



MESC 2025 MITA Governance Meeting: General Updates

August 13, 2025, 3:00 – 3:50 PM CT



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MEDICAID INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARCHITECTURE

**Welcome
and
Thank You!**

Ed Dolly, Deputy Director
CMS Data & Systems Group

Alejandra Johnson, Technical Director
Chair, MITA Governance Board
CMS Data & Systems Group
Division of State Services

AGENDA



Subject	Presenter	Timing
Introduction / Overview of MITA Governance Board	Alejandra Johnson	3:00 – 3:10 PM
Menti Poll	Team	3:10 – 3:15 PM
NextGen Workgroup	Jess Groeling	3:15 – 3:25 PM
SS-A Workgroup	Kiera Bentley	3:25 – 3:33 PM
Communications Workgroup	Nicolle Field	3:33 – 3:40 PM
Next Steps / Questions	Alejandra Johnson	3:40 – 3:50 PM

MITA and the MITA Governance Board



The MITA Governance Board (MGB) began reconvening at HIT Connect in April 2023 to reinvigorate MITA and established several work groups to begin working on the next generation of MITA and the SS-A.

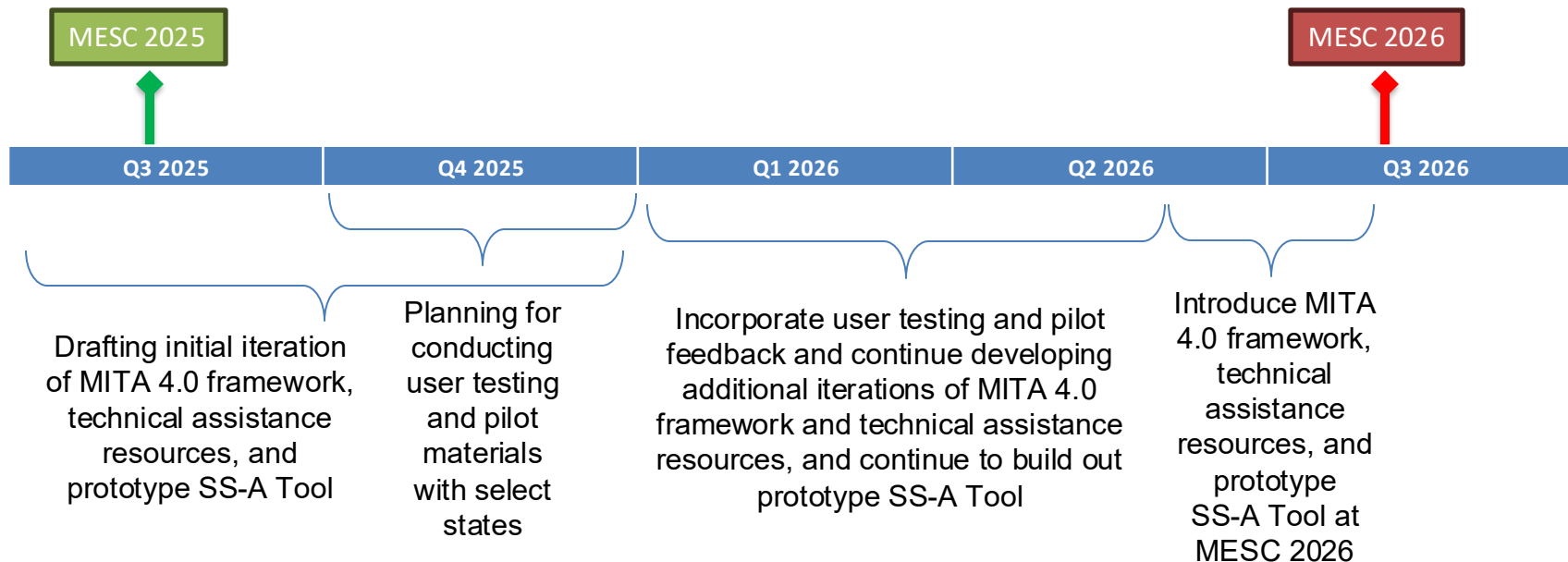
The MGB's primary goal is to provide guidance to work groups as they develop MITA 4.0 in accordance with **CMS' goals for MITA**:

- Make MITA more meaningful
- Reduce burden on SMAs
- Enable automation
- Tighten integration with APD, Certification and other MES activities
- Release guidance that is aligned with current trends in healthcare and IT

The MGB established a new **vision for MITA**:

The Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) supports the achievement of Program goals and objectives to better serve stakeholders and promote greater efficiencies towards compliance and the administration and operation of the Medicaid Enterprise System (MES).

