NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION
Monday, October 29, 2012, 9:30 a.m.
Southeast Community College, Division of Continuing Studies-Room 303/304
301 South 68th Street Place, Lincoln, Nebraska
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy, Chair
Pat Flanagan, PM Managed Services – CoSentry, LLC
Donna Hammack, Saint Elizabeth Foundation
Lance Hedquist, City Administrator, South Sioux City
Dr. Dan Hoesing, Superintendent, Alliance Public Schools
Mike Huggenberger, Director-Netlink, Great Plains Communications
Doug Kristensen, JD, Chancellor, University of Nebraska-Kearney
Brad Moline, Allo Communications
Dan Shundoff, Intellicom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Senator Galen Hadley (non-voting)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Lt. Governor Sheehy introduced the two new Commissioners. Donna Hammack and Brad Moline were welcomed to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.

ROLL CALL, NOTICE OF MEETING & OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

Lt. Governor Sheehy called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. There were six members present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC website and the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on October 12, 2012. The agenda was posted on the NITC website on October 22, 2012. The Open Meetings Law was available on the north wall countertop.

Commissioner Hammack arrived to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15, 2012 MINUTES*

Commissioner Flanagan moved to approve the August 15, 2012 minutes as presented. Commissioner Hedquist seconded. Roll call vote: Sheehy-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, and Moline-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Kristensen arrived to the meeting.

REPORT - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Broadband Conference. A broadband conference was held Oct. 2, 2012 in Lincoln with over 100 participants attending the full conference and over 100 students attending the luncheon featuring Internet pioneer, Vint Cert.

Best Practice Videos. The University of Nebraska and the AIM Institute are developing short videos highlighting how broadband is being utilized in Nebraska. Videos have been produced featuring Metalquest in Hebron, Banner County Public Schools, and 21st Century Equipment in western Nebraska,

Dinklage Feed Yards in Sidney, and Comfy Feet in Hartington. The videos are available at http://Youtube.com/broadbandnebraska or http://broadband.nebraska.gov/videos .

League Broadband Survey. Members of the League of Municipalities were surveyed to provide insight into how municipalities are using technology. Ms. Byers reported on some of the preliminary findings. Respondents identified the following challenges to moving local government services to the Internet:
- The ability to accept payment by credit card (46%);
- Funding to implement (39%);
- Available staff (37%); and
- Inability to keep upgrading new technology (33%).

Broadband is beginning to be incorporated into economic development plans. Twenty-five percent (25%) of respondents from communities with a population of more than 5,000 and 9% of total respondents indicated that their economic development plan currently incorporates or will be incorporating broadband. Overall, respondents seem satisfied with broadband services in their communities. Forty-four percent (44%) of respondents felt that current Internet services are very adequate for businesses in their community.

Commissioner Hedquist commented that the videos are great and that communities are very interested in payments online.

REPORT - EHEALTH COUNCIL

Commissioner Shundoff arrived to the meeting.

Membership*. The eHealth Council has three new member nominations for approval by the NITC:
- Jenifer Roberts-Johnson, Chief Administrator, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services
- Carol Brandl, Telehealth and Medical Education Coordinator, Bryan LGH Health Services
- Marty Fattig, CEO, Nemaha County Hospital

Commissioner Kristensen moved to approve the eHealth Council's recommendation and nomination of three new Council members (Roberts-Johnson, Brandl and Fattig). Commissioner Hoesing seconded. Roll call vote: Moline-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Sheehy-Yes, and Shundoff-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

State HIE Cooperative Agreement Update

On March 15, 2010, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission/Office of the CIO received $6.8 million in funding from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT's State HIE Cooperative Agreement program. Subrecipients include NeHII ($4.8 million), the Electronic Behavioral Health Information Network (eBHIN, $1.1 million), and the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network ($73,620). The UNMC College of Public Health is serving as the external evaluator.

NeHII Implementation Status. NeHII continues to add physicians, health care providers, and hospitals. Over 2,000 physicians and health care providers are using NeHII to access patient health information, with over 150 physicians signing participation agreements in the first quarter of 2012, 70 in the second quarter, and 131 in the third quarter. Regional West Medical Center, Columbus Community Hospital, Sidney Regional Medical Center joined NeHII in 2012. Additionally, York General Hospital, Avera St. Anthony's Hospital (O'Neil), Avera Creighton Hospital, Providence Medical Center (Wayne), and Cass County Health System (Atlantic, IA) have begun the implementation process to join NeHII. Chase County Hospital (Imperial) kicks off its NeHII implementation on Oct. 31. Other participating health systems and hospitals include Alegent Health, Children's Hospital and Medical Center, Methodist Health System, The Nebraska Medical Center, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital (Hastings), Creighton University Medical

