

Arizona's HIT Regional Extension Center

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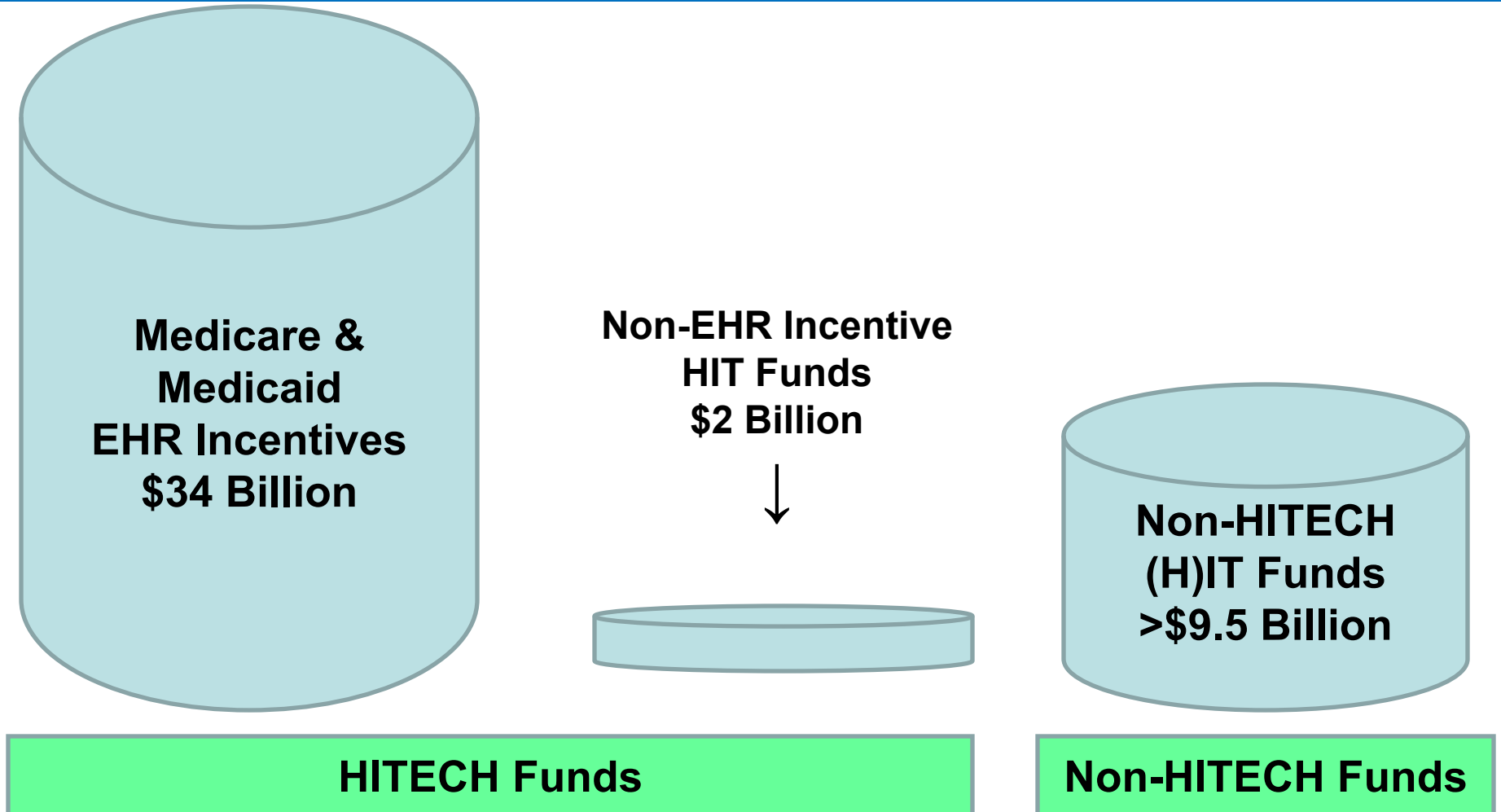
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HIT REC Background

A refresher on the key components of the HIT Regional Extension Center funding announcement...