MITA 4.0 Timeline



MITA Governance Board Members 2025 - 2027



Abigail Viall
Alejandra Johnson
Alicia Dyer
Christine Nolan
Diane Twehous
Ed Dolly
Erin Coleman
Eugene Gabriyelov
Jason Kelly
Jeff Strand
Jerilyn Grow

Jessica Groeling*
Kathleen Walsh
Kendal Scheidt
Kiera Bentley*
LaQuita Kelly-Allen
Lisa Alger
Michael Collisi
Nicholas Mozer
Nicolle Field*
Vivian de la Gandara
Zachary Rioux*

* Workgroup/stream Lead

MITA Governance Board Sponsored Workgroups



MITA NextGen

- Advancing the MITA framework by evaluating and enhancing MITA 3.0 components for inclusion in MITA 4.0.
- Promoting interoperability and open standards (e.g., FHIR) using the MITA Technical and Information Architectures. Offers guidance to SMAs for regulatory compliance.

SS-A

- Developing a prototype tool for conducting the SS-A and leading the redesign of the SS-A process to be outcome-based, less burdensome, and more valuable to states and CMS.
- Developing a guide on the Outcomes-based Planning Process.
- Collaborating with NextGen on a new Maturity Model framework for MITA 4.0.

Communications

- Drives awareness and engagement around MITA 4.0 through newsletters, repository updates, and publishing strategies to inform stakeholders and share new materials.

Live Poll – Join In!

Go to www.menti.com and enter the code: 7134 2112
OR

Scan the QR code to join the live quiz



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Send questions and feedback to MITAGovBoard@cms.hhs.gov



MITA 4.0 Workgroups - Status & Overview of Work Products

Jessica Groeling, Department of Vermont Health
Access and MITA Governance Board Member

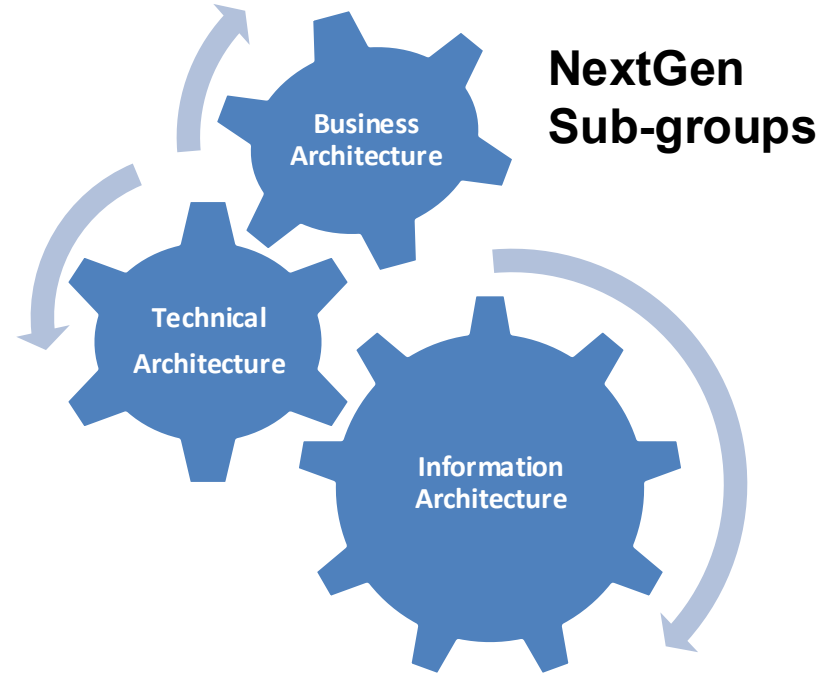
Kiera Bentley, New York State and MITA
Governance Board Member

Nicolle Field, North Highland and MITA
Governance Board Member

NextGen Workgroup/Sub-groups



- NextGen Workgroup Leads
 - Jessica Groeling, Sean Mahoney
- Business Architecture Sub-group
 - Austin Wagenknecht
- Information Architecture Sub-group
 - Dwayne Carter
- Technical Architecture Sub-group
 - Andrew Nunes



MITA NextGen Workgroup Purpose



The MITA NextGen Workgroup is dedicated to advancing the MITA framework.

