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To: NITC Commissioners

From: Anne Byers

Subject: eHealth Council Report

Membership. The eHealth Council formed a nomination subcommittee to solicit nominations for new members. The slate of new members is included in the meeting materials. The approval of the nominees is an action item.

Grant Update. The NIITC/Office of the CIO submitted a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT for nearly $3 million in funding for health information exchange development on April 6, 2015. The proposed project would have addadd additional Critical Access Hospitals and long term care facilities to NeHII, provide assistance in integrating health information into provider workflows, and provide population analytics. The expected award date was June 12, 2015. To date, awards have not been announced.

NeHII Update. NeHII continues to add hospitals and providers. Chase County Hospital in Imperial is now live. By the end of September 2015, implementations for CHI Health St. Elizabeth and CHI Health Nebraska Heart in Lincoln, NE; CHI Health Good Samaritan in Kearney, NE; CHI Health St. Francis in Grand Island, NE; CHI Health St. Mary's in Nebraska City, NE; and CHI Health Plainview in Plainview, NE will be complete. The addition of these hospitals will bring the percentage of hospital beds in the state covered by NeHII to 62%.

NeHII will hold its annual meeting Aug. 6 in Sidney. Speakers include Deven McGraw, Deputy Director for Health Information Privacy from the HHS Office of Civil Rights; Scott Iverson, Chief Operating Officer for Optum; Frat Iqbal, Sr. Manager of Clinical Affairs at NYU Longone Medical Center; and Calder Lynch, Director of NDHHS Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care.