Center, Great Plains Regional Medical Center (North Platte), Nebraska Spine Hospital, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Functionality. In 2011, Governor Heineman signed LB 237 which authorized the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to collaborate with NeHII to establish a prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). NeHII's functionality allows physicians to view a patient's medication history and other clinical information through NeHII's Virtual Health Record, enabling physicians to more safely prescribe controlled substances. The MITRE organization is working with NeHII, Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital, EPOWERdoc and the State Public Health team to implement a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program pilot with Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital using single sign-on functionality between the electronic health records and NeHII to signal possible drug seeking activities to physicians. The pilot is continuing to progress, overcoming obstacles with exchanging the SAML token and the project is moving to the testing phase. Alegent Health, COPIC and NeHII sponsored a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program continuing education program on October 8th, 2012 at the McAuley Center on Alegent Health's campus. The program's goal was to provide physicians with tools to identify and manage potential drug seekers in the clinic and emergency department settings. One hundred seventeen providers attended the event to hear speakers from the Drug Enforcement Agency, emergency department, pain clinics and family practices share their experiences in managing potential drug seekers. COPIC and the Nebraska Medical Association are also sponsoring one-day programs in October on "Facts, Fiction, and Reality: A Multidisciplinary Look at the Use, Abuse, and Diversion of Prescription Drugs in Nebraska." Deb Bass and Anne Dworak will be presenting on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program during these seminars.

Payer Access Pilot. The direct payer access pilot with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska kicked off on October 4, 2012. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska pilot participant/users have been trained and will be completing a survey each time they access NeHII to track pilot value measures. The date filter is working correctly and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska users are excited to start using the tool to support the gathering of information more efficient and make their jobs easier. NeHII has documented the primary and secondary audit process and it has been approved by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska

Immunization Registry. NeHII and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health have been working to exchange data between NeHII and the State's immunization registry (NESIIS). Bidirectional exchange between NeHII and NESIIS is expected to be operational in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Consumer Campaign. NeHII has launched a new consumer campaign using Connect the "Docs" as the theme. The campaign includes:
- A consumer website (http://www.connectnebraska.net/),
- Youtube video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLqi7-jD4N8),
- Consumer brochure, and
- Public service announcements.

eBHIN. The Electronic Behavioral Health Information Network (eBHIN) has gone live with its health information exchange functionality in Region 5 in Southeast Nebraska. eBHIN is one of the nation's first health information exchanges focusing on the exchange of behavioral health information. As of Sept. 17, ten out of the fifteen Region 5 sites had begun using the health information exchange functionality. Sites in Region 1 in the Panhandle and Region 6 in the Omaha area will begin going live with the health information exchange functionality as early as November 2012. Regions 2, 3 & 4 have received a planning grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to determine the resources needed to participate. These regions will consider participation based on costs and logistics identified on the planning process. eBHIN provides shared record exchange across treatment settings, closed loop referrals, wait list management and interim services tracking, medication reconciliation, and aggregate reporting at provider, region and state levels. eBHIN is also working with NeHII to utilize Direct secure messaging to exchange information—with patient consent—between behavioral health and medical providers.

Desk Audit. The Office of the National Coordinator has completed a desk review of the State HIE Cooperative Agreement. The report states: "Overall, it appears that the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services is managing funds in compliance with Federal regulations and its organization's policies and procedures. As seen in the report, there are instances where the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services can improve upon its policies."

State HIE Cooperative Agreement Expenditures

State HIE Cooperative Agreement Expenditures to Date	Expended	Allocated	% Expended
NeHII	$4,806,074.71	$4,898,275.00	98%
State/NITC	$99,155.71	$157,075.00	63%
Eval/UNMC	$45,458.39	$269,435.00	17%
eBHIN	$855,472.57	$1,112,275.00	77%
Pub Health	$59,500.22	$326,500.00	18%
Telehealth	$42,431.42	$73,620.00	58%
Total	$5,908,093.02	$6,837,180.00	86%

Strategic Plan Update. The Nebraska Strategic eHealth Plan was been completed in August. As the Council continues to address health information exchange, the plan will be updated.

Ms. Byers entertained questions from the Commissioners.

REPORT - STATE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Rick Becker reported that the Council has met once since the last Commission meeting. On October 11th, the Council reviewed 20 biennial IT budget requests that the Commission will be taking action on later in agenda. In addition, council members have been working on their agency IT plans. The Office of the CIO is currently reviewing the agency IT plans. There was a change in the Council's membership. The Department of Education appointed Brent Gaswick as their Council representative with Lori Henkenius serving as the alternate. No action was required of the Commission.

