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<u>Recommendation & Status</u>	<u>What to Do Next</u>
<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 1: Continue or Terminate</p> <p>Under §10213(a), Title 29, the Committee must determine whether there is a genuine public need for an agency under review. To meet this requirement, the Committee may select one of the following options.</p> <p><u>Option 1:</u> DHIN shall continue, subject to any further recommendations that JLOSC adopts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- OR -</p> <p><u>Option 2:</u> DHIN is terminated and the Committee will sponsor legislation to implement this recommendation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status:</p> <p>5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p>Vote whether to approve this recommendation. A motion to approve this Rec must receive 7 “yes” votes to carry.</p> <p>If Option 2 is approved, consider who will take over administering the State’s health information exchange (HIE) services and Health Care Claims Database.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 2: MOUs for HCCD</p> <p>DHIN shall continue to work with the Department of Health and Social Services, Delaware Office of Management and Budget, Division of Public Health, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA), and Delaware Health Care Commission to finalize MOUs permitting those collaborating state agencies to access data in the HCCD.</p> <p><u>Option:</u> DHIN shall explore possible partnerships and develop MOUs with other agencies that will strengthen research and data for the HCCD. For example, DHIN could explore partnership with the Department of Correction (DOC) and organ procurement organizations (such as the Gift of Life program) to identify ways in which DHIN data can be used to safely and quickly assist with organ donation suitability determinations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status:</p> <p>5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p> <p>DHIN Notes*</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A potential partnership with the Gift of Life program would likely be for access to clinical data, not the HCCD. DHIN would need legislation explicitly permitting DHIN to provide data to the Gift of Life program regarding potential donors, which they would then use to supplement their work on suitability for donation. Recommendation number 6 includes an additional suggestion for proposed statutory updates. 2. While the DOC may be able to benefit from the use of claims data, DHIN believes a partnership with DOC with respect to the DOC providing DHIN with clinical data may be helpful to the DOC as well.
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<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 3: Continued Federal Funding Initiatives</p> <p>DHIN shall continue their work with DMMA to leverage their previously-appropriated state funding for the HCCD by seeking a federal match through the Implementation Advance Planning Document (IAPD) process.</p> <p><u>Option:</u> Should the IAPD process be unsuccessful for any reason, DHIN shall work with JLOSC to ensure that the \$2 million already appropriated funds remain available to DHIN for its work setting up and maintaining the HCCD.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status:</p> <p>5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p>

* DHIN feedback is included in yellow highlights.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 4: Annual HCCD Status Report</p> <p>DHIN shall submit an annual status report, no later than January 1, to the Governor and General Assembly, regarding the HCCD. Reports shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Analysis of strengths and weakness of HCCD. b. Current status and future plans of HCCD. c. Detailed Budget for HCCD operations. d. Grant applications and status for HCCD operational funding. e. Status of contracts with vendors supporting HCCD operations. f. Number of data access requests submitted and granted. <p><u>Option 1</u>: The first report shall be submitted no later than January 1, 2020.</p> <p><u>Option 2</u>: The annual reports shall be included on the DHIN website.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status:</p> <p>5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p>Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 5: Statutory Update & Technical Corrections</p> <p>JLOSC will sponsor a bill to make technical corrections to DHIN’s entire governing statute, Chapter 103, Title 16.[†]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status:</p> <p>5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p>Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p>

[†] The Committee’s legislative attorney will draft any legislation resulting from approved recommendations, unless otherwise noted.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 6: Statutory Updates to Strengthen HCCD & Ensure DHIN's Continued Success</p> <p>At DHIN's request, DHIN wishes to work with the Committee's legislative attorney to draft bills that will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maximize the number and types of claims that are submitted to the Delaware HCCD. b. Permit more detailed reporting of claims related to sensitive diagnoses (by, for example, identifying DHIN as an appropriate holder of data associated with an HIV-related test (16 <i>Del. C.</i> § 717) or genetic testing (16 <i>Del. C.</i> § 1205)). c. Maximize the number and types of entities that submit clinical information to the DHIN. d. Permit use of clinical data for public health reporting and research. e. Permit the use of de-identified clinical data for appropriate research purposes. f. Ensure that pharmacy prescription fill data is provided to the DHIN. g. Permit DHIN to provide data to the Gift of Life program on potential donors (this would be needed to establish a partnership between the two entities as referenced in recommendation number 2). <p><u>Option 1</u>: Create a small JLOSC subcommittee to will discuss the proposed statutory amendments and report back to the JLOSC in January 2020. Subcommittee membership will include DHIN's private counsel, the Committee's legislative attorney, and other members the Committee deems appropriate.</p> <p><u>Option 2</u>: Same as Option 1, but create a task force instead of a JLOSC subcommittee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- OR -</p> <p><u>Option 3</u>: The Committee's legislative attorney will work with DHIN's private counsel to draft proposed bills and report back to the JLOSC in January 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status:</p> <p>5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p>Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 7: Reduce Overlap and Duplicated Efforts At DHIN’s request, DHIN shall identify areas of overlap between its capabilities and those separately contracted for or provided by State agencies, and work with those agencies to eliminate overlap or redundancies. As a part of these efforts, DHIN shall explore whether it can reasonably be the “single point of contact” for delivery of health data on Delaware residents to assist state and federal public health efforts. By statute, DHIN is the “State’s sanctioned provider of health information exchange (HIE) services” (16 Del. C. § 10301).</p> <p><u>Option:</u> DHIN will report back to the JLOSC on progress of this research in January 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status: 5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p>Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p>
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<p>Recommendation 8: Update Current Regulations DHIN shall update its regulations to reflect current operational procedures.</p> <p><u>Option:</u> DHIN will report back to the JLOSC on progress of these efforts in January 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status: 5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p>Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p>

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<p>Recommendation 9: Update Current HCCD Internal Procedures DHIN shall review and apply updates as needed to internal procedures involving HCCD operations. Areas of focus must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Data staging, storage, and management.b. Reviewing and granting data access applications.c. Reviewing data access pricing.d. Reviewing and implementing marketing strategies and goals. <p><u>Option:</u> DHIN will report back to the JLOSC on progress of these efforts in January 2020.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Status: 5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Recommendation 10: Website Updates</p> <p>DHIN shall make the following updates to their website to advertise and promote the use of the HCCD to increase private funding opportunities associated with granting data access applications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create a banner for the HCCD on the DHIN homepage. b. Include an icon on the DHIN homepage for the HCCD (current icons only include Patients, Healthcare Providers, and Data Senders). c. Add a specific webpage menu for the HCCD that would be included at the top of all DHIN webpages. d. Update the “in the news” section of the DHIN website and include recent news regarding the HCCD. The most recent news item was from August 2018. e. Create and include a HCCD brochure for the website. f. Redesign the HCCD webpage in order to adequately market the HCCD and attract data access applications. g. Make the HCCD data access application a fillable PDF document or fillable web form for easier submissions. h. Include a prominent link to the HCCD Committee’s information including meeting agendas and minutes. <p style="text-align: center;">Status: 5/13: First consideration of this recommendation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p> <p>DHIN’s current webpage menu includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home • Patients • Healthcare Providers • Data Senders • About DHIN • Contact Us • Search Icon

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<p>Recommendation 11: Release from Review or Hold Over</p> <p><u>Option 1:</u> DHIN is released from review upon enactment of recommended legislation and any required reporting.</p> <p>- OR -</p> <p><u>Option 2:</u> DHIN is held over and shall report to the Committee in January 2020.</p> <p>Status: 5/13: First consideration of this recommendation</p>	<p>Discuss and vote on this recommendation.</p>