

NE Health Information Technology Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/20/22

Time: Noon

Location: CyncHealth Office – LaVista, NE

Attendance:

| Name | Present | Absent |
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| Senator John Arch (ex officio) | X | |
| 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. Kimberley Haynes-Henson | X | |
| Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta | | X |
| Ashley Newmyer | X | |
| Felicia Quintana-Zinn | X | |
| Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner | X | |
| Dr. Jessika Benes | X | |
| Douglass Haas | X | |
| Dr. Phillip Vuchetich | X | |
| Senator John Stinner (ex officio) | | X |

Guests: Meghan Chaffee, Kevin Borchert, Terri Pohl, Eric Malm, Naresh Sundar Rajan, Robert Wagner, Sarah Sjolie, Randi Scott, Dr. Carrie Mcadam-Marx, Dr. Paulina Sockolow, Julia Worcester

Call to Order (Time): 12:01 PM

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Jaime Bland moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting, seconded by Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson, motion approved.

Information Security Update – Robert Wagner:

Robert Wagner of CyncHealth presented on the HITRUST security compliance framework, in which CyncHealth is currently in process of completing certification. HITRUST certification is among the most difficult to achieve and maintain, and CyncHealth is currently in the final stage of

assessor review and final submission to HITRUST. Senator John Arch asked about CyncHealth's determination to pursue HITRUST and the need for this financial investment in such a high-level certification. Robert Wagner emphasized the importance of strong security around the data in the network and the necessity of the certification for certain of CyncHealth's participants, such as payers.

New Members Update – Senator John Arch:

Senator John Arch welcomed two new HIT Board members: Dr. Phillip Vuchetich, a Pharmacy Consultant for Arxsine, filling the Pharmacist seat on the board, and Dr. Douglass Haas, a Clinical Assistant Professor at UNMC College of Nursing, filling the APRN seat on the board.

LB 411 Facility Onboarding Update – Eric Malm:

Eric Malm of CyncHealth presented on the current status of facilities onboarding to CyncHealth's network as a result of LB 411 (2021). He presented status (complete, in progress, or not connecting) broken out by the facility types required in LB 411, as well as connection status for specific data feed types (HL7 V2; CCD). Onboarding of payers is now in process and project meeting kickoff calls are being scheduled. Additionally, he noted the four Waivers of Participation that had come through, and been denied by, the HIT Board as a result of LB 411.

Nebraska Healthcare Collaborative Project Approvals – Sarah Sjolie:

- **Impact of a Health System's Medication Assistance Program on Adherence & Outcomes in Patients with Diabetes**

Dr. Carrie Mcadam-Marx, UNMC, presented her team's request for PDMP and HIE data from CyncHealth to fill in the data gaps for their study, which will be using primarily Nebraska Medicine EHR and pharmacy dispensing data. The study will assess diabetes medication adherence, A1C outcomes, and resource use in patients receiving ReassureRx (medication assistance program). The intention is to determine if medication affordability puts patients at risk for poor adherence and poor outcomes. Additionally, such a study would be a "proof of concept" for integrating PDMP and HIE data with health system EHR data.

Manny Banner moved to approve the data request with the condition that a copy of IRB approval is received prior to the data release; Kevin Bagley seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Kevin Bagley, Manny Banner, Dr. Jessika Benes, Dr. Aimee Black, Dr. Jaime Bland, Dr. Anna Dalrymple, Dr. Douglass Haas, Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson, Ashley Newmyer, Felicia Quintana-Zinn, Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner, Dr. Phillip Vuchetich.

Not present to vote: Lynn Edwards, Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta.

Majority of member present voting yes, motion approved.

- **Assessing Impact of HIT for Screening, Referral, Receipt of Social Services on Patient Outcomes**

Dr. Paulina Sockolow, Drexel University, presented her team's request for data from CyncHealth's community information exchange, Unite Nebraska (referral types and referral completion), as well as clinical data (patient conditions, use of health services) and pharmacy data (prescription fulfillment). The purpose of the study is to determine the impact of receiving community services on health service use, on prescription fulfillment, and thus on clinical outcomes. The impact of referral/tracking/screening software for community services is a relatively new area of study, and this project would contribute to new knowledge. Dr. Sockolow also noted the privacy and security conditions in place for data management. Dr. Phillip Vuchetich asked about patient awareness of possible linking and release of their clinical data when they give consent during social/community referral services; CyncHealth notes that the HIE is opt-out and has a policy and procedure in place for patients to exercise at any time.

Senator John Arch confirmed with Meghan Chaffee of CyncHealth that all data requests require IRB approval before CyncHealth will release the data; there is no need to condition approval on this for the purposes of Board voting.

Dr. Jaime Bland moved to approve the data request; Kevin Bagley seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Kevin Bagley, Manny Banner, Dr. Jessika Benes, Dr. Aimee Black, Dr. Jaime Bland, Dr. Anna Dalrymple, Dr. Douglass Haas, Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson, Ashley Newmyer, Felicia Quintana-Zinn, Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner, Dr. Phillip Vuchetich.

Not present to vote: Lynn Edwards, Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta.

Majority of member present voting yes, motion approved.

- **Parkinson's Disease in Nebraska**

CyncHealth presented the Understanding Parkinson's Disease in Nebraska request, in collaboration with the Michael J. Fox Foundation for HIE and PDMP data that can be used to shape a Parkinson's registry with real-time reporting capability.

Felicia Quintana-Zinn moved to approve the data request; Dr. Jessika Benes seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Kevin Bagley, Manny Banner, Dr. Jessika Benes, Dr. Aimee Black, Dr. Jaime Bland, Dr. Anna Dalrymple, Dr. Douglass Haas, Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson, Ashley Newmyer, Felicia Quintana-Zinn, Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner, Dr. Phillip Vuchetich.

Not present to vote: Lynn Edwards, Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta.

Majority of member present voting yes, motion approved.

2022 HIT Board Annual Report – Meghan Chaffee: Per statute, the HIT Board is required to submit an annual report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Governor's office. The annual report must be submitted by November 15th, 2022, and it requires an outline of activities and items undertaken by the HIT Board for consideration.

A copy of the report is available for Board members in BoardEffect.

Senator John Arch asked for a motion to approve the annual report. Ashley Newmeyer motioned with Felicia Quintana-Zinn providing a second motion. A voice vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment – Senator John Arch: 12:58 PM

Next Meeting: November 17, 2022, Noon CST

Respectfully Submitted:

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