

NE Health Information Technology Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21, 2022

Time: 7 AM

Location: CyncHealth-LaVista Office

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

Call to order: Chairperson Arch called the meeting to order at 7:05 AM.

Roll Call: Timoree Klingler called the roll, members present were Senator John Arch, Kevin Bagley, Manuela Banner, Dr. Jessika Benes, Dr. Jaime Bland, Dr. Anna Dalrymple, Lynn Edwards, Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta, Ashley Newmyer, Felicia Quintana-Zinn, and Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner. A quorum was present.

Absent: Aimee Black, Dr. Kimberly Haynes-Henson, and Senator John Stinner.

Guests: Michelle Cascio and Julie Knowlton from Midwest Endoscopy Services.

Approval of Minutes: After review of the minutes from HIT Board meeting on February 17, 2022, Monalisa McGee-Baratta moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jaime Bland, motion approved.

Project Updates: Dr. Joy Doll, Vice President of Community and Consumer Programs of CyncHealth gave an update on all projects that have been approved by the HIT Board to date. Senator Arch commented on the Opioid Settlement Funds Committee and wondered if there were additional opportunities for CyncHealth to be involved. Kevin Borchert of CyncHealth confirmed that requests might be coming to CyncHealth as part of the Committee work and that any requests would follow the normal process as outlined in orientation. Monalisa McGee-Baratta asked about the Committee and ongoing work with the Nebraska judicial system and opportunities to collaborate .

Naresh Sunder Rajan, Chief Data Officer of CyncHealth gave an additional update on the Midwest Institute of Citizen Health (MICH) project and showed the committee several dashboards that demonstrate how we are visualizing the data for projects the HIT Board has approved. The Board discussed the dashboards and asked several questions including different risk factors, such as poverty, that could be determined with these dashboards. Senator Arch asked about who the main users of data would be, and Jaime Bland explained that it would be used by community-based advocacy groups.

LB 411 Update: Eric Malm, Vice President of Operations of CyncHealth gave an update on facilities who have onboarded as a result of LB 411. This included numbers of facilities and type of data feeds that are used by facilities for transfer of data. Senator Arch asked questions regarding ADT feeds and if there are facilities who only submit this type of feed, the answer is yes if that is the only feed available. However, the HIT Board adopted the policy that data would be shared according to the latest version of the USCDI, which is the approach taken by CyncHealth where that data exists for such facilities.

Dr. Salzbrenner asked about possible training on HL7 and other technical terminology so that board members can be more familiar with terminology that the CyncHealth uses as the state HIE. Manny Banner asked a question that clarified the numbers in Mr. Malm's presentation were only in response to the passage of LB 411, not all facilities who already participated with us. His presentation also talked about the timelines connected to certain data feed types and how those will affect project onboarding.

Dr. Salzbrenner inquired making a report for facilities so that providers could identify who not reporting to the HIE and their health data is missing so to do further research if they felt there were missing records. Finally, Mr. Malm addressed barriers with healthcare facilities who were not yet reporting or who had applied for waivers.

Meghan Chaffee, Chief Legal Counsel for CyncHealth noted that of the three applications for a waiver that have been denied, one has signed and is onboarded, one has been actively engaged and one facility is unresponsive. Fresenius actively asking questions and having conversations and Millard and Papillion Family hospitals have been unresponsive to outreach from CyncHealth. Monalisa McGee-Baratta asked about next steps if a facility refused to comply. Jaime Bland responded that after a facility refuses to reply, there may be an information blocking complaint filed with the federal government who will respond appropriately.

MonaLisa McGee-Baratta asked about the Heritage Health RFP and if there is any interaction with managed care organizations prior to proposal submissions. Kevin Bagley said that payors would have to meet all the requirements of LB 411. Senator Arch asked what is left for providers to connect? Jaime Bland said about 60 long term care, skilled nursing facilities have not connected with the HIE yet.

Dr. Salzbrenner asked about the Nebraska Department of Corrections and their EHR capabilities and if CyncHealth has been approached to engage with them. Dr. Bland responded that in Nebraska we do not have any link to correctional system health records.

42 CFR Part 2 Regulations Presentation: Terri Pohl, policy analyst with CyncHealth gave a presentation on regulations and what constitutes Part 2 Data, and what is not included in the regulations. There were several questions about how to determine who a Part 2 provider is and what can and cannot be shared. Eric Malm gave an overview of is the workflow CyncHealth has created in order to be compliant with redisclosure of Part 2 data.

The Board discussed the workflow, how Part 2 providers are identified, and how that identification and segregation happens.

Waiver Requests: Chairperson Arch began the discussions surrounding waiver requests with a refresher on the statutory requirements for a waiver of participation from the statewide health information exchange per LB411.

Paul Hakenkamp, Chief Operations Officer of CyncHealth, gave an overview of a meeting between Midwest Endoscopy and CyncHealth surrounding their capabilities to share data with CyncHealth. Michelle Cascio shared Midwest Endoscopy needs more time to get a better system and that at this time, they do not have the ability to share data. The Board had a robust discussion of what capabilities CyncHealth had to take in and ingest data and what Midwest Endoscopy and their vendor, Provation, is capable of. The Board decided to postpone a decision on the application for waiver until the next meeting in May. In the meantime, CyncHealth will meet with Midwest Endoscopy and Provation to better determine if there is availability to share health data.

Meghan Chaffee gave an overview of Bryan Health onboarding and the discussion leading up to their application for a partial waiver regarding the sharing of Part 2 data. The Board discussed how data is shared and the processes CyncHealth uses. Felicia Quintana-Zinn asked and clarified that there are other facilities that work with the same EHR vendor and there are no other instances with difficulty in sharing and parsing Part 2 data.

Dr. Salzbrenner moved to deny the waiver to Bryan Health for a partial waiver of participation from the statewide health information exchange, seconded by Dr. Jaime Bland, motion approved. Voting yes on the motion were: Arch, Bagley, Banner, Benes, Bland, Dalrymple, Edwards, McGee-Baratta, Newmyer, Quintana-Zinn, and Salzbrenner.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the HIT Board is scheduled for May 19, 2022.

Adjourn: Dr. Steven Salzbrenner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 AM, seconded by Manny Banner, motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 AM.