

Nebraska Health Information Technology Board
Meeting Minutes

Date: September 19, 2024 **Time:** 12:00pm

Location: Papillion, NE - 1046 West Lincoln Street, Art Room, Papillion, NE 68046 (Papillion Landing)

Method and date of public notice: Posted to Public Meeting Calendar (nebraska.gov) on September 6, 2024.

1. Attendance

Board Members	Present	Absent	Virtual	Late
Senator Ben Hansen (<i>ex officio</i>)		X		
Senator Robert Clements (<i>ex officio</i>)		X		
Manuela (Manny) Banner	X			
Matthew Ahern		X		
Dr. Jessika Benes	X			
Dr. Aimee Black	X			
Dr. Jaime Bland		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? (*8 members required*): YES

Guests: Alexis Trout, Bob Kelly, Catherine Kopti, Brigid Christensen, Jim Hood, Joseph Fibich, Larra Petersen-Lukenda; *public attendees*

Call to Order (Time): 12:00pm

AGENDA

2. Open Meetings Act and Materials

A physical copy of the meeting materials and the Open Meetings Act was announced to be available at the back of the room for review.

3. Approval of Minutes: Dr. Aimee Black moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on June 20, 2024; Manny Banner seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

4. MIPS Report

For awareness and per standard procedure, Brigid Christensen presented that there was a fulfilled data request that supports MIPS measures for Mary Lanning Healthcare.

5. PDMP ASAP v5 Progress

Dr. Joe Fibich presented that up to 56% of pharmacies have switched over to the new ASAP format as of last week. As of this week, a couple of larger pharmacies requested to pull back on using ASAP v5 until they are able to rework some queries due to errors. It is likely that the second 50% of pharmacies will be a bit slower than the first 50% for the transition. He recommended that the sunset date for previous formats be reviewed at the next HIT Board meeting in December.

6. DHHS Historical Project

Felicia Quintana-Zinn updated the HIT Board regarding the historical data project previously mentioned in the June HIT Board meeting. DHHS has been collaborating with CyncHealth and with the PDMP vendor, LeapOrbit, on moving the historical file and the DHHS's copy of current daily extracts to the DHHS warehouse. They are expecting this process to be completed by the end of the year and then development on a dashboard with aggregate data will begin. An update will be provided during the Spring 2025 meeting.

7. DHHS and CyncHealth Data Dictionary

Felicia Quintana-Zinn updated the HIT Board regarding the data dictionary project proposed at the last HIT meeting in June. DHHS and CyncHealth have been working on this project and making sure things are up to date and matching across both organizations.

Felicia recommended that if individuals were currently interested in the fields or the data that is being collected, they can use the updated Nebraska PDMP Submitter User Guide. Starting on page 35 of that guide, it notes the fields and items collected with the data and gives a description of the field as well as response options. The link to this guide is as follows: www.dhhs.ne.gov/pdmp under the "PDMP Reporting" section of the website page.

Dr. Phillip Vuchetich added that when there are patient specific data requests or data requests that include a lot of detail, the purpose of the original request for a data dictionary was so the requester could be specific about what they are looking for. Felicia added that the Nebraska PDMP Submitter User Guide does give that information and can be used as a guide for those looking to do research.

8. Patient Portal Demo

Jennifer Fletcher presented the demo for the MyCyncHealth patient portal and clarified that the presentation consisted of screenshots with deidentified patient data as there are no test patients within the system.

To begin access, patients can sign-in or create an account. The portal uses a third-party vendor, ID.me, to establish patient identity to allow access. There is multi-factor authentication through a text or call. Terms and conditions are shown, and the patient must agree before moving to the website.

For new users, there is a tutorial page on how to navigate the website. For the specific patient, there are sidebar tabs for test results, immunizations, and medications. Test results display reports from procedures. Immunizations will give an immunization card QR code, and that will show vaccination records with the date it was received, location, and manufacturer information. Within the medication tab, it will list medications unless the patient does not live in Nebraska where that data is required.

Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta asked if there is a connection of the data from the patient portal to the third-party vendor, ID.me, in a database. Jennifer answered no.

Jennifer proceeded with the demonstration to show that there is a Contact Us page, allowing for users to submit any concerns or issues with the portal to the support team at CyncHealth. She clarified that any information displayed in the portal was information sent to CyncHealth by participants only.

It was asked if there are ways to join the portal as a guardian of a patient. Jennifer said she will look into that and bring an answer back to the HIT Board in December. Dr. Phillip Vuchetich asked how many people are using the portal at this time and expressed that there was difficulty finding it online as a patient. Jennifer answered that there is a low adoption rate and will bring back those numbers at the next HIT Board Meeting.

Dr. Vuchetich mentioned that there is a policy related to the patient portal that does say that patients and authorized representatives acting on their behalf may accept the agreement to have access to their PDMP prescription drug information through the web-based patient portal. The requirement of ID.me that users be 18 or older and have a form of identification could cause problems adhering to the policy as written.

9. Policy Reviews

There are several policies that were adopted over a year ago and have not been reviewed annually by the HIT Board. Dr. Vuchetich mentioned that all of the policies will need minor changes to certain references, like USCDI versions listed, and external links. He suggested that if there are any Federal or Nebraska legislations specifically tied to definitions that those are

added in, as well. He specified that the content and scope would not change with these additions.

a. State of Nebraska Health Information Exchange USCDI Standards Policy

Vote: Dr. Phillip Vuchetich moved to keep the policy as is written with updates to the references as mentioned; Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner seconded.