Three “Buckets” of HIT Funds



HIT REC Federal Objectives

- Furnish assistance (education, outreach and technical assistance) to providers select, successfully implement and meaningfully use EHRs.
- Ultimate HIT REC effectiveness measured by whether organization assists providers in becoming “meaningful users” of certified EHRs.
- In first 24 months, REC must support minimum of 1000 providers or 20% of priority primary care provider population, whichever is greater (Az target = 1285)

Key Milestones for Funding

- 3 key provider-specific milestones include:
 1. Signed technical assistance contracts between REC and provider (with receipt of any participation fees required)
 2. Documentation of Go-Live status on a certified EHR, with active quality reporting and electronic prescribing
 3. Meeting meaningful use criteria established by the HHS Secretary (approx. available March 2010)

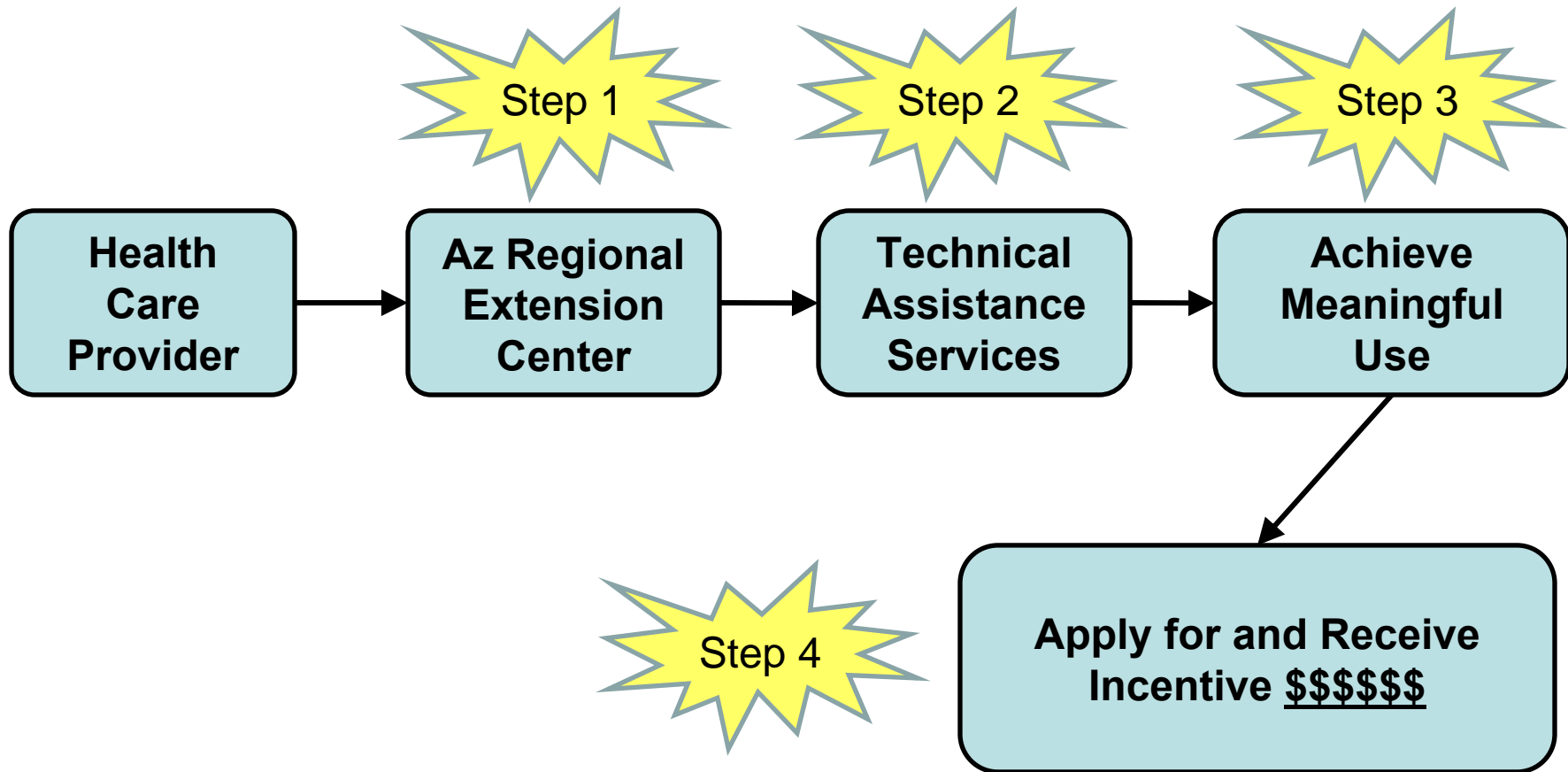
Priority Populations

- **Primary Care Providers**
