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To: NITC Commissioners
From: Anne Byers
Subject: eHealth Council report

State eHealth Plan. On May 1, the eHealth Council approved an updated operational eHealth plan. The plan was submitted to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT on May 7. The plan includes updates to the privacy and security framework, sustainability plan, project management plan, evaluation plan and report, and metrics tracking program progress. The plan is available at <http://www.nitc.nebraska.gov/eHc/plan/Nebraska%20eHealth%20Operational%20Plan%20May%206%202013.pdf>.

State Health Information Exchange Cooperative (HIE) Agreement. \$17,500 in funding for the NITC/Office of the CIO was identified which would be unexpended unless reallocated. Both eBHIN and NeHII were invited to submit proposals for projects which would expand and enhance HIE functionality. NeHII submitted a proposal to enable single sign on at three hospital systems and to provide licenses for users of Direct secure messaging. The eHealth Council recommended reallocating \$17,500 to NeHII for the proposed projects.

To date, 93% of the State HIE Cooperative Agreement funds have been expended. The following table shows the allocation of State HIE Cooperative Agreement among subrecipients and the expenditures to date.

	Expended	Allocated	% Expended	Balance
NeHII	\$4,825,317.51	\$4,945,775.00	98%	\$120,457.49
State/NITC	\$102,123.64	\$109,575.00	93%	\$7,451.36
Eval/UNMC	\$153,826.60	\$269,435.00	57%	\$115,608.40
eBHIN	\$1,074,598.63	\$1,112,275.00	97%	\$37,676.37
Pub Health	\$119,892.00	\$326,500.00	37%	\$206,608.00
Telehealth	\$70,802.01	\$73,620.00	96%	\$2,817.99
Total	\$6,346,560.39	\$6,837,180.00	93%	\$490,619.61

NeHII Update

NeHII and Optum have reached an agreement on the pricing for medication queries. The medication query functionality was turned back on July 24, 2013. The medication query functionality is central to NeHII's ability to function as the State's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. The functionality also helps physicians, pharmacists, and other health care providers avoid dangerous drug interactions and better coordinate patient care.

NeHII is currently utilized by 3,384 health care providers. Participating hospitals, health systems, and third party payers include Alegent Creighton Health Hospitals (including Omaha, Papillion, Schuyler, Corning, IA, Council Bluffs, IA, and Missouri Valley, IA), Avera Creighton Hospital (Creighton), Avera St. Anthony's Hospital (O'Neill), Beatrice Community Hospital (Beatrice), Boys Town National Research Hospital (Omaha), Cass County Health System (Atlantic, IA), Children's Hospital and Medical Center (Omaha), Columbus Community Hospital (Columbus), Creighton University Medical Center (Omaha), Great Plains Regional Medical Center (North Platte), Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital (Hastings), Methodist Health System (Omaha), The Nebraska Medical Center (Omaha and Bellevue), Nebraska Spine Hospital (Omaha), Regional West Medical Center (Scottsbluff), Sidney Regional Medical Center (Sidney), York General Hospital (York), and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska.