

E-Health Council Proposed Operational Plan Development
Overview of Co-Chair discussion with Lieutenant Governor and Office of the Chief
Information Officer for State of Nebraska

- The development of electronic health care and systems of care is dynamic. New opportunities are emerging as the ‘electronic highway’ is built. As we do not yet know what the entire highway plan looks like we should concentrate on preparing in those areas that are most likely to prepare us for the larger plan. Several electronic health initiatives are underway in the state. Much of this work is likely to contribute to our readiness. Other additional work is and will be needed that the e-Health Council can support and oversee.
- The state needs both a systematic plan and an opportunistic approach to electronic health care advancement.
- The plans and opportunities will require both facilitation and / or action to achieve the primary mission of the council.
- In this early stage of infrastructure formation and development, there are important roles for the e-Health Council:
 - Monitor for important opportunities and determine actions needed. The actions are likely to be practice/implementation, education, or research oriented.
 - Catalog and describe the best practices that emerge and the contexts that they emerge from for the interests of all
 - Educate consumers, health care professionals, and key government persons and groups about both the systematic plans and opportunities available.
 - Development of workgroups, networks and advisors based upon need.
- With these understandings, an initial operational plan for the eHealth Council will be developed and presented to the e-Health Council that includes both an Opportunity Track and a Systematic Planning Track.

Recommended Action

- Work of the state of Nebraska Health Information Security and Privacy Committee (HISPC) has resulted in a set of recommendations that need to move to action. This set of recommendations comes in the form of the HISPC Final Report and the action items summarized in a document distributed by Denny Berens at the June 2007 e-Health Council meeting. The HISPC is an ad hoc group appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to study and implement solutions to security and privacy issues in the state of Nebraska related to health information exchange. This set of recommendations will require ongoing support. We propose to the e-Health Council:
 1. The present HISPC be appointed as a workgroup within the e-Health Council.
 2. The recommendations be approved for action as a part of the e-Health Council’s work.

Submitted on behalf of group,

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