

## NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Thursday, July 23, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Leadership Center, 2211 Q Street

Aurora, Nebraska

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Felix Davidson, Governor's Office, Chair  
Senator Curt Friesen, Nebraska Legislature  
Brad Moline, Allo Communications  
Dr. Terry Haack, Bennington Public Schools  
Donna Hammack, Saint Elizabeth Foundation  
Dan Shundoff, Intellicom  
Randy Meininger, City of Scottsbluff  
Gary Warren, Hamilton Telecommunications  
Walter Weir, University of Nebraska

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dorest Harvey, USSTRACTCOM/AFLCMS-HBCC

#### ROLL CALL, NOTICE OF MEETING & OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present. The meeting notice was posted to the [NITC website](#) and the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) on June 25, 2015. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on July 17, 2015. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available on a table in the back of the meeting room.

#### APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2015 MINUTES

**Commissioner Weir moved to approve the [May 21, 2015](#) minutes as presented. Commissioner Shundoff seconded. Roll call vote: Davidson-Yes, Haack-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Meininger-Yes, Moline-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Warren-Yes and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-8, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Ed Toner, new State CIO, was introduced to the Commission. Mr. Toner acknowledged and congratulated Brenda Decker for her achievements as CIO. Mr. Toner began his position on June 9 and stated that he has been impressed with the staff of the Office of the CIO. He shared his three priorities: security, consolidation, and availability and that he is looking forward to working with the Commission.

#### NITC STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Anne Byers

The NITC Strategic Initiatives were presented to the Commission at the last meeting. Per the recommendation of the NITC, some metrics have been added along with strengths/assets and barriers. The NITC Advisory groups will be developing action plans to meet the strategic initiatives. The plan will be on the November NITC meeting agenda for approval.

Commissioners provided feedback on the initiatives and requested that objectives and metrics be more closely aligned.

Commissioner Weir asked about the next steps for Network Nebraska. He shared that other state networks are providing services such as single sign on (CAL Cloud). Indiana has a data center for education. Mr. Needham said that Network Nebraska will have a visioning meeting in August which will address the future of Network Nebraska. Ms. Byers mentioned Lincoln City Libraries will be joining Network Nebraska this year. This may stimulate interest in additional libraries joining Network Nebraska. Commissioner Moline suggested looking at other states to see what they are getting for the same amount of money. This may be helpful in marketing Network Nebraska.

Commissioners also had questions about the Community IT Development initiative. Ms. Byers explained that data on broadband service provided via satellite was not included in the maps. Broadband via satellite has too much latency to be used for virtual private networks (VPN). Commissioners asked about the overlap between Network Nebraska and Community IT Development. Ms. Byers explained that Network Nebraska leases facilities. Any investments made by telecommunications providers for Network Nebraska can also be made available to businesses, residences, and other entities in Nebraska. Commissioner Haack asked about the role of the Public Service Commission and the Nebraska Universal Service Fund. Ms. Byers explained that the Public Service Commission is a partner in this initiative. Nebraska is one of only four states to support broadband through state universal service funds.

State IT Spending is a new initiative that will need further development. IT spending is decentralized with limited governance from the OCIO. Currently, there is an effort to revise the state accounting object codes to provide more specific information on categories of spending.

Due to time constraints, further discussion was tabled. Commissioner Davidson suggested doing a deeper dive at the November meeting.

## **REPORTS FROM THE TECHNICAL PANEL AND ADVISORY COUNCILS**

### **REPORT – STATE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL**

Ed Toner, Chair

**IT Procurement Reviews.** The NITC by statute must review and approve IT spending. The Office of the CIO is now asking agencies to comply with the existing NITC standard and provide more information regarding their requests. IT purchase reviews are done weekly in the Office of the CIO.

**Agency IT Plans.** The OCIO will be developing an interactive database where agencies will be required to update their Agency IT Plans. This will assist in determining where there is duplication and in moving to a service model which reduces costs and provides better security and greater efficiency.

