

EHEALTH COUNCIL

September 13, 2010, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications, Board Room
1800 N. 33rd Street, Lincoln
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wende Baker
Joyce Beck
Pat Darnell, Alt. for Vivianne Chaumont
Donna Hammack
Jeff Kuhr
Ken Lawonn
Sue Medinger
Greg Schieke
Lianne Stevens
September Stone
Steve Urosevich
Delane Wycoff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Courtney, Joni Cover, Joel Daugherty, Senator Annette Dubas, Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, Kimberly Galt, Alice Henneman, Harold Krueger, Kay Oestmann, John Roberts, Nancy Shanks

Guests and Staff: Anne Byers, Lori Lopez Urdiales, Deb Bass,

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

Dr. Wycoff called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The meeting notice was posted to the Nebraska Public Meeting Website and the NITC Website on August 16, 2010. The meeting agenda was posted on September 8, 2010. A copy of the Nebraska Public Meeting Act was posted on the west wall. Twelve members were present at roll call.

APPROVAL OF MAY 13, 2010 MINUTES

Ms. Baker moved to approve the [May 13, 2010 minutes](#) as presented. Ms. Hammack seconded. All were in favor. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MEMBERSHIP—ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR

The election of co-chair was tabled until final approval of new member Marsha Morien.

MEMBERSHIP—NEW MEMBER NOMINATION

The following members have resigned from the eHealth Council: Steve Henderson, Keith Mueller and David Lawton.

Marsha Morien has agreed to become a member. All were in favor. Motion carried.

UPDATES - EHEALTH PLANS--Anne Byers

Revised Strategic and Operational eHealth Plans have been sent to the Office of the National Coordinator. The last revised versions include additional information on structured laboratory results, e-prescribing and state-level provider directory. The revised plans as well as a summary of revisions have been posted on the NITC website.

UPDATES – NEHII--Ken Lawson

There are over 1.6 million patients in the NeHII Master Patient Index. Approximately, 183 physicians and staff are using EMR and over 900 are accessing the virtual health record. Feedback from physicians and staff has been positive.

UPDATES – EBHIN--Wende Baker

SNBHIN has changed its name to eBHIN (Electronic Behavioral Health Information Network). The project is expanding to include Region I in the Panhandle. Janelle Fricke is the new project manager. She has been working on training for the implementation of the system. The selection of a vendor to relocate the center is in the final stages. eBHIN has also been working on specifications for equipment for the center. Once the specifications have been developed, an RFP will be released within the next 30-60 days. Providers are excited about the electronic services that will be available.

UPDATES – MEDICAID--Pat Garnell

Public Consulting Group was the vendor selected to assist with the State Medicaid HIT plan. A Kickoff meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to plan the 6-month project.

UPDATES - WIDE RIVER TEC--Greg Schieke

Approximately thirty-five (35) vendors responded to the RFI. The main focus has been on recruiting clinics to sign up. The \$2,000 fee would be waived if clinics accepted their standard agreement and would sign on. There has been great interest. The promotional offer ends this Friday. Lt. Governor Sheehy will be at the kickoff event tomorrow in Lincoln at the Embassy Suites from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. which will include breakout sessions. Twenty-six vendors will be there to display their products. There are planned several scenarios for them to demonstrate their products. More information and sign-up is available via their website. On Friday, it was announced that the project has received funding to assist critical access hospitals. The Advisory Council will be meeting tomorrow. The project plans to work with the Public Policy Center and Nancy Shank on a curriculum development project.

UPDATES - METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE--Anne Byers

Metro Community College has received a coalition training grant from ARRA/HHS to provide HIT training for the entire state of Nebraska. Classes began last Tuesday with already over 100 enrolled. There is a lot of interest in the program. They are the first in the region and possibly in the country providing this type of course.

UPDATES - ONEWORLD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER--Joel Dougherty

Mr. Dougherty was not present to report.

UPDATES - TELEHEALTH NETWORK--Donna Hammack

When the state's revised health plan is approved, it will help with the project to move forward with the peripherals for state hospitals to improve clinical usage of telehealth. The Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network 2010 Conference "Present Challenges, Future Hope" was held in the Omaha on July 23-23. Dr. Blumenthal was a keynote speaker. Approximately 145 persons attended. Physicians were encouraged to meet and speak with Dr. Blumenthal.

UPDATES - BROADBAND GRANTS, NEBRASKALINK AND NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION, Anne Byers

Recipients of State HIE Cooperative Agreements are required to coordinate with other federal grantees in the state, including recipients of broadband grants. NebraskaLink received approximately 1.5 million to offer affordable middle-mile broadband service in communities across the state. The Nebraska Library Commission received approximately \$2.4 million to upgrade broadband access and to add/upgrade computers in many of the state's libraries. Computer literacy training will be provided at participating libraries.

UPDATES - BROADBAND MAPPING AND PLANNING--Anne Byers

The Public Service Commission has surveyed households and service providers. The survey indicated that 76% of Nebraska households prescribe to broadband. The public map may not be available until the spring. There is also a regional planning portion of the grant as well. The Public Service Commission will be working with the NITC's Community Council to assist with the planning. Delays in releasing the broadband map have pushed back the start of the regional forums. Members were asked to contact Ms. Byers if broadband availability in any community is identified as an issue for health care providers.

ONC/NEBRASKA PRIORITY AREAS--Anne Byers

The Office of the National Coordinator is asking states to provide more in-depth information regarding the following areas:

- **Structured Lab reporting.** Hospitals and independent labs are to report their findings electronically. Report formats differ widely and there are a lot of different designs. The issue is to how to assure that the receipt of results is intact so that it is easy to read and has not changed as it goes through the exchanges. In July, Axolotl announced that they will support PDF capability.
- **E-prescribing.** There are still issues related to e-prescribing that be addressed, including issues related to e-prescribing Schedule II drugs. Discussion occurred regarding the formation of a work group. Ms. Beck said that she would be happy to serve on the committee. It was suggested to start with the same group that was established before and see if anyone else would be interested.

Ms. Beck moved to establish an e-Prescribing Work Group. Ms. Baker seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- **Summary Care Document.** It is unclear as to what should be included in a summary care document, what data makes sense, how much data is enough or too much. Members expressed some concern that the summary care document may be used as a transition document from one care area to another with differing information needs. After discussion, it was decided to postpone the formation of a work group at this time.

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- **Provider Directory.** States are required to develop a statewide provider directory. The Council will need to continue to work on this as part of the universal portal concept. The Health Professions tracking service was suggested as a good possible resource.
- **Public Health.** Ms. Byers announced that weekly discussions and meetings have been occurring to plan connections with NeHII and the state's immunization registry and Nebraska Electronic Disease Information.

PROCESS FOR UPDATING THE STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL EHEALTH PLANS, Anne Byers

Although the plan has not been approved by the Office of the National Coordinator, the State of Nebraska is required to submit an updated plan by March 15, 2011. Only 6 out of 56 state plans have been approved. Nebraska's vision and mission will likely need changes. It is anticipated that sections of the plan will need to be updated beginning in January.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Dr. Wycoff adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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