 - Physicians, or other health care providers, such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners, with prescriptive privileges
 - Primary care includes family medicine, general medicine, ob/gyn and pediatrics
- **Priority Populations**
 - Individual or small group practices
 - Public and Critical Access Hospitals
 - Community Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics
 - Other settings that predominantly serve uninsured, underinsured and medically underserved populations

General Program Overview

What is the general program model currently under development?

From the Provider's Viewpoint...



Services & Benefits: What Az HIT REC Offers

One stop shop for all education and assistance needed to achieve meaningful use (MU) of EHRs!!

❖ Education

- Seminars, webinars, courses

❖ Hands on implementation assistance

- For all Arizona providers
- From vendor selection to MU and everything in between

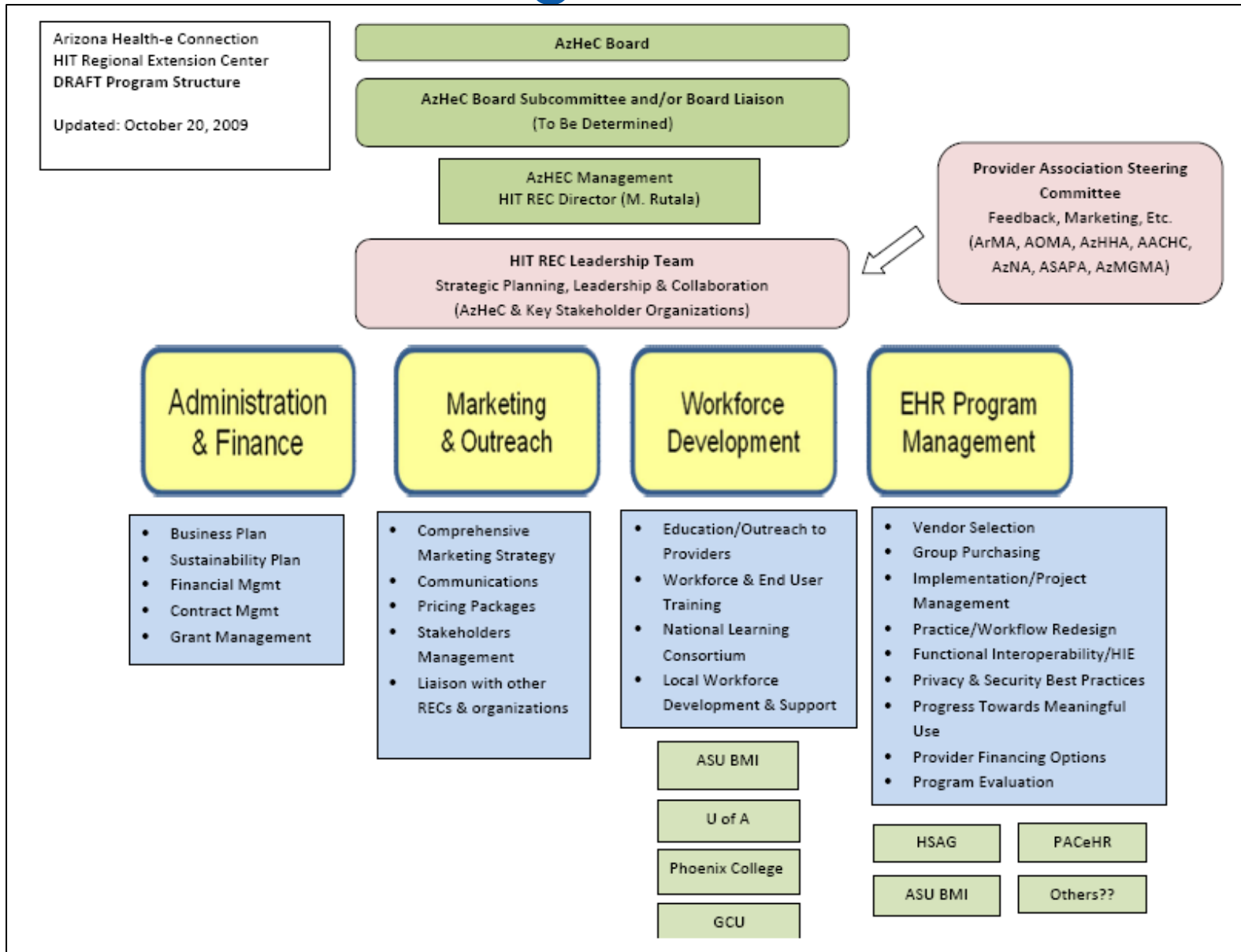
Services & Benefits: What Az HIT REC Offers

