The Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology

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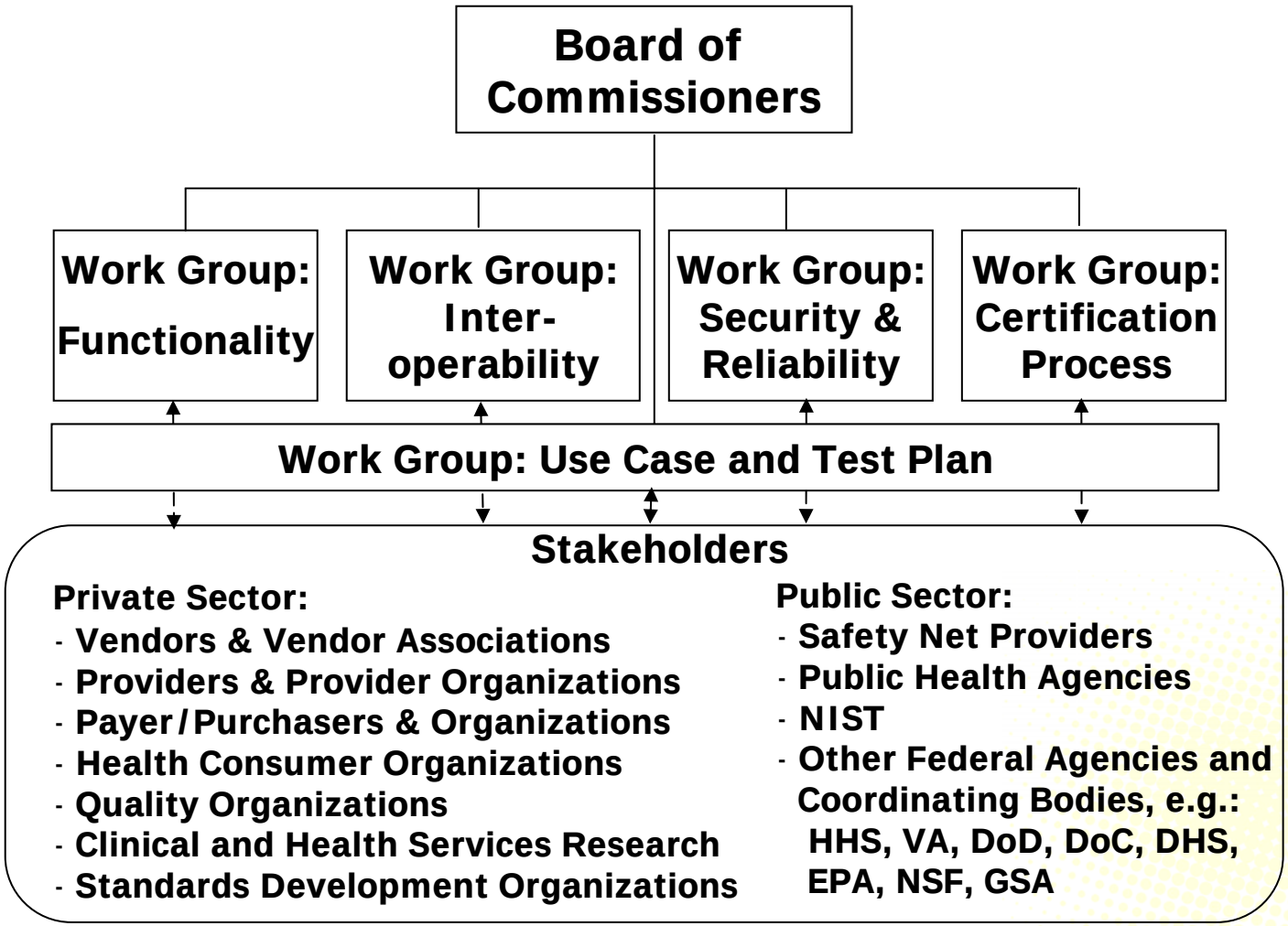
Mission of CCHIT

To accelerate the adoption of robust, interoperable health IT throughout the US healthcare system, by creating an efficient, credible, sustainable mechanism for the certification of health IT products.

