

EHEALTH COUNCIL

February 29, 2012 1:30 PM CT – 4:00 PM CT

Lincoln: Nebraska Educational Telecommunications, 1800 N. 33rd, Board Rm., 1st Floor

Omaha: UNMC, College of Public Health/Maurer Center for Public Health, Room 3020

Kearney: Good Samaritan Hospital

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wende Baker
 Susan Courtney
 Joel Dougherty
 Donna Hammack
 Ken Lawonn
 Sue Medinger
 Laura Meyers
 Marsha Morien
 Todd Searls
 Nancy Shank
 Lianne Stevens
 Jason Davis
 Patrick Werner
 Delane Wycoff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joni Cover, Vivianne Chaumont, Senator Annette Dubas, Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, Kimberly Galt, Alice Henneman, Harold Krueger, Kay Oestmann, Rita Parris, John Roberts

Guests and Staff: Anne Byers, Lori Lopez Urdiales, Sarah Briggs and Chris Henkenius

ROLL CALL NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA NOTICE OF NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING

Ms. Morien called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. There were 13 members present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business. The meeting notice was posted to the NITC and Public Meeting websites on February 3, 2012. The meeting agenda was posted on February 24, 2012.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 2011 MINUTES and the OCTOBER 5, 2011 MINUTES*

Laura Meyers' name was corrected in the April minutes. Nancy Shank's name was corrected in both April and October minutes.

Ms. Hammack moved to approve the [April 1, 2011 minutes](#) and the [October 5, 2011 minutes](#) with the name corrections. Ms. Shank seconded. Roll call vote: Courtney-Yes, Dougherty-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Lawonn-Yes, Medinger -Yes, Meyers-Yes, Morien-Yes, Searls-Yes, Shank-Yes, Stevens-Yes, Davis-Yes, Werner-Yes, and Wycoff-Yes. Results: Yes-13, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

Dr. Joann Schaefer, Chief Medical Officer and Director, DHHS Division of Public Health, Anne Dworak and Chris Henkenius, NeHII

Dr. Joann Schaefer gave an update on Nebraska's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). LB 237 gave the Department of Health and Human Services the authorization to develop the infrastructure

for a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Nebraska has one of the lowest drug overdose death rates in the country. Nebraska's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is focused on improving patient care and is not accessible by law enforcement officials. Participation by physicians and other health care providers is voluntary.

Ms. Baker arrived.

Anne Dworak and Chris Henkenius provided information on NeHII 's PDMP functionality. NeHII provides real-time data which includes medication history as well as other clinical information. Ms. Dworak provided a demonstration of the system. Approximately 80-85% of prescription data is available. The project is currently working with pharmacies to enter information.

Some physicians inform patients that opting out will not provide a comprehensive history to the physician necessary to safely prescribe narcotics. The cost is \$20/month for physicians/providers to be part of the system. Ms. Baker recommended that providers receive training on dealing with patients who may need treatment for addiction. NeHII is pursuing funding to develop alert functionality. NeHII demonstrated its PDMP functionality at the HIMSS conference.

MEMBERSHIP

The following members are up for membership renewals: Dr. Delane Wycoff; John Roberts; Harold Krueger; Joel Dougherty; Nancy Shank; and Donna Hammack. All have agreed to serve on the eHealth Council for another term.

Ms. Courtney moved to recommend the membership renewals to the NITC. Mr. Lawonn seconded. Roll call vote: Baker-Yes, Courtney-Yes, Dougherty-Yes, Hammack-Yes, Lawonn-Yes, Medinger - Yes, Meyers-Yes, Morien-Yes, Searls-Yes, Shank-Yes, Stevens-Yes, Davis-Yes, Werner-Yes, and Wycoff-Yes. Results: Yes-14, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Joyce Beck and Jeff Kuhr have resigned from the Council.

UPDATING NEBRASKA'S STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL EHEALTH PLANS

([ONC Program Information Notice on Updating State eHealth Plans](#) and Expected ONC Program Information Notice on Privacy and Security)

On Feb 8, 2012, the ONC released a program information notice for the requirements for updating state plans. Plans are due on May 8, 90 days after the release of the notice. A privacy and security framework section is also required, but no information has been released yet for that section.

