



Health Sector Coordinating Council
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Q1 2026 Report



Chairman's Forward



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The first quarter of 2026 got off to a blistering start –

- The HSCC was invited back for the second year to co-host the HIMSS Global Conference Cybersecurity Forum on March 9. It was another full-house success attracting 350 people throughout the 9am-5pm event. As a formal HIMSS conference “Collaborator”, the CWG leadership spent 4 months planning with HIMSS on the themes, agenda and speaking talent, tapping many of our member leaders to keynote and engage in panel discussions. This forum added to our already expanding visibility resulting in more inquiries for membership.
- Then the Stryker incident mobilized us in a focused way to assess impact and remediation, with an exemplary model of timely communications from Stryker, HHS-coordinated information exchange sessions with industry stakeholders, and a sense of preparedness mobilization in response to a harbinger of more to come.
- Three new task groups assembled their leadership and agendas aligning directly with our Strategic Plan Implementing Objectives:
 - ✓ **Policy** – to review existing and future best practices publications for appropriate policy, regulatory and programmatic recommendations to the government (kickoff meeting Thursday April 30th at 1:30pm EDT);
 - ✓ **Segmentation and Isolation** – to develop practical, uniform guidance and reference architectures that support safe, resilient, and scalable segmentation practices across the sector (Wednesdays at 2:30pm EDT); and

- ✓ **Workforce** – to devise resources and programs that build cybersecurity talent in the healthcare workforce, and especially for rural, resource constrained health providers across the country (kickoff meeting Friday May 1, noon EDT)

- Several best practices documents are in completion and queued up for publication in Q2, including:
 - ✓ Already published on April 15 the Third-Party AI Cybersecurity Risk and Supply Chain Transparency Guide, along with the AI Cybersecurity Glossary
 - ✓ AI Cybersecurity Governance
 - ✓ Cybersecurity Board Governance
 - ✓ AI Cybersecurity Operations and Defense Playbook
- The conception and planning of the HSCC/Health-ISAC national health cybersecurity exercise “Operation Vital Signs” - facilitated by Booz Allen - to be held over two half-days July 21-22.
- And finally, our Third Annual All-Hands Across America membership meeting held on April 15. Thanks to HSCC’s Allison Burke for coordinating all the moving parts across nine host locations in 4 time zones. More than 300 individuals attended in-person and remotely.

Ok, time to inhale because we’ll need to catch our breath for an even more athletic Q2. Stretch in the morning and we’ll see you on the field bright and early.



Membership



EOQ1 2026 Membership

493 TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **470 private sector organizations, including:**
 - 420 owner-operators (+12 over EOY 2025)
 - Includes 57 industry associations and professional societies
 - 50 non-voting advisor companies (+1)
- **23 government organizations, including**
 - 13 federal
 - 4 state
 - 2 city
 - 2 county
 - 2 Canadian



[Link to member list](#)

**Total Member
Personnel:
1,103**



Member Distribution by Subsector

- Direct Patient Care: **46.30%**
- Health Information Technology: **4.44%**
- Health Plans and Payers: **5.07%**
- Mass fatality and Management Services: **0**
- Medical Materials: **9.94%**
- Laboratories, Blood, Pharmaceuticals: **5.29%**
- Public Health: **4.44%**
- Cross-sector: **8.25%**
- Government (Fed, State, County, Local): **4.86%**
- Advisors: **10.15%**



Output



Publications

By the Sector for the Sector

2025

- [Medtech Model Cybersecurity Contract v2](#)
- [A.I. Cybersecurity One-Pagers](#)
- [Sector Mapping and Risk Toolkit](#)
- [On the Edge: Cyber Health of Resource-Constrained](#)
- [Cybersecurity Consultative Process Proposal](#)
- [Recommendations for Government Policy and Programs](#)

2024

- [Medical Product Manufacturer Cyber Incident Response Playbook](#)
- [Executive Checklist for Incident Response](#)
- [Medical Device and Health IT Joint Security Plan v2 \(JSP2\)](#)
- [Health Industry Cybersecurity Strategic Plan](#)
- [Coordinated Privacy Security Partnerships](#)