REPORT – EDUCATION COUNCIL

Tom Rolfes reported that the Council has met twice since the last NITC meeting. At the Council's August 16th meeting, an overview of the biennial budget was presented by the Budget Office. Matt Blomstedt, ESUCC Executive Director, provided a presentation on the ESUCC's distance education/eLearning efforts. At the Council's October 24th meeting, the Council reviewed two biennial IT budget requests
- 47-04 NET Media Management Services
- ESUCC 01 BlendEd eLearning System (voluntary review)

These proposals will address the following NITC Strategic Initiatives:
- D3 Action: Develop and deploy a statewide digital content repository that allows the assignment of digital property rights and the uploading, cataloguing, metatagging, searching, and downloading of digital learning objects by Nebraska educators.
- D4 Action: Develop and deploy a statewide learning management system for every K-12 teacher and learner, grades 6-12, and to also train teachers in effective instructional design to integrate synchronous and asynchronous technologies.
- D5 Action: Develop and deploy a statewide directory services structure that will enable students and teachers a single sign-on to associated learning management services and content management resources.

Network Nebraska Market Survey Report Excerpt (Link: Full Report). The 2012 Network Nebraska Survey has been completed. This is the fourth year that survey has been done. This was the first year the survey included questions about shared services. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the users indicated interest in shared services to reduce costs and increase statewide collaboration. There is a lot of interest

to work together to cut costs for schools. The Education Council discussed the potential for centers for excellence that could be regionally based. Invoicing for shared services could be easily done via the current billing system.

Mr. Rolfes entertained questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Moline commented that he was impressed and pleased with how well the network upgrade project was managed this summer.

Membership*. At the October 24th meeting, the Council voted to forward the nomination of Mike Carpenter, Chief Technology Officer, Doane College, for approval by the NITC. Mr. Carpenter will fill the vacancy left by Ken Clipperton and will represent Independent Colleges and Universities.

Commissioner Hoesing moved to approve the Education Council's nomination. Commissioner Hedquist seconded. Roll call vote: Flanagan-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Moline-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, and Sheehy-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORT – GIS COUNCIL

Nebraska Geospatial Strategic Plan Executive Summary (Link: Full Plan). Nathan Watermeier reported that the Council has been meeting monthly due to the development of the strategic plan. The Vice Chair, Mike Preston had planned to provide the update for Membership report but he was ill today.

The Nebraska Geospatial Strategic Plan will have three business plans:
- A plan to achieve Goal #1, the creation, maintenance, analysis, and publishing of Nebraska spatial data infrastructure layers.
- A plan to achieve Goal #2, enhance and sustain NebraskaMAP as the statewide geospatial data clearinghouse.
- A plan to achieve Goal 3, Technical Assistance and Education Outreach Plan. The Council sees a strong need to communicate what GIS is and encourage participation.

There has been a disconnection between local, state and federal entities in regards to GIS. During the summer fires, the OCIO learned that there are different levels of security of federal data, that there was a mismatch of data, and that there is a need to improve the quality of GIS data.

Lt. Governor Sheehy commented that the availability of GIS data was very helpful and played a big role in fighting the fires.

The Council has established five Working Groups: Nebraska Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services Network; Street Centerline-Address Database; Land Records, Imagery and Digital Elevation-LIDAR. Volunteers are committed to the Working Groups' foci.

Membership*. At the October 3rd meeting, the Council approved the nomination of Pat Larson as a new council member for the NITC's approval.

Commissioner Kristensen inquired about the status of the recommendation he submitted to Ms. Decker. Mr. Watermeier reported that those recommendations were received from Ms. Decker and then passed on to the GIS Council. The GIS Council established a Nomination Committee to review all recommendations and report back to the Council. The Nomination Committee looked at the representation of the Council and agreed that a rural active GIS user and someone representing western portion of the state was lacking on the Council. One individual recommended was not able to attend the meetings on the designated dates and declined further consideration.

Commissioner Kristensen voiced his concern that there isn't enough private sector representation on the Council. He stated that GIS in Nebraska is currently compartmentalized and the GIS Council needs to include all players. Mr. Watermeier explained that the nomination committee had discussed this issue and felt that including a representative of the GIS/LIS Association on the GIS Council fulfilled the need for

private sector representation. The Nebraska GIS/LIS Association is a non-profit organization which has private sector members. The GIS Council Vice-Chair represents the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association. Commissioner Kristensen requested further discussion of the GIS Council membership. Mr. Watermeier agreed to work with the GIS Council to reevaluate the representation of its At-Large membership.

Commissioner Kristensen moved to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Commissioner Flanagan seconded. Roll call vote: Sheehy-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, Huggenberger-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, Moline-Yes, and Shundoff-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

REPORT - TECHNICAL PANEL

Walter Weir thanked the NITC, Education Council and the Office of the CIO for their assistance with Network Nebraska.

