

NE Health Information Technology Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 AM

Location: CyncHealth, LaVista, NE

Attendance:

Name	Present	Absent
Senator John Arch (ex officio)	X	
Kevin Bagley	X (virtual)	
Manuela (Manny) Banner	X (virtual)	
Jessika Benes	X (virtual)	
Aimee Black	X	
Dr. Jaime Bland	X	
Dr. Anna Dalrymple	X (Virtual)	
Lynn Edwards	X (Virtual)	
Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson	X	
Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta		X
Ashley Newmyer	X	
Felicia Quintana-Zinn	X (Virtual)	
Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner	X	
Senator John Stinner (ex officio)		X

Guests:

Dr. Jonathan Davis, University of Iowa

Dr. Ann Anderson Berry, University of Nebraska Medical Center

Dr. Abhishek Thandra, Creighton University Medical Center

Call to Order – Chairperson Arch called the meeting to order at 7 AM.

Roll Call – Timoree Klingler called the roll with 12 members present and two absent.

Minutes –Kimberley Haynes Henson moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting as presented, seconded by Aimee Black, motion approved.

Project Approvals – Joy Doll gave an overview of the project approval and process that requesters must go through when requesting data from CyncHealth. The Board discussed the security measures taken and the data use agreements, including data destruction and data return instructions.

Dr. Jon Davis presented his research his project, Opioid Treatment and Work-Related Injuries. Felicia Quintana-Zinn asked to see a specific request in data requests on which class drugs are being asked for in a specific process. Joy Doll noted that they will add the information specific to this request in the data use agreement. The Board discussed asked Dr. Davis questions surrounding the parameters of his project and asked questions regarding the intent of the final project.

Aimee Black moved to approve the project request, Dr. Salzbrenner seconded.

Voting yes: Arch, Bagley, Banner, Benes, Black, Bland, Dalrymple, Edwards, Haynes-Henson, Newmyer, Quintana-Zinn, Salzbrenner

Voting no: None

Motion Approved

Dr. Ann Anderson Berry of UNMC presented her project, A Critical Examination of the Incident of Neonatal Opioid Exposure in Rural Nebraska. The Board requested a differentiation on what information requested will be coming from the prescription drug monitoring program and which information is coming from the health information exchange. The Board discussed and asked questions surrounding the parameters of the research project and how the data is going to be used.

Manuela Banner moved to approve the project as amended to include an expanded list of opioids and the following items from the HIE: Medication histories of pregnant women from the HIE (2020), Diagnosis of pregnancy in the women, age of pregnant women, DOB of pregnant women and the diagnosis of neonatal abstinence syndrome and NOWs, seconded by Aimee Black, motion approved.

Voting yes: Arch, Bagley, Banner, Benes, Black, Bland, Edwards, Haynes-Henson, Newmyer, Quintana-Zinn, Salzbrenner

Voting no: None

Motion Approved

Dr. Thandra presented his project, Effects of Chronic opioid use in patients with Acute coronary syndrome: A Study using CyncHealth database. The Board discussed and asked questions surrounding the request and its parameters. There was a suggestion that Dr. Thandra include suboxone in his research request.

Manuela Banner moved to approve the project with data additions, seconded by Aimee Black.

Voting yes: Arch, Bagley, Banner, Benes, Black, Bland, Dalrymple, Edwards, Haynes-Henson, Newmyer, Quintana-Zinn, Salzbrenner

Voting no: None

Motion Approved

PDMP Data Request Timoree Klingler noted that the request for approval was for the specific quality initiative form. Once the Board approved the form and quality initiative, CyncHealth would fulfill the data requests and report to the HIT Board what entities had been granted such requests for data.

Kevin Borchert explained the Merit based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and the specific initiatives, PI_EP_1 e-prescribing, and PE_EP_2 Query of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and the details surrounding these requests and what data was needed by providers.

Jaime Bland moved to approve the form for the PI_EP_1 and PI_EP_2 and the specific data requests for this MIPS initiative, seconded by Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner, motion approved.

Waivers – Meghan Chaffee explained the statutory obligations of the HIT Board as it relates to approving applications for waiver of participation in the statewide health information exchange, or CyncHealth.

The first application presented to the Board was from Fresenius Kidney Care. The Board discussed the waiver application and the documentation submitted by Fresenius on their reasoning for applying for a waiver. After discussion, the Board identified that the application did not meet the standards set forth in state statute that qualified them for a waiver due to a technological burden.

Aimee Black moved to deny the application for waiver from participating in the statewide health information exchange, seconded by Kimberly Haynes Henson.

Voting yes: Arch, Bagley, Banner, Benes, Black, Bland, Dalrymple, Edwards, Haynes-Henson, Newmyer, Quintana-Zinn, Salzbrenner

Voting no: None

Motion Approved

The second application presented to the Board was from Millard and Papillion Family Hospitals. The two applications were considered together as both Millard Family Hospital and Papillion Family Hospital. The Board discussed the waiver application and the documentation submitted by the two facilities on their reasoning for applying for a waiver and the discussions they had with CynHealth staff prior to applying for the waiver. The Board identified that the application did not meet the standards set forth in state statute that qualified them for a waiver due to a technological burden.

Kimberly Haynes Henson moved to deny the application for waiver from Millard and Papillion Family Hospitals, seconded by Stephen Salzbrenner.

Voting yes: Arch, Bagley, Banner, Benes, Black, Bland, Dalrymple, Edwards, Haynes-Henson, Newmyer, Quintana-Zinn, Salzbrenner

Voting no: None

Motion Approved

Payor Data Policy - Melanie Surber explained the proposed Payor Data Policy and how it would affect data being submitted to the statewide health information exchange by payors who participate. The Board asked what current participation is in the state by payors and it was noted that all payors participate, minus one marketplace plan.

Kimberly Haynes Henson moved to approve the proposed Payor Data Policy, seconded by Stephen Salzbrenner. Motion approved.

HITRUST Overview – Robert Wagner gave an overview of the need for information protection assessments and certifications, the landscape of security assessments and the HITRUST assessment portfolio.

Adjourn – Jaime Bland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 AM, seconded by Kimberly Haynes Henson, motion approved.

Next Meeting: January 20, 2022, Virtual

Respectfully Submitted: Senator John Arch, Chairperson