

EHEALTH COUNCIL

October 15, 2018, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. CT
Lincoln-Lancaster Public Health Department
3131 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Cook, Kevin Conway, Marty Fattig, Mary Devany, Jan Evans, Ashley Newmyer, Dave Palm, Todd Searls; Brian Sterud, Robin Szwaneck, and Anna Turman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Borchert, Gary Cochran, Joel Dougherty, Kimberly Galt, Cindy Kadavy, Jim McClay, Shawn Murdock, June Ryan, Linda Wittmuss, Bridget Young, and Dr. Delane Wycoff

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. The meeting notice was posted on the Public Meeting and NITC websites on September 28, 2018. The meeting agenda posted on October 11, 2018. Roll call was taken. There were ten voting members present. A quorum was not present to conduct official business.

The council proceeded with informational items until a quorum was present for official business.

NEHII UPDATE

Jaime Bland

Ms. Bland reviewed Nehii's draft 2018-2020 strategic plan which includes the following strategies:

1. Grow the network and add value: Expand connection nodes to long-term post-acute, independent providers, and ACO/PHO/CINs
2. Design, develop and implement expanded models of Nehii offerings
3. Promote interoperability and reduce the burden of data acquisition and regulatory reporting:
 - a. Initiative alignment to CMS and payment models
 - b. Pursue certifications that support ROI: CEHRT, NCQA-HEDIS
4. Expand insight and infrastructure for analytics: Expand the CQM measure library and work with state and federal partners to spread.
5. Expand medication history and PDMP initiatives
6. Develop people tools and technology: organizational grown and technical assistance

Nehii is working with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to utilize HITECH 90/10 (APD) funding to advance elements of the strategic plan.

Nehii is forming a Data Governance Committee to provide a consistent, systemic, and whole-organization approach to the management of aggregate and patient-specific information systems.

Ms. Turman arrived to the meeting. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2018 AND APRIL 12, 2018 MINUTES

Ms. Cook moved to approve the March 13 and April 12 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Palm seconded. Roll call vote: Conway-Yes, Cook-Yes, Devany-Yes, Fattig-Yes, Evans-Yes, Newmyer-Yes, Palm-Yes, Searls-Yes, Sterud-Yes, Szwaneck-Yes, and Turman-Yes. Results: Yes-11, No-0, and Abstained-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NOMINATION OF CO-CHAIR*

Marsha Morien's retirement has left the council without a co-chair. Kathy Cook has agreed to serve as co-chair of the eHealth Council.

Mr. Conway moved to accept the nomination of Kathy Cook as the new eHealth Council Co-Chair. Mr. Palm seconded. Roll call vote: Turman-Yes, Szwanek-Yes, Sterud-Yes, Searls-Yes, Palm-Yes, Newmyer-Yes, Evans-Yes, Fattig-Yes, Devany-Yes, Cook-Yes, and Conway-Yes. Results: Yes-11, No-0, and Abstained-0. Motion carried.

NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBER

Jan Evans' biography was in the meeting materials for her nomination as a new member, replacing Rama Kolli. In addition, Robin Szwanek nominated, Jina Ragland, to take her replacement on the council.

Mr. Searls moved to approve the nominations of Jan Evans and Jina Ragland as new members on the council. Mr. Conway seconded. Roll call vote: Fattig-Yes, Devany-Yes, Evans-Yes, Newmyer-Yes, Palm-Yes, Searls-Yes, Sterud-Yes, Szwanek-Yes, Turman-Yes, Cook-Yes, and Conway-Yes. Results: Yes-11, No-0, and Abstained-0. Motion carried.

Members recommended that Ms. Byers contact the members who have not been attending regarding their interest to remain on the council.

PDMP UPDATE

Ashley Newmyer

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) has collected data on all dispensed prescriptions over a 10 month period. Pharmacies, veterinarians, and others have been submitting their data daily. The number of users continues to grow. Currently 38.6% of prescribers and 60.2% of pharmacists are registered users. Two additional alerts went live on Aug. 30, 2018:

- **Multiple Provider Episodes Alert**—Notification alert banner on the patient's dispensed medication history page when a patient has dispensed opioid prescriptions from 5 or more prescribers and 5 or more dispensers over 6 month time period.
- **Overlapping Prescriptions Alert**—Notification alert banner on the patient's dispensed medication history page when a patient has overlapping dispensed opioids and benzodiazepines of at least 1 day in the past 45 days.

The PDMP/Medication History in the HIE has also been enhanced to include improved patient matching and clinical safety alerts.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health has been awarded two new grants: a one year, \$2.2 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, totaling \$750,000.

Grant-related prevention and response activities will include:

- Conducting needs assessments
- Increasing education and training
- Enhancing public health surveillance
- Developing a crisis response plan
- Enhancing the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

Grant-funded enhancements include a patient dashboard for medical providers, alert to notify providers of a patient's increased risk for opioid related adverse events, and enhanced patient searching capabilities. All enhancements have been developed based on provider feedback and are intended to make it even easier for medical providers to utilize the PDMP.

DATA GOVERNANCE WORK GROUP CHARTER AND NEXT STEPS*

Kevin Conway

In April, the Council approved the establishment of a Data Governance Work Group. A draft charter has been developed for review and approval by the council.

Ms. Turman moved to establish a Governance Work Group of the eHealth Council. Mr. Sterud seconded. Due to lack of quorum, members were asked to send their vote via e-mail to Ms. Byers.

The following council members volunteered to serve on the work group: Anna Turman, Todd Searls, Jan Evans, Brian Sterud, Kathy Cook, and Ashley Newmyer. Denise Mainquist and Dr. Larra Petersen-Lukenda from Medicaid were recommended as potential work group members.

OTHER UPDATES

Ms. Byers provided the following updates:

Digital Readiness Survey. The University of Nebraska partnered with Purdue University to conduct a Digital Readiness Survey. Many entities and individuals, including members of the eHealth Council, helped spread the word about the survey.

Rural Broadband Task Force. The Rural Broadband Task Force has met twice: Sept. 24 and Oct. 15. Anna Turman represents healthcare providers on the task force.

Nebraska Hospital Association Telehealth/Broadband Survey of Hospitals. The Nebraska Hospital Association conducted a survey of hospitals on their broadband access and use of telehealth. Most hospitals responding reported having high-speed, redundant connections and using telehealth. Connectivity for clinics is sometimes an issue.

Rural Health In 2030: The Role of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. To re-invigorate discussion, the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center established a task force to develop a revised vision and plan for the continuing role of UNMC in working with rural communities, hospitals and providers. One of the recommended strategies is the rural use of emerging technologies. Marty Fattig and Mary Delany were involved in the task force. The report is available at <https://www.unmc.edu/documents/ruralhealth2030.pdf>.

ONC Blog--Heat Wave: The U.S. is Poised to Catch FHIR in 2019. ONC recently published a blog which reported that over 50% of hospitals and clinicians are using health IT certified using FHIR. The blog is available at <https://www.healthit.gov/buzz-blog/interoperability/heat-wave-the-u-s-is-poised-to-catch-fhir-i>.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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