

Nebraska Health Information Technology Board
Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2023 **Time:** 12:00pm **Location:** Virtual meeting
Method and date of public notice: Posted to Public Meeting Calendar (nebraska.gov) on June 5th, 2023.

1. Attendance

Board Members	Present	Absent	Late
<i>Senator Ben Hansen (ex officio)</i>		X	
<i>Senator Robert Clements (ex officio)</i>		X	
Dr. Kevin Bagley	X		
Manuela (Manny) Banner		X	
Dr. Jessika Benes	X		
Dr. Aimee Black	X		
Dr. Jaime Bland	X		
Dr. Anna Dalrymple	X		
Lynn Edwards	X		
Dr. Douglass Haas	X		
Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson	X		
Dr. Mark Latta	X		
Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta	X		
Ashley Newmyer	X		
Felicia Quintana-Zinn	X		
Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner	X		
Dr. Phillip Vuchetich	X		

Quorum Present? (9 members required): YES

Guests: Larra Petersen-Lukenda, Kevin Borchert, Robert Wagner, Meghan Chaffee, Terri Pohl, Marina Cherenkova

Call to Order (Time): 12:00PM

AGENDA

2. Approval of Minutes: Dr. Phillip Vuchetich moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on March 23, 2023; Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

3. General Updates:

Website Updates – Board member roster and contact information have been updated. You may access this information through the CyncHealth website under the “Resources” tab. If you have

any requests or questions for the HIT Board, the contact information can be found on the website as well.

- 4. Collaborative and Foundation Update:** Larra Petersen-Lukenda presented on the data request and project approval process. She gave an update on the current portfolio of projects.

Larra gave an overview of both the Collaborative and Foundation Boards. The Nebraska Healthcare Collaborative Board serves as a partner with academic centers, supports Endowed Chairs, and fosters population health projects.

The CyncHealth Foundation Board's primary focus is to engage community and public health organizations, foster community health activities, and support community data-informed projects.

Some of the current projects being reviewed by the board are the Black Maternal Health Outcomes, Post Partum Health Disparities-Phase 2, RWJ Data Partner, NCQA eCQM Partner.

Monalisa asked if there were any projects that have not yet been proposed that could be beneficial for the Nebraska HIT Board. Are there any current trends in the market? Larra Petersen-Lukenda spoke to maternal and child health being an opportunity in Nebraska that CyncHealth has been thinking about under this umbrella and how we can go about advancing these opportunities.

- 5. PDMP Security Updates:** Robert Wagner explained CyncHealth's newest information security certification – SOC 2 Type 2.

Robert first gave an overview of what these types of certifications mean. SOC 2 is one of the most widely accepted auditing standards for data security and management. In 2021, it was the most popular audit for cybersecurity, IT, quality assurance (QA), internal audit, finance, and other professionals across a variety of industries.

Over the past three months, CyncHealth has been working towards obtaining this certification. The SOC 2 Type 2 goes beyond a SOC 2 Type 1 report. It not only examines the design of controls at a point in time, but also tests the operating effectiveness of those controls over a specified period of time. This is typically done over a 9-to-12-month period.

CyncHealth has successfully completed the HITRST(r2) certification and SOC 2 Type2 attestation. This marks a pivotal step in CyncHealth's overall Information Security Management Program.

Monalisa asked how we can foresee future issues and prevent them. Robert spoke about the monitoring of past trends to predict future ones and staying up to date on new security risks as technology continues to advance.

- 6. PDMP TTAC Annual Assessment Survey:** Kevin Borchert presented on the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Training and Technical Assistance Center's Annual Assessment Survey. The PDMP Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) provides support and resources for PDMPs, improves consistency, facilitates coordination between PDMPs and state and national stakeholders, measures performance and effectiveness and provides annual surveys of all state and territorial PDMPs.

The Nebraska Legislature passed legislation in 2016 for all prescription drug use to be reported to the Nebraska PDMP, under the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. This reporting has been in effect since 2018.

The survey requests user type of the PDMP, the estimated percentage of healthcare providers integrated in your state, the number of controlled substance prescriptions that were filled during the most recent quarter period, prescription errors identified during transmission from dispensers during the most recent quarter, and number of PDMP patient prescription history requests.

Monalisa asked if there were any surprises and what would we like to see done with this data. Kevin stated that he was surprised to learn that at least ten states have shown interest in similar legislation.

- 7. Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting for the HIT Board is September 28th, 2023. Chair Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta noted that the board will discuss looking ahead as a board.
- 8. Adjourn:** Dr. Aimee Black moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:38PM, Ashley Newmeyer seconded. Motion approved by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted:

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