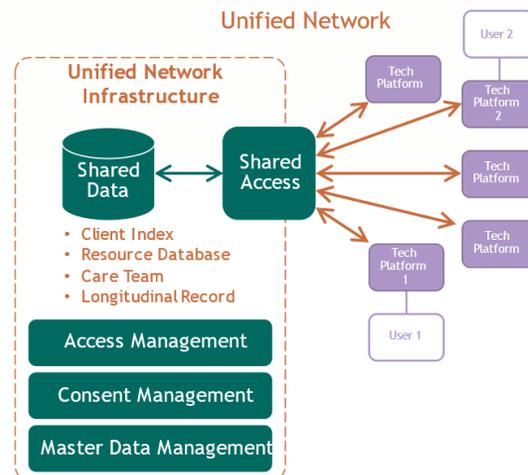# Connect2 Community Network Background Information

The shared vision co-developed with over 100 partners representing health care, government, and Community Based Organizations follows: Strengthen the coordination of care for those in need by connecting people, service organizations, and community partners more quickly and more effectively – resulting in a healthier, more equitable community for all.

Our approach to county-wide CIE in King County is to create and maintain a "Unified Network" to support and connect multiple existing or emerging technology platforms, some of which might identify themselves as CIE platforms, that connect, communicate, and cooperate as a unified whole. The Unified Network provides the infrastructure necessary to facilitate efficient and reliable communication among the technology platforms used by clinical- and community-based partners but is not necessarily a CIE platform itself. A high-level summary of the RFP architecture, components, and services is shown here:

The goal is to have two technology platforms exchanging data using the Unified Network infrastructure by Q2 2022. Additional technology platforms and functions will be added over a 3-year period and beyond. The 3-year budget for Connect2 Community Network (not just technology) is approximately $18 million.

The purpose of the RFP is to procure the software components necessary for the Unified Network, the technical services of a vendor to implement the technical solution and integrate with technical platforms of selected partners, and the technical services of a vendor to operate the technical solution, including hosting.

Eligibility Criteria and Response Model:

- Established organization or company that provides one or more of the following products and services relevant to the Unified Network Infrastructure:
  - System integration services
  - Commercial, off-the-shelf software to support data sharing across organizations for the following functions:
    - Shared access hub / gateway
    - Shared data
    - Access management
    - Consent management
    - Master data management
  - Software as a Service
  - Managed IT services for IT operations and support
- The preferred response model is one Prime contractor to build and operate the Unified Network Infrastructure as described in the Plan. Responses that include a Prime and full team providing all requested services will receive significant bonus points during evaluation.
- In the preferred model, the Prime contractor will assemble a team which may include:
  - System integrators
  - Independent software vendors
  - Software as a Service (SaaS, Paas, Iaas) vendors
  - Managed IT service vendors
- A solution using commercially available, off-the-shelf and configurable products is preferred.
- All solutions are welcome. Connect2 Community Network does not have an incumbent prime contractor or vendor.
- HealthierHere leads with equity and upholds its values: equity, community, partnership, innovation and results. All work performed for, with or on behalf of HealthierHere must reflect these values. HealthierHere is committed to equitable practices and strives to support women- and minority-owned businesses whenever possible. Additional points will be awarded for demonstrated advancement of equity.