Ms. Byers proposed the following approach to complete and submit the updated Nebraska's Strategic and Operational eHealth Plans:

- Ms. Byers has analyzed requirements and developed a work plan.
- The eHealth Council will discuss any changes to Nebraska's HIE strategy and will approve a general work plan for updating state eHealth plans in February.
- Ms. Byers will work with the Nebraska eHealth Implementation Team, the ePrescribing Work Group, and the UNMC State HIE Evaluation Team to update the Nebraska eHealth Plan. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, and Public Health on plan updates.
- The Nebraska Information Technology Commission will approve any changes in HIE strategy and the work plan.
- The eHealth Council will approve targets for 2012 and a draft plan in late April or early May.

DIRECT

Chris Henkenius, NeHII

Direct provides secure messaging for the exchange of health information. NeHII has Direct set up and the cost is \$15/month. Direct e-mail cannot be sent to any other e-mail system such as Hotmail, Yahoo, etc. Patients will either have to sign-up and pay for a direct e-mail address or utilize a patient portal. In some states, ONC is requiring a certain number of DIRECT users before implementation of a query-model health information exchange.

UPDATES

Expected Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Meaningful Use. ONC has released the proposed rules for Stage 2 Meaningful Use (Stage 2 NPRM) which will take effect in 2014. Members were encouraged to submit comments.

Legislation. LB 574 Adopt the Electronic Prescription Transmission Act is the only bill related to health IT this session.

Site visit by NORC at the University of Chicago. The ONC contracted with NORC at the University of Chicago to conduct case studies of HIE development in several states. Nebraska was one of the states selected. NORC will be sending Ms. Byers the initial draft of the evaluation to provide feedback prior to publishing.

Evaluation Activities. Don Klepser, University of Nebraska Medical Center, provided an update on evaluation activities. The survey of non-participating pharmacists received IRB approval. A letter was sent to pharmacists on Monday. This coming Monday, contacts will be made to approximately 42 pharmacists. It is anticipated that the survey results will be ready in April.

ONC is hosting a webinar tomorrow to discuss evaluation plans and the instrument to survey labs. In addition, the Evaluation Work Group has been working on the evaluation plan for the updated Nebraska eHealth State Plan. Ms. Byers thanked the UNMC evaluation team for their assistance.

NeHII. There are currently three hospitals in Iowa also interested in joining. Regional West in Scottsbluff is coming online. The project currently has over 800 doctors, 1,900 users, and 29 million records in the system. Agreements have been reached to provide services in Wyoming. Wyoming is working on getting 100 users on Direct.

eBHIN. Wendie Baker reported that the project currently has 170 providers and over 3,000 records on the network. Plans are underway for Region I to join the network. The focus has been on the finalization and customization of the wait list referral system so that it is more manageable and not done by hand. The project received funding the Lincoln Endowment Fund to add the Peoples City Health Clinic to the network. Ms. Baker shared a sample Center Point Medications List. The project will be meeting later this month with NeHII to discuss using DIRECT to send behavioral health information to NeHII users with patient consent.

Wide River Technology Extension Center. Todd Searls reported that Wide River Technology Extension Center has met its goal of recruiting 1,000 providers. Ninety-four percent (94%) of rural providers have signed up. Over 670 physicians working with Wide River TEC are live on a certified EHR and more than 145 have already met the requirements for stage one meaningful use within the Medicare EHR Incentive Program.

A Meaningful Use summit will be held on April 4th, Anne Byers. Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy will be providing opening remarks. The afternoon panel will be discussing the future of health IT and how it will affect Nebraska and the nation. A social media network will be rolled out similar to Facebook. User groups will also be created.

Medicaid. Sarah Briggs reported that CMS has approved Nebraska's SMHP. The EHR incentive program plan will launch on May 7, 2011. Nebraska's Medicaid program has been conducting outreach activities to help providers prepare for the launch.

Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network. Laura Meyers reported that in addition to the mobile technologies initiative, the project is looking at expanding the backbone across the state. An RFI has been released. The project is hosting three webinar luncheon series geared towards providers - 1st one will be on reimbursement; the 2nd one will be on services that can be provided including Veteran's Affairs; and the 3rd one will be on mobile technologies. The webinar series will be posted on UNMC website after they have been held.

Dr. Wycoff informed the Council that he presented on Nebraska's eHealth efforts in early February at an international congress in Portugal.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Ms. Morien adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by Anne Byers, Office of the CIO/NITC.