- Progress toward MU and a more integrated, safe and efficient system
- Neutral source for trusted, accurate and credible information
- Turnkey technical assistance at reasonable, needs-based fees
- Recognition of and solutions to EHR adoption barriers
- Benefit of National Learning Consortium to identify lessons learned and best practices

Services & Benefits: Key Provider Service Offerings

- Education services
 - Seminars, webinars, short courses & more!
- Vendor Selection & Group Purchasing
- Implementation & Project Management
- Practice & Workflow Redesign
- Functional Interoperability & HIE
- Local workforce support
- Meaningful Use Achievement

HIT REC High Level Structure



Key Organizations: Technical Assistance

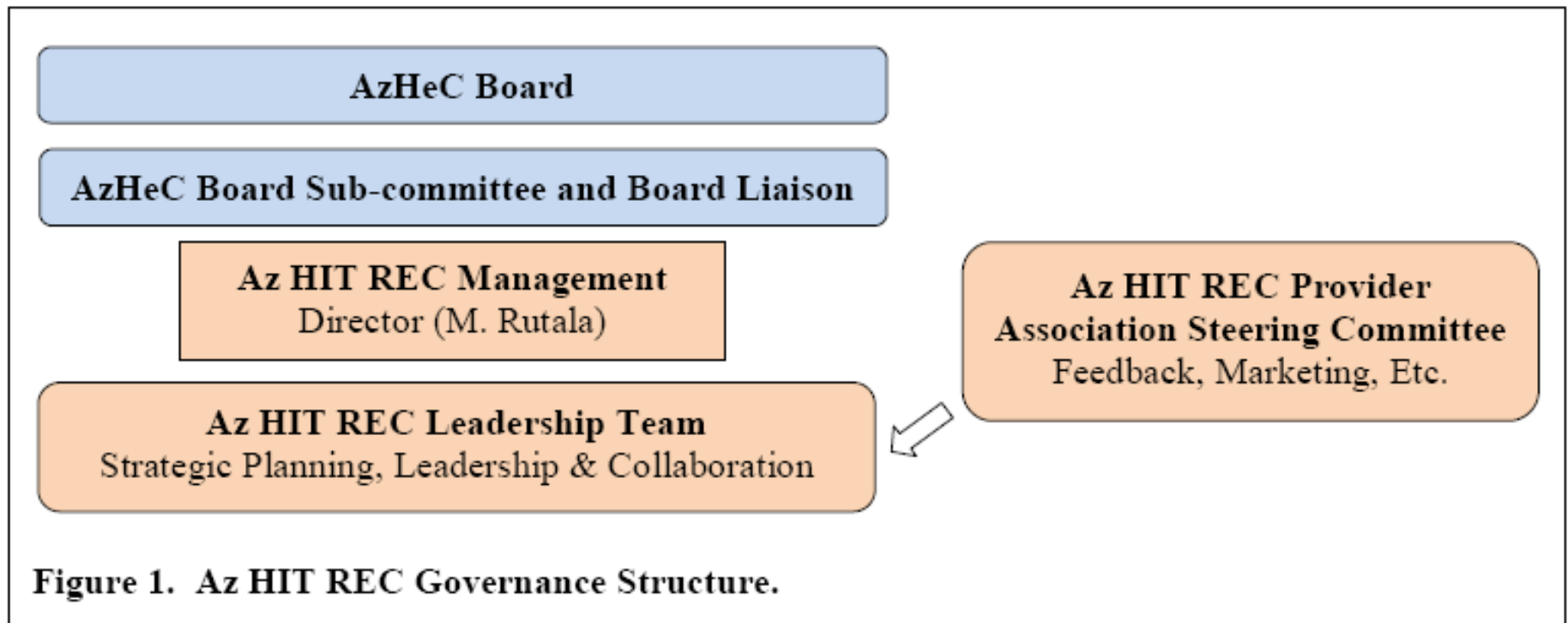
- Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)
- Purchasing and Assistance Collaborative for Electronic Health Records (PACeHR)
- Arizona State University Dept. of Biomedical Informatics (ASU-BMI)