2023

- [Health Industry Cybersecurity Information Sharing Best Practices](#)
- [Health Industry Cybersecurity Matrix of InfoSharing Organizations](#)
- [Coordinated Healthcare Incident Response Plan](#)
- [Recommended Government Policy & Programs](#)
- [Hospital Cyber Landscape Analysis \(Joint HSCC/HHS\)](#)
- [Prioritized Recognized Cybersecurity Practices](#)
- [Health Industry Cybersecurity Practices 2023 \(Joint\)](#)

- [Cybersecurity for Clinician Video Training Series](#)
- [Health Industry NIST CSF Implementation Guide \(Joint\)](#)
- [Managing Legacy Technology Security](#)
- [Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning](#)

2022

- [Operational Continuity-Cyber Incident Checklist](#)
- [MedTech Vulnerability Communications Toolkit](#)
- [Model Contract-Language for Medtech Cybersecurity](#)

2021

- [Securing Telehealth and Telemedicine](#)

2020

- [Supply Chain Risk Management](#)
- [Health Sector Return-to-Work Guidance](#)
- [Tactical Crisis Response](#)
- [Protection of Innovation Capital](#)
- [Checklist for Teleworking Surge During COVID-19](#)

2019

- [Workforce Guide](#)
- [Medical Device and Health IT Joint Security Plan](#)
- [Health Industry Cybersecurity Practices \(Joint\)](#)



Link to publications



Major Activities in Q1

- [HIMSS Pre-Conference Cyber Forum March 19](#) – developed by HSCC CWG Leadership in collaboration with HIMSS
- Stryker incident response and impact assessment coordination
- Conception and Planning of Operation Vital Signs National Healthcare Cybersecurity Exercise to be held July 21-22
- Establishment and Organization of 3 new task groups for:
 - Isolation and Segmentation
 - Policy
 - Workforce
- Planning for Sixteenth Annual All-Hands and Third Annual All-Hands Across America Membership Meeting on April 15 involving 9 volunteer member hosts across the country and more than 300 in-person and virtual attendees
- Refinement of multiple new best practices readied for publication in Q2, first one showcased on April 15 by the [Third Party AI Cybersecurity Risk and Supply Chain Transparency Guide](#) and its companion [AI Cyber Glossary](#)



Publications Coming in Q2

- [Third Party AI Cybersecurity Risk and Supply Chain Transparency Guide – April 15](#)
- [AI Cybersecurity Glossary – April 15](#)
- **AI Cybersecurity Governance Guide – May**
- **Cybersecurity Board Governance – May- June**
- **AI Cyber Operations and Defense Playbook – May-June**

Likely Q3 Publications

- *Hospital Cybersecurity Landscape Analysis*
- *Cyber Updating and Patching*
- *Medtech Vulnerability Communications v.2*



Visibility



Q1 2026 HSCC Public Foot-Print

Clinician Video Training

- Q1 – 8,315 Youtube views / 464 hours
(Q4 2025: 5930/3301)
- ~ 15+ file requests (Q4 '25 = 10)
- Lifetime - 98,639 Views / 5,630 hours Watchtime; 132,258 Impressions

Webpage Impressions

- Total Page Views: 248,000
- Total Visitors: 3,700
- *(no data previous Qtr)*

Member Orientations

- 37 orientations; 24 hours

LinkedIn

Followers **3047 (+277 EO '25)**
Post Impressions **21,000** Reactions **609** Comments
23 Reposts **57**

Public Recognition

- Co-Hosted HIMSS Global Conference
March 9 Cyber Forum
- 698 “HSCC Cybersecurity Working Group” Google search results (551 last Qtr)
- 4 news results (last Qtr.) in Google search
- 3+ Leadership Speaking Appearances (*not counting member appearances on behalf of HSCC*)