Background

- **July 2004:** Certification of health IT products a key action in HHS Strategic Framework
- **Sept 2004:** AHIMA, HIMSS, and the Alliance fund and launch CCHIT
- **June 2005:** Eight additional organizations add $325k funding support
- **July 2005:** HHS announces health IT Strategy and releases RFP for Compliance Certification
- **Sept 2005:** CCHIT awarded a three-year, $7.5M HHS contract to develop and assess EHR and network certification criteria and inspection process

Organization



Diverse Stakeholder Representation in Governance and Development

Commission

- At least two from each group:
  - Healthcare Providers
  - Health IT Vendors
  - Purchasers/payers
- At least one from each group:
  - Clinical and health-services researchers
  - Federal government agencies
  - Health care consumers
  - Public health agencies
  - Safety net providers
  - Standards development organizations
  - Quality improvement organizations

Work Groups

- Open Call for Participation
  - 275 applicants responded
  - Rank by qualifications then adjust for balance
- Co-Chairs
  - Two co-chairs per work group
  - Represent two different stakeholders
- Members
  - Eight to 10 members per workgroup
  - Qualified experts
  - Diversity of backgrounds

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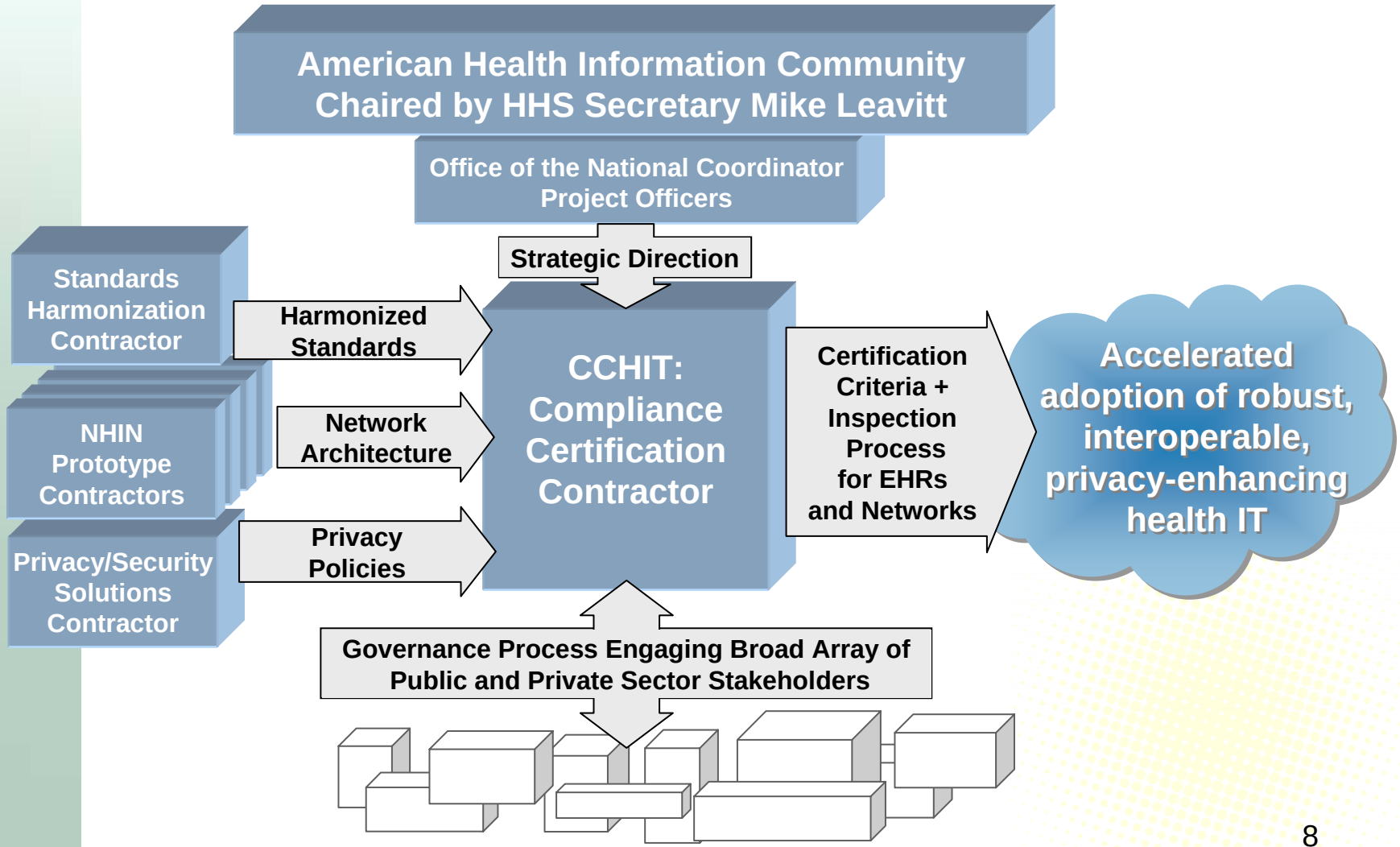
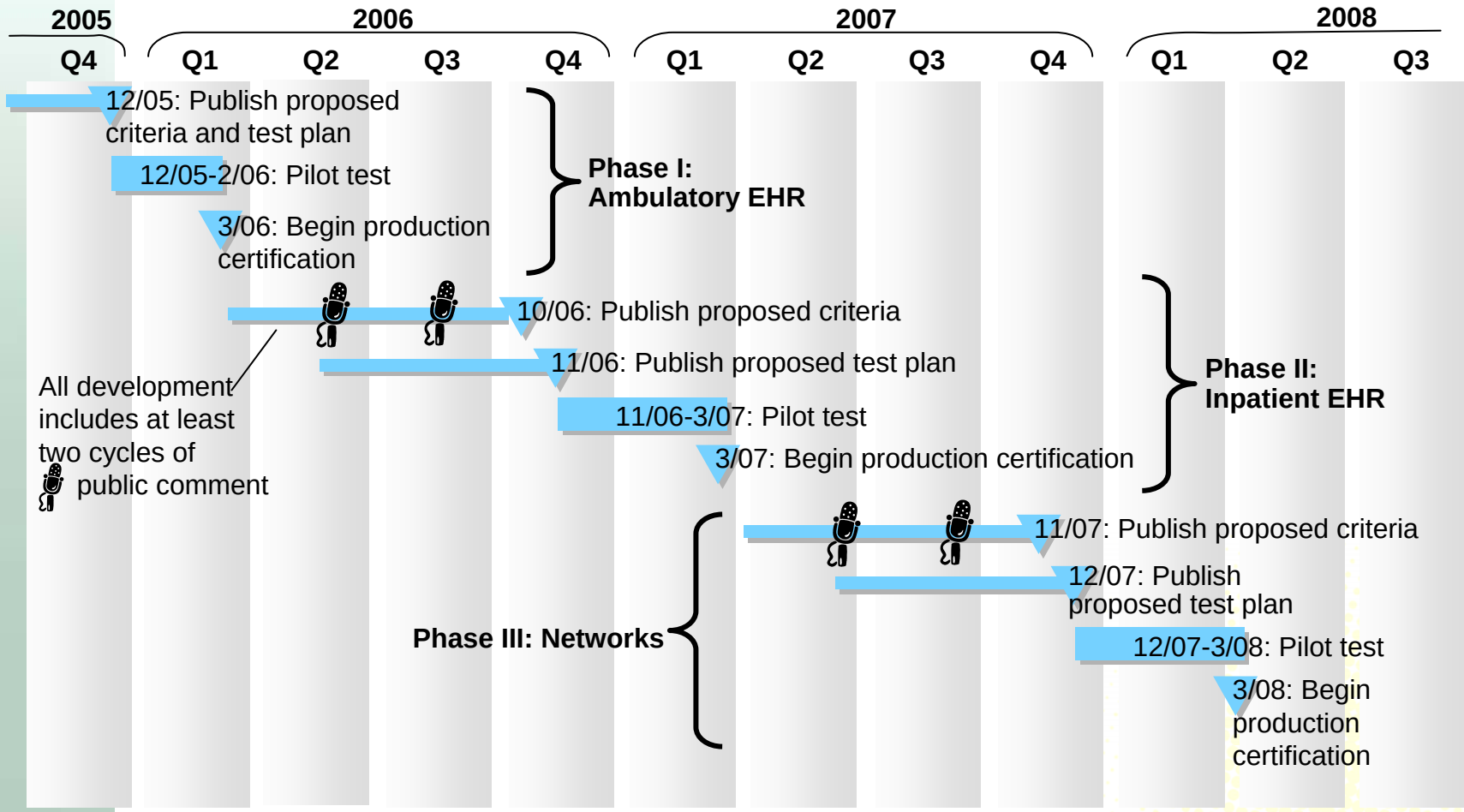
Role of CCHIT within the Health IT Strategic Landscape



Objectives of Health IT Product Certification

- Accelerate adoption by reducing the risks of investing in health IT
- Facilitate interoperability of health IT products within the emerging national health information network
- Enhance availability of health IT adoption incentives and relief of regulatory barriers
- Ensure that health IT products and networks always protect the privacy of personal health information

CCHIT Contractual Timetable



Not Shown: Certification criteria and inspection process for each domain are updated annually after initial development

Milestones Completed or Anticipated in 2005 and 2006

- **Nov 2005:** publish proposed criteria and test process for certifying ambulatory EHR products
- **Feb 2006:** complete Pilot Test of certification
- **June 2006:** have certified ambulatory EHR products in the marketplace
- **September 2006:** begin certifying e-prescribing and laboratory interoperability of EHRs (dependent on standards harmonization)
- **October 2006:** publish proposed criteria and test process for certifying inpatient EHR products

Q & A

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