

NEBRASKA INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION

Nebraska Governor's Residence - Lower Level

1425 H Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bruce Bostelman, Nebraska Legislature
Shane Greckel, Greckel Farms, LLC
Dr. Terry Haack, Bennington Public Schools
Dorest Harvey, US Strategic Command/J84
Randy Meininger, Mayor, City of Scottsbluff
Dan Shundoff, Intellicom
Dan Spray, Precision Technologies, Inc.
Walter Weir, University of Nebraska

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ed Toner, Chief Information Officer, Chair
Gary Warren, Hamilton Telecommunications

CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; MEETING NOTICE; AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT INFORMATION

In the absence of the Chair, Walter Weir presided over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Roll call was taken and found seven voting members present to achieve a quorum. The meeting notice was posted to the [NITC website](#) and the [Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar](#) on February 22, 2017. The agenda was posted to the NITC website on March 3, 2017. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was located on the table located in the back of the room.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 10, 2016*

Commissioner Shundoff asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that he was not present at the November meeting.

Commissioner Shundoff moved to approve the November 10, 2016 meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Haack seconded. Roll call vote: Greckel-Yes, Haack-Yes, Harvey-Yes, Meininger-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Spray-Yes, and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

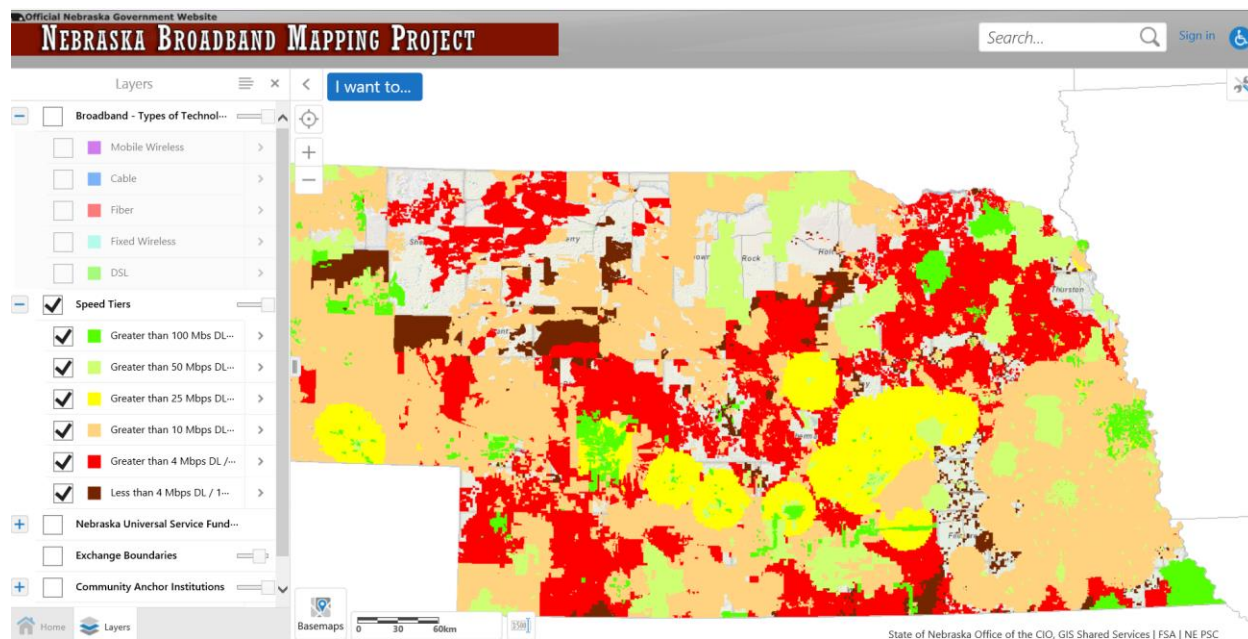
REPORTS FROM THE ADVISORY COUNCILS AND TECHNICAL PANEL

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Anne Byers, Community IT Coordinator

The Community Council will meet on May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to noon in Lincoln.

Broadband Map. The Nebraska Broadband Map (broadbandmap.nebraska.gov) has been updated. The map below shows availability by speed tier.



Newsletter. The winter issue of *Nebraska Broadband* featured articles on Gallup's high school computer coding internship program, the need for students to have access to broadband to complete homework, Norfolk Public Library's hotspot lending program, and Lincoln Public Schools' hotspot lending program. The newsletter is one way to share lessons learned from exemplary programs across the state and to share updates on broadband-related issues.

Broadband Nebraska Today! Planning has begun for the Broadband Nebraska Today! Conference in October. The conference is sponsored by the Nebraska Telecommunications Association in partnership with the Nebraska Broadband Initiative.

EHEALTH COUNCIL REPORT

Anne Byers, eHealth IT Coordinator

Updates on Initiatives

The eHealth Council will meet on April 5 from 1:30 to 4:00 at the 1526 Building in Lincoln.

Nebraska Advance Interoperable Health IT Services to Support HIE Grant. The NITC received a 2-year \$2.7 million Nebraska Advance Interoperable Health IT Services to Support Health Information Exchange grant from the Office of the National Coordinator in July 2015. Partners include NeHII and UNMC. Focus areas include: Critical Access Hospitals, long-term care facilities, and public health/researchers. Implementation of the grant is finally in high gear now that NeHII has completed the migration to their new platform. Here is an update on the grant activities:

- **Adding HL7 Data Sharing Participants.** One of the major components of our grant includes adding 18 Critical Access Hospitals and other facilities to NeHII as data sharing providers using HL7. Currently, 5 facilities have been implemented, 8 are in progress, and 3 more will begin implementation in a few weeks.