2026 Task Groups

3 New:

**Isolation and Segmentation
Policy
Workforce**



2026 Task Groups Objectives and Leadership

TASK GROUP	OBJECTIVE	INDUSTRY LEADS	GOVT. LEAD
Artificial Intelligence Cybersecurity	Identify the emerging risks associated with the use of AI/ML based products and services in HPH and develop recommendations for their mitigations. Develop guidelines, standards, and best practices for AI safety and security.	Rohit Tandon – <i>Essentia Health</i> Rob Suarez – <i>CareFirst</i>	HHS ASPR- Charlee Hess
Health Industry Cybersecurity Landscape Analysis	Update 2023 Hospital Cybersecurity Landscape Analysis which identified the vulnerabilities and threats most frequently resulting in damaging attacks against hospitals and assesses the hospitals’ known capabilities for preventing damaging cyber incidents. Version 2 of the L.A. will incorporate more data in the analysis and consider vulnerabilities and incidents faced by additional subsectors.	Anahi Santiago – <i>ChristianaCare</i> James Case – <i>Baptist Health NE Florida</i> Ron Mehring – <i>Texas Health Resources</i>	HHS ASPR- Charlee Hess
MedTech Cybersecurity Updating/Patching	Develop mutual expectations among health delivery organizations and medical device manufacturers about updating and patching medical devices in the clinical environment, and associated risk, prioritization and cost.	Chris Gates – <i>arsMedSecurity</i> Phil Englert – <i>Health ISAC</i>	HHS FDA – Lisa Gilbert
MedTech Manufacturing OT Cybersecurity	Developing leading practices for cybersecurity management of operational/manufacturing technology. Initially focused on medical technology and pharmaceutical subsectors.	Tyrone Heggins, <i>Becton Dickinson</i> Erin Gilliam – <i>Merck</i>	TBD
MedTech Vulnerability Communications	Provide guidance to differing stakeholders (MDMs, HDO’s, clinicians, patients) on preparing, receiving and acting on medical device vulnerabilities. First publication April 2022 on patient awareness. Second version on HDO/MDM engagement and implementation in process.	Les Gray, <i>Abbott</i> (Advisor) Axel Wirth - Medcrypt	TBD



2026 Task Groups Objectives and Leadership

TASK GROUP	OBJECTIVE	INDUSTRY LEADS	GOVT. LEAD
Outreach and Awareness	Develop CWG brand and marketing strategy	Kristi Warner – <i>Abbott</i>	Charlee Hess – <i>HHS ASPR</i>
Policy NEW	Review and supplement every past and future published CWG best practices resource with recommendations, as appropriate, for government policies and programs that would facilitate achievement of the operational and governance objectives of each publication	Jeff Coughlin – <i>AMA</i> Brandyn Blunt – <i>Cleveland Clinic</i> Samantha Burch – <i>America’s Health Insurance Plans</i>	N/A
Post Quantum Cryptography <i>(joint with Health-ISAC)</i>	Develop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared cryptographic asset inventory framework for organizations to baseline their current exposure. Cross-industry roadmap for PQC migration, including interoperability and supply-chain considerations. Guidelines and reference architectures for pilot implementations and vendor engagement. Recommendations for regulatory and compliance alignment to support smooth adoption across industries. 	Zak Pantelli - <i>GSK</i> George Shatzer - <i>Merck</i> Nate Lesser - <i>Children’s National Hospital</i> Lena Karkar - <i>Baxter</i> Lori Kelly - <i>Amgen</i>	Arvin Eskandarnia - <i>FDA</i>
Segmentation and Isolation NEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop practical, uniform guidance and reference architectures that support safe, resilient, and scalable segmentation practices across the sector 	Connor Walsh, <i>Siemens Healthineers</i> Andrew Whittier - <i>Kaiser Permanente</i>	Nadia Elkaissi - <i>Veterans Affairs</i> Andrew Aiken - <i>VA (backup)</i>
Workforce NEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a clearinghouse of existing programs and forward-looking proposals that leverage joint industry and government initiatives to build and train a gold-standard cybersecurity workforce in healthcare 	Bezawit Sumner – <i>CRISP Health</i> Bobby Rao – <i>Bayer</i> Nick Sturgeon– <i>Community Health Network</i>	TBD



New Task Groups:

**Isolation and Segmentation
Policy
Workforce**



Governance



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Cybersecurity Working Group 2026 Industry Executive Committee

CWG members elect E.C. to 3-year staggered terms to represent their subsectors; E.C. elects Chair and Vice Chair to 2-years terms



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