Standards and Guidelines

The Nebraska State Patrol requested a waiver from standard NITC 5-101 Enterprise Content Management for State Agencies. The current ECM system does not meet their needs or offer the specialized features necessary to ensure compliance and accreditation. The agency requested to purchase QualTrax Compliance software and to revisit the ECM solution upon the end of the software lifecycle which is anticipated to be 5 years. The Technical Panel approved the waiver.

Enterprise Projects - [Status Report](#)

Andy Weekly reported that the NRIN (Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network is experiencing local jurisdiction issues and is the only project at risk. The Administrative Services LINK Capital Management project is completed. The Fusion Center will continue to be monitored due to one outstanding vendor requirement that has not been met. All other enterprise projects are progressing smoothly.

2013-2015 BIENNIAL BUDGET - [IT PROJECT PROPOSALS](#) - RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE*

Mr. Weir gave acknowledgement and thanks to the project reviewers. Mr. Becker reviewed the IT Budget Request process for the new NITC Commissioners. All NITC Advisory Groups have submitted their tier recommendations of IT project proposals to the Office of the CIO for the NITC's final review and approval. Agency representatives were in attendance to answer questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Flanagan moved to accept and approve the NITC Advisory Councils I.T. Project Tier recommendations. Commissioner Hedquist seconded.

Commissioners reviewed each project's tier recommendation and were given an opportunity to make changes or keep as recommended. There were no changes. A roll call vote was taken.

Roll call vote: Kristensen-Yes, Moline-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Sheehy-Yes, Flanagan-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hoesing-Yes, and Huggenberger-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

[NITC PROGRESS REPORT](#) TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE - NOVEMBER 2012*

By November 15th of every even-numbered year, the NITC is required to submit a Progress Report to the Governor and the Legislature. In addition, every odd-numbered year the CIO provides a legislative update to the Appropriations and Transportation and Telecommunication Committees.

Commissioner Hoesing moved to approve the 2012 NITC Progress Report. Commissioner Shundoff seconded. Roll call vote: Hoesing-Yes, Hedquist-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Flanagan-Yes,

Sheehy-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Moline-Yes, Kristensen-Yes, and Huggenberger-Yes. Results: Yes-9, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

CIO's Report on the Status of Enterprise Projects. By the next NITC meeting, it is anticipated that two enterprise projects will be completed – Administrative Services-LINK and the State Patrol-Fusion Center projects. Ms. Decker reminded the Commission that if any of the 2013-15 IT Budgets are funded, these may be designated as Enterprise Projects and may be monitored by the NITC.

Other IT Related Budget Issues. Agency budget requests submitted in September contained a number of IT related requests beyond just the IT projects reviewed earlier; the Office of the CIO will monitor these issues and provide input as appropriate.

Network Nebraska. Mr. Rolfes provided a brief history about Network Nebraska, CAP (Collaborative Aggregation Partnership, and NNAG (Network Nebraska Advisory Group) for the new Commissioners. The next RFP procurement is for service provider contracts for 30 or more sites. Federal E-rate plays a big role in the affordability of the network. The OCIO is currently waiting on E-rate funding for 2012. A PIA review has just been conducted and currently waiting on a positive response from this as well. The Project has 100% of public higher education, 43% of nonpublic higher education, and 88% of public K12 entities participating. There are some non-public K12 participants as well. Assurance of quality is also a role of the OCIO. Currently, the office is negotiating credits for interruptions of service.

2012 Digital States Survey Results. The Center for Digital Government completed a survey of all fifty states on their digital government initiatives. Rather than ranking the states, the Center gives grades. Nebraska received a B- two years ago. For 2012, Nebraska received a B+ due to our leadership and collaboration with agency partners. In other states, universities and state government agencies rarely work together. Nebraska is unique in regards to state and local collaboration efforts.

2012 Nebraska Digital Summit and NASCIO Recognition. Commissioners were invited to attend the 15th Annual Nebraska Digital Summit which will be held at Lincoln Embassy Suites on October 30, 2012. Brenda Decker also informed Commissioners that NASCIO (National Association of State CIO's) presented the 2012 State Technology Innovator Award to Governor Dave Heineman.

NITC Logo. Elizabeth Vornbrock, a Graphic Design Media Arts student at Southeast Community College designed a new NITC logo. She will also be assisting with the NITC website this fall quarter.

Commissioner Flanagan complimented the Office of the CIO and the University of Nebraska staff with the improvement of biennial IT budget proposal process and their dedication as stewards of the state's IT investments.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hoesing moved to adjourn. Commissioner Hedquist seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

The meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Office of the CIO/NITC staff.