- **Implementing Population Health Analytics.** NeHII has also implemented Spectrum Population Health Analytics. Additional work needs to be done to map and standardize the data and then users at the five facilities funded through our grant will have access to this powerful tool.
- **Adding Direct Secure Messaging Users.** NeHII is working to add Direct Secure Messaging users at 50 long-term care and other facilities. 44 facilities have been confirmed and 14 facilities have been implemented. Recruiting facilities is hard, but implementation is easy.
- **Adding 5 C-CDA Data Sharing Participants.** NeHII will begin working with 5 health care providers to share data through C-CDA exchange as soon as NeHII's vendor, Optum, assigns a resource.
- **Sending Data between 5 Other Health Information Exchanges.** NeHII is working on the legal agreements and will begin working on implementations soon.
- **Admission Discharge and Transfer Alerts via Mobile Messaging.** There is unfortunately not much demand for this service. Providers want to receive the messages using devices in their offices. This is a small part of our grant. We are talking to ONC about removing this project.
- **Sending Data from 8 Hospitals to the State's Syndromic Surveillance System.** One hospital (Community Hospital—McCook) has been implemented. St. Francis Memorial—West Point is in progress. Implementations on additional hospitals will start soon.
- **Working with Providers in 2 Rural Communities to Implement Health Information Exchange into their Workflow.** Project partners from UNMC with assistance from NeHII have been working with health care providers in Auburn and O'Neill to identify their needs, implement appropriate health information exchange technology, and to integrate the technology into their workflow. The project is going very well and generating interesting lessons learned. Training modules are also being developed to share information on the process and lessons learned.

EDUCATION COUNCIL REPORT

Tom Rolfes, Education IT Manager

Updates on Network Nebraska and Digital Education. Mr. Rolfes provided an update on the Network Nebraska and Digital Education strategic initiatives. Network Nebraska was deemed a closed project by the Technical Panel at their 8/9/2016 meeting. It has been, and continues to be, a successful project. There is more and more interest from community public libraries and municipalities to become participants. The Council, Collaborative Aggregation Partnership (CAP) and Network Nebraska Advisory Group (NNAG) continue to collaborate and recommend infrastructure options, as well as discuss network growth and reliability. Mr. Rolfes is working to develop a pilot project to determine the feasibility of using TV white space to extend the school campus information service to students in areas where connectivity is a challenge. Zoom videoconferencing is available through a statewide educational contract and has been beneficial to conduct the NNAG meetings. The next Education Council meeting will be held on April 10th at the Governor's Residence. Governor Ricketts and Ed Toner have been invited for an informal discussion with the Council.

GIS COUNCIL REPORT

Nathan Watermeier, State GIS Coordinator

Updates on Initiatives. Nathan Watermeier, GIS State Coordinator, announced his resignation to the Commissioners. His last day will be March 24. He thanked the Commission for their support of GIS and said it has been an honor to serve the State of Nebraska. In his new endeavor, he will still be involved with GIS and hopes to continue involvement with the State. With all that is occurring at the federal and state levels regarding Public Safety, Census 2020 and transportation, the past 5 years of the GIS Council has been about quality data, building standards and collaborative partnerships. Mr. Watermeier was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his dedication and time serving the State of Nebraska.

STATE GOVERNMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Update on CIO Roadmap. No report.

TECHNICAL PANEL REPORT

Walter Weir, Technical Panel Chair

2017-2019 Biennial Budget; Information Technology Project Proposals; November NITC Meeting Follow-up

Enterprise Project Designation for Dept. of Administrative Services - Enterprise Resource Management Consolidation*

Commissioner Weir provided a report on the Technical Panel review of this project at their meeting on February 14. The panel received an update on the project from Mr. Byron Diamond, DAS Director. This is a large project involving multiple systems which are used across state government. After the briefing, the Technical Panel voted unanimously to recommend that the project be designated as an enterprise project. Mr. Diamond agreed with the recommendation.

Commissioner Harvey moved to designate the Department of Administrative Services Enterprise Resource Management Consolidation Project as an enterprise project. Commissioner Spray seconded. Roll call vote: Greckel-Yes, Haack-Yes, Harvey-Yes, Meininger-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Spray-Yes, and Weir-Yes. Results: Yes-7, No-0, Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Update on Dept. of Correctional Services-CIT [Corrections Information and Tracking system]

Commissioner Weir provided a report on the Technical Panel review of this project at their meeting on February 14. The panel received an update on the project from Mr. Ron TeBrink, IT Manager from the Department of Corrections. The agency has worked to better define the project beyond the limited information that was provided in their project proposal. The Technical Panel had no additional recommendations for this project.

Enterprise Projects; Project Status Dashboard

Commissioner Weir reviewed the project status dashboard report that was included in the meeting materials.

PRESENTATION ON BROADBAND IN NEBRASKA

Cullen Robbins, Nebraska Public Service Commission

Mr. Robbins began his presentation by connecting to the Public Service Commission's broadband map (broadbandmap.nebraska.gov) to show the state's coverage. The Public Service Commission is updating the map using data collected by the FCC from telecommunications providers as required by Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Broadband is supported by both the federal and state universal service funds. The universal service programs were originally developed to support telecommunications (voice) services. The FCC is modernizing the federal universal service fund to explicitly support broadband through the Connect America Fund. The PSC is also taking steps to modernize the Nebraska Universal Service Fund to explicitly support broadband. The Broadband Program provides support for broadband projects through a grant process. The Broadband Adoption Program funds broadband adoption activities. Another grant program, the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund, is funded through the leasing of dark fiber by public entities. Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions and have an informal discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Meininger moved to adjourn. Commissioner Greckel seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Meeting minutes were taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and reviewed by NITC staff.