Voting Yes:

Manuela (Manny) Banner
Dr. Jessika Benes
Dr. Aimee Black
Dr. Douglass Haas
Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson
Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta
Ashley Newmyer
Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner
Dr. Phillip Vuchetich

Voting No:

None

Abstaining/Absent:

Matt Ahern (Absent)
Dr. Jaime Bland (Absent)
Dr. Mark Latta (Absent)
Felicia Quintana-Zinn (Physically Absent)

Majority of members present voted yes, and the motion passed.

b. State of Nebraska Health Information Technology Board PDMP Data Requests Policy

Vote: Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta moved to defer the policy to allow for a subcommittee to be organized that will review the policy and make recommendations for adjustments during the next HIT Board meeting in December. Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner seconded.

Voting Yes:

Manuela (Manny) Banner
Dr. Jessika Benes
Dr. Aimee Black
Dr. Douglass Haas
Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson
Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta
Ashley Newmyer
Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner
Dr. Phillip Vuchetich

Voting No:

None

Abstaining/Absent:

Matt Ahern (Absent)

Dr. Jaime Bland (Absent)

Dr. Mark Latta (Absent)

Felicia Quintana-Zinn (Physically Absent)

Majority of members present voted yes, and the motion passed.

c. State of Nebraska Health Information Technology Board PDMP Patient Portal Policy

Dr. Phillip Vuchetich commented he did not see any policy changes needed, and that there will just be updates from CyncHealth from the demonstration during the next HIT Board meeting in December.

Vote: Manny Banner moved to keep the policy as is written with updates to the references as mentioned; Dr. Aimee Black seconded.

Voting Yes:

Manuela (Manny) Banner

Dr. Jessika Benes

Dr. Aimee Black

Dr. Douglass Haas

Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson

Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta

Ashley Newmyer

Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner

Dr. Phillip Vuchetich

Voting No:

None

Abstaining/Absent:

Matt Ahern (Absent)

Dr. Jaime Bland (Absent)

Dr. Mark Latta (Absent)

Felicia Quintana-Zinn (Physically Absent)

Majority of members present voted yes, and the motion passed.

d. State of Nebraska Health Information Exchange Payor Data Standards Policy

Dr. Phillip Vuchetich clarified that the way that he understands the policy is that payers send a data request with a list of patients, and they are able to pull data back into their system for active participants using a secure data interface to request and receive data. Payers send their eligibility file every month.

Dr. Vuchetich mentioned that there might need to be changes to the policy's social care data references based on the social care data standards.

Vote: Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson moved to defer the policy to allow for a subcommittee to be organized that will review the policy and make recommendations for adjustments during the next HIT Board meeting in December; Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta seconded.

Voting Yes:

Manuela (Manny) Banner
Dr. Jessika Benes
Dr. Aimee Black
Dr. Douglass Haas
Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson
Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta
Ashley Newmyer
Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner
Dr. Phillip Vuchetich

Voting No:

None

Abstaining/Absent:

Matt Ahern (Absent)
Dr. Jaime Bland (Absent)
Dr. Mark Latta (Absent)
Felicia Quintana-Zinn (Physically Absent)

Majority of members present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- e. State of Nebraska Health Information Exchange Payor Data Standards Policy-Immunizations

Vote: Manny Banner moved to keep the policy as is written with updates to the references as mentioned; Dr. Jessika Benes seconded.

Voting Yes:

Manuela (Manny) Banner
Dr. Jessika Benes
Dr. Aimee Black
Dr. Douglass Haas
Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson
Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta
Ashley Newmyer
Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner
Dr. Phillip Vuchetich

Voting No:

None

Abstaining/Absent:

Matt Ahern (Absent)
Dr. Jaime Bland (Absent)
Dr. Mark Latta (Absent)
Felicia Quintana-Zinn (Physically Absent)

Majority of members present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- f. State of Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Zero Reporting Policy

Vote: Ashley Newmyer moved to keep the policy as is written with updates to the references as mentioned; Dr. Jessika Benes seconded.

Voting Yes:

Manuela (Manny) Banner
Dr. Jessika Benes
Dr. Aimee Black
Dr. Douglass Haas
Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson
Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta
Ashley Newmyer
Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner
Dr. Phillip Vuchetich

Voting No:

None

Abstaining/Absent:

Matt Ahern (Absent)
Dr. Jaime Bland (Absent)
Dr. Mark Latta (Absent)
Felicia Quintana-Zinn (Physically Absent)

Majority of members present voted yes, and the motion passed.

- g. State of Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Workflow Integration Policy

Dr. Phillip Vuchetich commented that there was not enough information available if they need to change it or not based on whether there is a current report.

Vote: Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta moved to defer the policy to allow for a subcommittee to be organized that will review the policy and make recommendations for adjustments during the next HIT Board meeting in December; Dr. Aimee Black seconded.

Voting Yes:

Manuela (Manny) Banner
Dr. Jessika Benes

Dr. Aimee Black
Dr. Douglass Haas
Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson
Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta
Ashley Newmyer
Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner
Dr. Phillip Vuchetich

Voting No:

None

Abstaining/Absent:

Matt Ahern (Absent)
Dr. Jaime Bland (Absent)
Dr. Mark Latta (Absent)
Felicia Quintana-Zinn (Physically Absent)

Majority of members present voted yes, and the motion passed.

10. Comments from the Board

Dr. Phillip Vuchetich opened a time for any additional comments from the Board. There were none.

11. Comments from the Public

Dr. Phillip Vuchetich opened a time for any comments from the members of the public. There were none.

12. Adjourn: Manny Banner moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:32pm. Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner seconded. All members present voted yes, and the motion was approved.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting for the HIT Board is December 12th at 12:00pm and will be a virtual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

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