### **COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Anne Byers, Community IT Manager

**Broadband Workbook.** *Leveraging Broadband in Your Community: A Workbook to Help Communities Stimulate Broadband Development* is now available at <http://broadband.nebraska.gov/workbook/html5/index.html>. A press release about the workbook and the awards program was released by the University of Nebraska.

**Broadband Awards Program.** The Nebraska Broadband Initiative is accepting nominations for outstanding community broadband projects until August 14, 2015. Projects will be recognized in three categories:

- Outstanding Infrastructure Development Project
- Outstanding Digital Literacy Project
- Outstanding Youth Project

Awards will be presented at the Rural Futures Conference in Lincoln on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015. Additional information is available at <http://unlcms.unl.edu/ianr/extension/nebraska-broadband/broadband-awards>.

**Rural Futures Conference Sessions.** The Nebraska Broadband Initiative is organizing several broadband sessions for the Rural Futures Conference which will be held October 21-23 in Lincoln. More information is available at [ruralfutures.nebraska.edu](http://ruralfutures.nebraska.edu).

## **EHEALTH COUNCIL**

Anne Byers, Community IT Manager

**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: Sheri Dawson, Division of Behavioral Health; Bridget Young, Visiting Nurse Association; Cindy Kadavy, Nebraska Health Care Association; Anna Turman; Kathy Cook, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Joni Booth, Gallup; Robin Szwanek, AARP; June Ryan, Retired; Todd Searls, Wide River and Dr. Jim McClay, UNMC. The approval of the nominees is an action item.

**Commissioner Haack moved to approve the eHealth Council's nominations for council membership. Commissioner Moline seconded. Roll call vote: Weir-Yes, Warren-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Moline-Yes, Meininger-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Haack-Yes, and Davidson-Yes. Results: Yes-8, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**Grant Update.** The NITC/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 add additional Critical Access Hospitals and long term care facilities to NeHII, provide assistance in intergrating health information into provider workflows, and provide population analytics. The expected award date was June 12, 2015. To this 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 August 6 in Sidney. Speakers include 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.

## **EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Gary Needham, Education Council Co-Chair

**Visioning Subcommittee.** The Education Council has met once since the Commission's last meeting in May but the Visioning Subcommittee has been hard at work reviewing the Network Nebraska and Digital Education strategic initiatives. The Education Council will meet on August 19 and will be reviewing all current action item progress and development of recommendations for new action items for both initiatives, but particularly Digital Education. The action items will be ready for the November NITC meeting.

Mr. Becker reminded the Commission that by statute the Commission will need to formally adopt the Statewide Technology Plan at the November meeting.

**Membership.** Mr. Rolfes sent out the notice of membership renewal to the executive officers of the professional associations that are represented on the Education Council. The membership nomination document in the meeting materials highlighted two new members nominated to join the Council. Mark Askren, Chief Information Officer of the UNL Campus will be replacing Yvette Holly in representing the University of Nebraska. Ted DeTurk, Administrator of ESU 2 in Fremont, will be replacing Bob Uhing, who will be retiring. The Education Council acknowledged and thanked Yvette and Bob for their many years of service to the Education Council and the NITC. Mike Lucas, Superintendent of York, will continue to serve

until the Nebraska Council of School Administrators have made their nomination. All other members are renewing their terms. If there are no questions, the Council would invite the Commissioners to approve this nomination slate.