Key Organizations: Education & Workforce Development

- Arizona State University Dept. of Biomedical Informatics (ASU-BMI)
- University of Arizona
 - College of Pharmacy
 - Rural Health Office
 - College of Public Health
 - Arizona Telemedicine Program & THealth Center
- Phoenix College

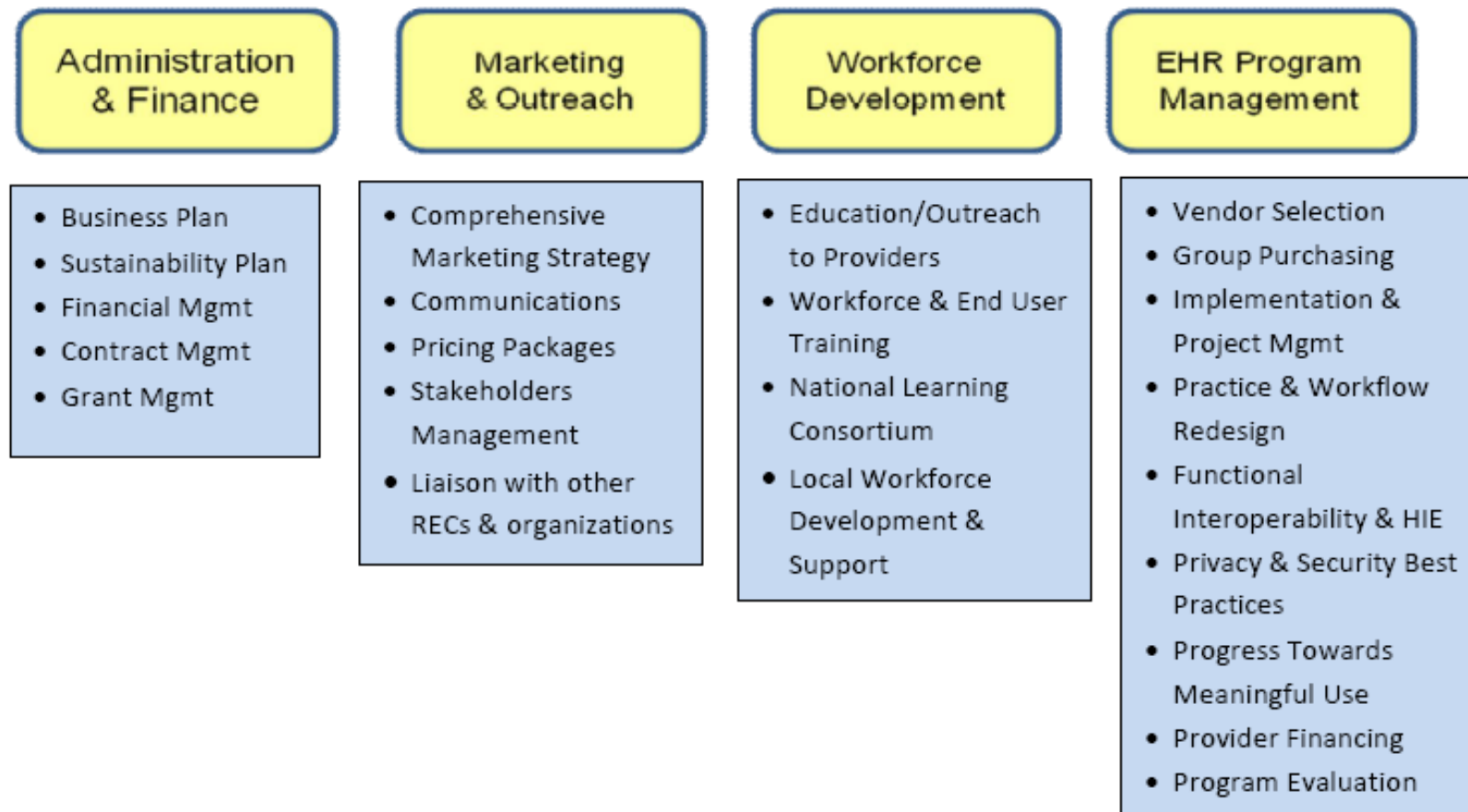
Key Organizations: Marketing & Outreach

- Arizona Medical Association (ArMA)
- Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA)
- Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA)
- Arizona Association of Community Health Centers (AACHC)
- Others to be determined (AzMGMA, ASAPA, AzNA, etc.)



Functional Areas of Activity

Figure 2. Az HIT REC Functional Areas of Activity.



Funding Model

- Federal Funds
 - \$3 million total for Years 1-4 for core services
 - \$11.85 million total in Years 1 & 2 for technical assistance
 - \$6,000 per provider from paper to MU
 - \$4,500 per provider from EHR to MU
- Matching Funds
 - Primarily provider fees initially
 - Transition to incorporate other sources over time to achieve sustainable model

Vision

- To be a national model for the infrastructure and strategies needed to assist health care providers to adopt and successfully use EHRs to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of health care in the United States.

Goals

- 1) Establish the program as a trusted brand, providing neutral, accurate and high quality information and direct assistance services
- 2) Deliver direct technical assistance to at least 2,000 priority primary care providers by January 2012, including the achievement of meaningful use requirements. Reach an additional 2,000 primary care providers by January 2014.

Objectives

- 1) Implement a comprehensive communications and marketing strategy to facilitate widespread dissemination of EHR, meaningful use and other HIT information
- 2) Provide a forum for the exchange of HIT knowledge and experience
- 3) Accelerate the transfer of lessons learned from existing public and private sector initiatives, including those currently receiving federal financial support

Objectives (Cont'd)

- 4) Assemble, analyze and widely disseminate throughout the state both evidence and experience related to the adoption, implementation and effective use of HIT that allows for the electronic exchange and use of health information
- 5) Connect providers with an appropriate HIE initiative to facilitate the electronic exchange of information across health care settings

Next Steps

Where do we go from here to ensure that we can hit the ground running after awards are made?

Next Steps- Overall Planning

- December 11th- Awards Announced by ONC
- January 15th- Program start date
- Ongoing Activities
 - Prioritize AzHeC staffing model and begin recruitment
 - Necessary press announcements if awarded contract
 - Negotiations with ONC to finalize cooperative agreement
 - Working collaboratively with all key organizations

Arizona's Point of Coordination

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