The workgroup is composed of Medicaid business and technical experts from:

- State Medicaid Agencies (SMAs)
- Vendors and contractors
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

NextGen is focused on evaluating and enhancing MITA 3.0 components for inclusion in MITA 4.0. Having completed the initial phase of drafting an architecture vision and identifying core deliverables, the team is now developing the Business Architecture, Information Systems, and Technical Architectures for MITA 4.0.

Business Architecture Sub-Workgroup



Architecture
Development

Business Architecture Development & Management Guidelines

- Developing the Business Architecture Use Cases for SMA Guidance.
- Update the processes and guidelines to SMA's on how to develop and maintain a Business Architecture that meets MITA, SMC and SMA business outcomes.



Reference
Models

Business Capability Reference Model

- Structure and definitions for BA capabilities
- Driving the alignment to IA and TA capability development

Business Process Models

- Defining the relationship between Business Processes and Business Capabilities



Architecture
Standards

Business Architecture Viewpoints

- Providing a scalable business architecture that allows states to develop a more accurate view of their real as-is and to-be architectures
- Incorporating Actor into the Business Process Templates
- Developing Standard Business Process Models



Maturity
Model

Business Architecture Maturity Criteria

- Developing architectural checklists and criteria to further define business architecture maturity and to align with the SS-A maturity model

Information Architecture Sub-Workgroup



Architecture Development

Information Architecture Development & Management Guidelines

- Update the high-level process and guidelines to SMA's on how to develop and maintain an Information Architecture that meets MITA and SMA business outcomes.



Reference Models

Data Management Capability Reference Model

- Identify common capabilities needed to manage data.

Data Reference Model

- Define core data domains and categories that represent data common to all SMA's.



Architecture Standards

Information Architecture Viewpoints

- Define common viewpoints that can be used by SMA's to communicate consistent views of their information architecture.



Maturity Model

Information Architecture Maturity Criteria

- Identification of key maturity criteria that can be used by SMA's to assess the maturity of their information architecture.

Technical Architecture Sub-Workgroup

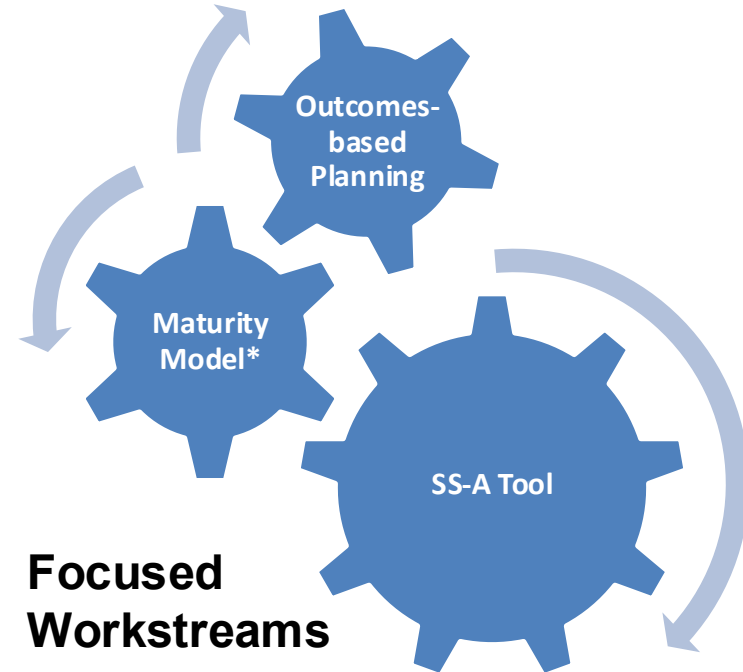


- Goal is to establish a standard set of technical domains and areas for State Medicaid Agencies and vendors to follow.
- Define clear maturity criteria to assess the current technical landscape and plan for future enhancements.
- Create a vendor-neutral reference model of technical services and components.
- Design Technical Architecture Viewpoints so State Medicaid Agencies can consistently communicate their technical landscapes.
- Provide guidelines and best practices for developing and managing Technical Architecture.

