

## **EHEALTH COUNCIL**

Thursday, September 17, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

**Executive Building, 521 South 14<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, first floor video conferencing room**

### **Public Participation Sites [NEB. REV. STAT. § 84-1411(6)]:**

**UNMC:** Business Service Center (4230 Building), 42<sup>nd</sup> and Leavenworth, Room 3037 B

### **Members Present:**

Joni Booth  
Max Thacker (at UNMC public participation site)  
Kathy Cook  
Kevin Borchert  
Heather Wood for Sheri Dawson  
Cindy Kadavy  
Jenifer Roberts-Johnson  
Jim McClay  
Marsha Morien  
June Ryan  
Patti Schnieder for Todd Searls  
Robin Szwaneck  
Delane Wycoff  
Anna Turman  
Bridget Young

**Members Absent:** Kevin Conway, Susan Courtney, Joel Dougherty, Marty Fattig, and Dave Palm

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

Ms. Morien called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. There were 14 voting members present. A quorum was present. Meeting notices were posted on the Public Meeting calendar on Sept. 4, 2015 and NITC websites on Sept. 15, 2015. The meeting agenda was posted on Sept. 15, 2014. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available on the table.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Members introduced themselves.

### **APPROVAL OF MARCH 30, 2015 MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 13, 2014 MINUTES**

Dr. Delane Wycoff noted the Nov. 13 minutes should be corrected to state that he was present at the Great Plains Regional Medical Center site. There were no other corrections. Dr. Wycoff made a motion to approve the minutes for March 30, 2015 and November 13, 2014 as corrected. Jennifer Roberts-Johnson seconded the motion. **The vote was as follows: Booth-Abstain, Cook-Abstain, Borchert-Yes, Wood-Abstain, Kadavy-Abstain, Roberts-Johnson-Yes, McClay-Abstain, Morien-Yes, Ryan-Abstain, Schnieder-Abstain, Szwaneck-Abstain, Ryan-Abstain, Wycoff-Yes, Turman-Abstain, Young-Abstain. (4-Yes, 0-Nay, 10-Abstain)** Motion carried.

**Members Present at Public Participation Site:** Max Thacker (UNMC)

**Members Absent:** Kevin Conway, Susan Courtney, Joel Dougherty, Marty Fattig, and Dave Palm

## **ORIENTATION/REVIEW OF ROLE OF EHEALTH COUNCILS**

Anne Byers gave an overview of the eHealth Council, including the mission of the eHealth Council, Council responsibilities, and the policy for handling and reporting a potential conflict of interest. Council responsibilities include:

- Assisting the Commission in developing, reviewing and updating the statewide technology plan;
- Reviewing the current status of healthcare information technology adoption by the healthcare delivery system in Nebraska;
- Addressing potential security, privacy and other issues related to the adoption of interoperable healthcare information technology in Nebraska;
- Evaluating the cost of using interoperable healthcare information technology by the healthcare delivery system in Nebraska;
- Identifying private resources and public/private partnerships to fund efforts to adopt interoperable healthcare information technology;
- Supporting and promote the use of telehealth as a vehicle to improve healthcare access to Nebraskans;
- Recommending best practices or policies for state government and private entities to promote the adoption of interoperable healthcare information technology.

## **APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER – DR. SHAWN MURDOCK**

Dr. Shawn Murdock has been nominated to serve on the eHealth Council. Dr. Wycoff stated Dr. Murdock is a physician with Midlands Family Medicine in North Platte. Dr. Murdock has also been involved in one of the ACO's being organized in the state.

Dr. Wycoff made a motion to approve Dr. Murdock's nomination. Dr. McClay seconded the motion. **The vote was as follows: Booth-Yes, Cook-Yes, Borchert-Yes, Wood-Yes, Kadavy-Yes, Roberts-Johnson-Yes, McClay-Yes, Morien-Yes, Ryan-Yes, Schnieder-Yes, Szwaneck-Yes, Ryan-Yes, Wycoff-Yes, Turman-Yes, Young-Yes. (4-Yes, 0-Nay, 10-Abstain)** Motion carried.

**Members Present at Public Participation Site:** Max Thacker (UNMC)

**Members Absent:** Kevin Conway, Susan Courtney, Joel Dougherty, Marty Fattig, and Dave Palm

## **UPDATES**

### **ONC Advance Interoperable Health IT Services to Support HIE Cooperative Agreement.**

On July 27, 2015, the NITC/Office of the Chief Information Officer received a \$2.7 million two-year cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT. The goal of the Nebraska Advance Interoperable Health IT Services to Support HIE Cooperative Agreement is to increase the adoption and use of interoperable health IT services to support the exchange of health information within Nebraska

and with neighboring states to improve transitions of care and care coordination, to increase overall health care quality, lower health care costs, and improve population health.

The grant project targets Critical Access Hospitals, long-term care facilities, public health and researchers. Milestone metrics for the grant include adding 13 HL7 data sharing participants (including 8 Critical Access Hospitals), adding 10 C-CCDA data sharing participants, adding 50 Direct secure messaging participants, implementing mobile ADT alerts for 40 providers, connecting to 5 HIEs through the Interstate Gateway Connection, connecting 8 Critical Access Hospitals to the State of Nebraska's syndromic surveillance system through NeHII, and connecting 5 facilities to Spectrum population health analytics. In addition, two integrated communities will be created. Participating facilities in the integrated communities will receive assistance in integrating health information exchange into their workflow. Lessons learned will be shared through six training modules and user workgroups. Grant funds will also be used to develop two demonstration projects which integrate HIE data for comparative effectiveness research.

NeHII will hold a strategic planning meeting in Lincoln on Friday, October 2, starting with registration and breakfast at 8:00. Anne will send out information to the group.

**CDC Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention for States Grant.** Jenifer Roberts-Johnson gave an update on the CDC grant recently received by DHHS. Nebraska was one of 16 states to receive a grant. The grant is focused on drug overdose prevention. Working with NeHII on enhancements to the state's Prescription Drug Monitoring program is one aspect of the grant. The grant will provide funding for a project manager at DHHS to work on this project. Funding is \$771,249 per year over the next four years.

### **STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN ACTION ITEMS**

The NITC annually updates a statewide technology plan. The plan focuses on a number of strategic initiatives including eHealth. NITC Councils are charged with developing action items to support these initiatives. A document describing the eHealth strategic initiative was included in the meeting materials. The description should be updated to include information on the new ONC grant. Members reviewed the description and offered the following comments:

- The number of NeHII users is cited twice. The number of users doesn't match.
- The map of NeHII participating hospitals should include information on the counties in white in the legend. These counties have no NeHII participating hospitals.
- A graph of the number of NeHII queries should be included.
- The % of active users could also be tracked.
- Information on the % of beds covered by NeHII should include the total number of beds in Nebraska.
- The number of users should include a description of users.
- Members preferred line graphs with a target.

Ms. Byers will revise the document and send out to council members.

Members discussed possible action items. Ms. Byers suggested that one action item should address supporting the Advance Interoperable Health IT Services to Support HIE cooperative agreement. Members agreed. Kathy Cook made a motion to have Ms. Byers draft an action

item regarding supporting the cooperative agreement. Kevin Borchert seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Members did not have suggestions for other action items at this time. Ms. Byers stated that the plan is a fluid document. Additional action items can be added at a later time.

Dr. Wycoff moved to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Borchert seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes taken by Lori Lopez Urdiales and Anne Byers.