**Commissioner Hammack moved to approve the Education Council's membership recommendation. Commissioner Weir seconded. Roll call vote: Davidson-Yes, Haack-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Meininger-Yes, Moline-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Warren-Yes, and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-8, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**Network Nebraska Update.** On behalf of all the new and existing member entities on Network Nebraska, Commissioner Weir's team at UNCSN was thanked for such a smooth network transition in June and July. Updates include:

- 14 new school districts from ESU 3 joined Network Nebraska over a new 8 Gigabit circuit.
- The Omaha egress Internet access was cut over from Unite Private Networks to Cogent Communications.
- The ESU 6 aggregation circuit is in the process of being upgraded from 1,000Mbps to 1,500Mbps.
- The Catholic Diocese of Lincoln schools are in the process of being added to the Network.
- The 2015-16 Annual Fee Memo will soon be sent by the new CIO, Ed Toner.
- The Participation Fee will decrease to \$205.35/month and the Interregional Transport Fee will increase slightly to \$22/month.
- The average unit rate for Internet access (pre-Erate) decreased from \$1.28/Mbps/month to \$.94/Mbps/month.
- OCIO and UNCSN staff will soon start the 2015 RFP process to rebid over 200 WAN circuits and the statewide backbone.

## **GIS COUNCIL**

Nathan Watermeier, State GIS Coordinator

**Membership Update.** There are two GIS Council seats up for renewal in September 2015. The League of Nebraska Municipalities (LNM) has reappointed Lash Chaffin (Lincoln) and the Nebraska Association of Resource Districts (NARD) has appointed Jeff Sprock (Scottsbluff). By statute, these seats are nominated by LNM and NARD and are appointed by the Governor.

### **NESDI Strategic Initiative Update.**

Elevation. The Elevation Business Plan was approved by the GIS Council on March 26, 2015. The business plan is posted at the following location: [http://nitc.ne.gov/gis\\_council/workgroups/elevation/documents/NITCGISCouncilElevationBusinessPlan2015.pdf](http://nitc.ne.gov/gis_council/workgroups/elevation/documents/NITCGISCouncilElevationBusinessPlan2015.pdf). The plan takes a comprehensive approach and details the organizational needs, technology and human resource requirements, required product deliverables, funding requirements, legislative support, implementation plans, and a marketing and outreach strategy. The working group was successful in receiving a cost-share contract with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to begin acquiring LiDAR data in western Nebraska. This effort was a result of several partners working together. These Partners include the Natural Resource Districts (NRD), State agencies, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and USGS. The estimate for the project is \$1.3 million with USGS providing up to 50% match. Flight acquisition of data is expected to begin this fall.

Land Records. A Nebraska Statewide Parcel Geodatabase Development and Implementation Plan was finalized in May with input from the GIS Assessors Committee. The plan outlines expectations of the State's public records request and a timeline going forward to obtain core parcel data and GIS files. This effort has also leveraged a data sharing partnership effort by working together and identifying state level data that can also go back to counties to support their needs.

Street Centerline Address Database. The recent street centerline and address standards were presented to the State E-911 Advisory Board to begin to address questions and begin developing partnerships to further build recommendations going forward as we develop plans to transition to NG-911. Several state agencies have partnered towards a shared service for a statewide ELA contract with InfoGroup to acquire statewide address and demographic data for the state. It is available to any state agency, city/local government, other state eligible political subdivision, college, or university (except University of Nebraska Medical Center).

NebraskaMAP. The inventory process of evaluating geospatial data is still continuing. There are many geospatial data sets that are not meeting NITC Metadata standards. This is one of the requirements to be fulfilled before data can be made publicly available through the new clearinghouse. A geospatial data and content management policy has been drafted and will be shared with the GIS Council at their next meeting. The working group is developing plans to assist those with updating their metadata records. A data management and cataloging system designed specifically for geospatial data has been assembled and is currently being tested for security.

#### **TECHNICAL PANEL**

Walter Weir, Chair

#### **Enterprise Projects - [Status Report](#)**

Mr. Weir used the agenda [document](#) to provide an update on the status of the Enterprise Projects currently reporting to the Technical Panel.

#### **INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

**Audit.** The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is going through an audit. The scope of the audit includes the OCIO and NITC. It has been 10 years since the last audit.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

Commissioner Davidson expressed his thanks and appreciation to the NITC Commissioners for their time and expertise in assisting the State of Nebraska.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Moline moved to adjourn. Commissioner Haack seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by the NITC staff.