

EHEALTH COUNCIL

April 12, 2018, 1:30 p.m. CT – 4:00 p.m. CT
Varner Hall, 3835 Holdrege Street, Lower Level, Board Room
Videoconferencing Available by Request

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin Borchert, Kevin Conway, Marty Fattig, Cindy Kadavy, Dr. Marsha Morien, Dave Palm, June Ryan and Todd Searls

MEMBERS PRESENT FOR PARTICIPATION ONLY: Jim McClay, Brian Sterud, Robin Szwanek, and Dr. Delane Wycoff

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Cook, Dr. Rama Kolli, Shawn Murdock, Joel Dougherty, Kimberly Galt, Max Thacker, Anna Turman, Linda Wittmuss, and Bridget Young

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

Marty Fattig, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Roll call was taken. There were eight voting members present. A quorum was not present to conduct official business. There four members on video conference for participation only.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2018 MINUTES*

Approval of the March 13, 2018 meeting minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW MEMBER NOMINATION*

Two new members have been nominated to serve on the eHealth Council:

- Ashley Newmyer, Injury Epidemiologist, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services
- Gary Cochran, Associate Professor, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Max Thacker is resigning and has nominated Mary Devany, Director of eHealth, University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Due to no quorum present, the Council agreed by group consensus, to vote on the new members by email. Ms. Byers will get an email sent to members, along with Mary Devany's bio.

RECOGNITION OF MARSHA MORIEN ON HER RETIREMENT

Ms. Morien was recognized for her contributions to the eHealth Council and to health IT in Nebraska. Ms. Morien commented that eHealth and patient advocacy have been her passion and that she is proud of the work and progress the Council has made and the national recognition Nebraska has received in the area of eHealth. She is willing to assist with the transition of new co-chair. Ms. Morien was presented with flowers and an Admiralship in the Nebraska Navy in appreciation of her service to the Council.

NOMINATION OF A NEW CO-CHAIR*

Nominations were tabled until the next meeting.

HIE AND DATA GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION-NEXT STEPS*

The Council agreed to form a work group to address this issue and bring recommendations to the full council. Ms. Byers will send a note to Council members asking for volunteers to serve on the work group, as well as to recommend individuals outside of the Council who may be interested in serving on the Work Group. Kevin Conway will help Ms. Byers develop a draft charter for the work group.

It was recommended to get someone from Medicaid to serve on the Council as well as the work group.

Discussion occurred regarding data blocking is coming more and more to the forefront.

HOW HEALTH IT CAN SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH-

Dave Palm, Kathy Cook, Vineeth Yedulla and Maya Chilese

Vineeth Yedulla provided the NeHII presentation regarding data analytics.

Maya Chilese, Department of Health and Human Services, provided the overview of [the State Health Improvement Plan 2017-2021](#).

Members discussed the issue of funding sources in Nebraska to advance the goals of the State Health Improvement Plan. There is potential to have private sector funding, although most private sources of money may prefer to donate to a foundation rather than a state or federal agency.

Max Thacker was not present to give an update on the Nebraska Statewide Telehealth Network. Mr. Fattig said a letter was sent to participants notifying them that the telehealth network will sunset. Ms. Byers will send the notification to Council members. The system was getting outdated with T1 technology. It operated via volunteers and had no funding for staff. Both federal and Nebraska universal service funds were used to support the network.

The University of Nebraska Extension, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and Nebraska Library Commission have partnered with the Purdue Center for Regional Development to conduct a statewide Digital Readiness survey. The survey is open to the public and available until April 30. The survey is to research how Nebraskans are using broadband and the cost benefits.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, co-chair Mr. Fattig adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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