and Security White Paper - policies to be utilized by local and regional health information organizations to support interoperable HIE, including authorization, authentication, consent, access, audit, breach, and patient engagement

# Future Meeting Schedule

(tentative; changes or additions as needed)

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- Wednesday, June 1
- Wednesday, June 29
- Wednesday, July 27
- Wednesday, August 31
- Wednesday, October 5
- Wednesday, November 2
- Wednesday, November 30

Other items?

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