

**eHEALTH COUNCIL**  
September 26, 2019 1:30-3:00 p.m. CT  
Nebraska Hospital Association, Board Room  
3255 Salt Creek Circle  
Lincoln, NE 68504  
**MINUTES**

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

Ms. Cook called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. There were ten voting members present at the time of roll call. A quorum existed to conduct official business. Meeting notices were posted on the State of Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar on Sept. 17, 2019 and on the NITC website on Sept.19. The meeting agenda was posted on Sept. 19, 2019. A copy of the Nebraska public meeting law was available by Lori Lopez Urdiales.

**Members Present:** Kevin Borchert, Gary Cochran, Kathy Cook, Marty Fattig, Jan Evans (video conferencing), Dr. Jim McClay, Ashley Newmyer, Dave Palm, Jina Ragland, Anna Turman (video conferencing), Heather Wood, and Bridget Young.

Members Absent: Kevin Conway, Kimberly Galt, Cindy Kadavy, Dr. Shawn Murdock, June Ryan, Todd Searls, and Brian Sterud

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2018 MINUTES\***

Kevin Borchert noted that Jina Ragland's name was misspelled in the minutes. Mr. Fattig moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Palm seconded. **Roll call vote: Borchert-Yes; Cochran-Yes; Cook-Yes; Fattig-Yes; McClay-Yes; Newmyer-Yes; Palm-Yes; Ragland-Yes; Wood-Yes; and Young-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, and Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

**NOMINATION OF NEW MEMBER**

Dr. Larra Petersen-Lukenda has agreed to represent the DHHS Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care on the eHealth Council. Kevin Borchert moved to approve her nomination. Dr. McClay seconded. **Roll call vote: Borchert-Yes; Cochran-Yes; Cook-Yes; Fattig-Yes; McClay-Yes; Newmyer-Yes; Palm-Yes; Ragland-Yes; Wood-Yes; and Young-Yes. Results: Yes-10, No-0, and Abstained-0. Motion carried.**

Anne Byers noted several other changes in membership. Joel Dougherty has resigned. E-mails to Mary Devany are bouncing back. She is apparently no longer at UNMC. Members suggested contacting Mandy Constantine at CHI to represent telehealth. Kim Engel from the Panhandle Public Health District and Roger Wiese from the North Central District Health Department in O'Neill were recommended as possible replacements for Joel Dougherty's position.

**NEHII UPDATE\***

Tom Frette, NEHII

NEHII has continued to add data-sharing participants with 19 general acute hospitals, 39 Critical Access Hospitals, and two children's hospitals sharing data. Two specialty hospitals—OrthoNebraska and Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital—are in progress. NEHII is also working to include long-term care facilities as data-sharing participants. Three facilities will be going live soon with an additional 32 facilities in progress.

NEHII is transitioning to a new health information exchange platform. The new Intersystems platform will be able to ingest greater amounts and types of data. It will support API integration. The new platform will also support the sharing of behavioral health information with patient consent. NEHII is upgrading its analytics platform to KPI Universe. NEHII is also looking at patient portal, e-prescribing, and rapid credentialing technologies.

NEHII will hold its annual meeting on Oct 25 in Omaha.

### **PDMP AND SUPPORT ACT UPDATE**

Felicia Quintana-Zinn, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Kevin Borchert, NEHII

Nebraska's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) prevents the misuse of controlled substances that are prescribed and includes all dispensed prescriptions. The number of unique user queries per month continues to increase with over 56,000 queries in August 2019. The new PDMP platform with NIC goes live next month. It will offer the same or better functionality. Dispensers will submit data via a new website/sFTP site. The transition should provide seamless access for existing users who view data.

Future enhancements include:

- Self-serve designee management
- Sharing PDMP data with other states
- Clinical workflow integration
- Enhanced reporting
- Supporting and aligning with state/federal policy and regulations

The Support Act was signed into law in October 2018 to address the opioid crisis. The Support Act aims to increase PDMP use for Medicaid providers. Effective Oct. 1, 2021, Medicaid providers will be required to query a PDMP prior to prescribing a controlled substance. The State of Nebraska has submitted an Advance Planning Document (APD) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which is pending approval. Projects which will be funded through the Support Act include sharing PDMP data with contiguous states, workflow integration, e-prescribing, real-time PDMP reporting, data analytics, infrastructure, administrative considerations and neonatal abstinence syndrome.

### **OTHER UPDATES**

#### **Rural Broadband Task Force**

Anne Byers

Anne Byers has been working with the Rural Broadband Task Force. Better consumer access to broadband would support applications like telehealth, telemonitoring, and patient access to health information. The Rural Broadband Task Force approved findings and recommendations on Sept. 20. They will meet on Oct. 18 to approve their report to the Legislature.

### **DATA GOVERNANCE WORK GROUP CHARTER AND NEXT STEPS**

The Data Governance Work Group has not met. Members are still interested in discussing this issue. Kevin Conway, Anna Turman, Todd Searls, Jan Evans, Brian Sterud, Kathy Cook, and Ashley Newmyer had volunteered to serve on the work group. Denise Mainquist and Dr. Larra Petersen-Lukenda had been suggested as additional members. Dr. McClay, Marty Fattig and Heather Wood also volunteered to serve on the work group.

The eHealth Council will discuss data governance at their next meeting. Other topics for the next meeting include NeHII updates and interoperability. Members suggested scheduling the next meeting in April.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Kevin Borchert moved to adjourn. Dr. McClay seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.**