

# NE Health Information Technology Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 17, 2022

**Time:** Noon

**Location:** CyncHealth Lincoln Office, 301 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

Attendance:

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

**Guests: None**

Chairman John Arch called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. Timoree Klingler, board administrator called the roll.

**Minutes:** Ashley Newmyer moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021, meeting, seconded by Felicia Quintana-Zinn. Motion approved.

**MIPS Reporting:** It was reported there was one request filled for MIPS Quality Initiative PDMP data from Mary Lanning Hospital. Chairperson Arch clarified that this process involves facilities requesting their own data from the PDMP to fulfill the data reporting requirements to CMS.

**Project Approval:** Dr. Joy Doll of CyncHealth presented the project request, Understanding depression's impact on birthing parents in Nebraska. This request comes from CyncHealth as a part of the Midwest Institute for Citizen Health (MICH.) The project will aggregate data into a public report for advisory boards associated with the Institute as they plan policy initiatives for

the future. The data is all requested in aggregate, by zip code and there is no protected health information released. There was a question from the Board about the timeline and Dr. Bland noted that the projected date of completion would be June or July if CyncHealth were to start today. Another question asked was why we were not including information of individuals under the age of 18. Dr. Doll explained that data for individuals under the age of 18 or minors, was not requested or would be released because they are considered a vulnerable population. If the request were to include this data, it would have to go through an institutional research board, or IRB process.

Felicia Quintana-Zinn moved to approve the request, seconded by Manuela Banner, motion approved.

**Waiver Requests:** The Board was presented with a waiver of participation request from Midwest Endoscopy Services (MES). The Board discussed the application and how the process works and different scenarios for a waiver through the Board.

Board members would like more information from MES. This includes if they have a waiver from a governmental agency for no electronic health and if they have a meaningful use waiver. In response to the question, staff informed the board that according to guidelines, a waiver is good for one year and if there is any change during that waiver period, the facility must notify the Board and update their status. The state designated health information exchange can also except a lesser standard of data to make sure that information is available to other providers, and it does not cause an increase in repeat procedures or missing pertinent medical background information.

The Board took no action on the waiver request and asked that MES submit more background and supporting information before the Board can approve or deny the waiver request.

**Next Meeting:** Board staff will send out a poll for the next meeting to determine if the meeting will be held on March 17 or 18 and at what time. It will also be determined closer to the date of the next meeting if it will be virtual or in person, depending on the Board workload for that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.