SS-A Workgroup/Workstreams

- SS-A Workgroup Leads
 - Kiera Bentley, Uma Kandasamy, Shelley Lucas
- Outcomes-based Planning Process Workstream
 - Kiera Bentley
- Maturity Model Workstream *
 - Zach Rioux
- SS-A Tool and Process Workstream
 - Nick Aretakis

*Maturity Model development is a joint responsibility with MITA NextGen Workgroup



SS-A Workstreams Focus and Progress



Outcomes-based Planning

Focus: Empower State Medicaid Agencies with a comprehensive framework that assists them in identifying measurable outcomes to enhance their Medicaid programs

Progress: Drafting technical assistance materials that guide States to achieve better outcomes as a consistent theme throughout MITA 4.0

SS-A Tool and Process

Focus: Create a tool that guides users through the maturity assessment process via a series of questions, is easy and intuitive to use, and illustrates areas where the system could be improved

Progress: Developing a prototype tool that collects state Medicaid maturity inputs and provides an assessment of system maturity based on new MITA maturity models

MITA Maturity Model

Focus: Define Maturity and the MITA 4.0 Maturity Model, as well as outline the approach to utilizing the MITA Maturity Model

Progress: Developing maturity models that reflect the evolving MITA 4.0 framework and updated architectures focused on outcomes

MITA Communications Workgroup Update



Progress

- Updated the MGB GitHub repository for MITA stakeholders: <https://cmsgov.github.io/Medicaid-Information-Technology-Architecture-MITA-Repository-Staging/index.html>
- Preparing communications materials for MESC
- Newsletters
- FAQs

Next Steps

- Publish quarterly newsletter with updates about the development of MITA 4.0
- Prepare communications materials for MITA 4.0 adoption

Workgroup Leads:
Nicolle Fields
Victoria Cardoza-Kairys



Deputy Director's Corner


It was great to see those able to attend the Medicaid Enterprise System Conference (MESC) last month. This year was coined the "Year of Metrics". The goal is to encourage states to report their ongoing metrics each year to measure system performance, obtain approval for enhanced funding for operations, and ensure that the program's goals are being met.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) vision to transform Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) drove the decision to reestablish the MITA Governance Board (MGB) in March of 2023. The current MGB celebrated its 1 1/2 year anniversary by providing progress updates made by its workgroups at MESC. The MGB and workgroup members also engaged with participants at the MITA workshops and at the MITA booth where MITA was the center of attention. While the current MGB term ends in 2025, it is the ambition of CMS to have both outgoing and incoming boards work toward producing a draft of the MITA 4.0 Framework and State Self-Assessment (SSA). CMS is optimistic about achieving this goal. Thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed to this initiative! Please contact us at MITAGovBoard@cms.hhs.gov to provide feedback, suggestions or to get involved. — Ed

MITA 4.0 Logo Contest Winner



Thank you to all the state and vendor contestants who participated in the MITA 4.0 logo contest sponsored by the MGB. A total of 30 logos were submitted to the MGB. The board reviewed and voted on the top four logos which were then showcased at the 2024 MESC in the MGB booth and voted on by visitors.

The winning logo was submitted by Acenre Health. This logo will be used for MITA 4.0 and in future versions that will be published by the CMS. Thanks again to all the participants and join CMS,  MITA

the MGB and its workgroup members in congratulating Acenre!

Next Steps

Continue to design and develop SS-A prototype tool, technical assistance resources, and MITA 4.0 Guidance

Engage 2-3 SMAs for user testing and piloting of the SS-A prototype tool, technical assistance resources, and MITA 4.0 Guidance

Post-pilot, adapt materials based on feedback and continue to iterate on developing MITA 4.0

Planning for release of MITA 4.0 and introduction at MESC 2026



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