

NE Health Information Technology Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 15, 2022

Time: 12:00pm CST

Location: Virtual

Attendance:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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. 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	
Senator John Stinner (ex officio)		X

Guests: Melanie Surber, Kevin Borchert, Meghan Chaffee, Terri Pohl

Call to Order (Time): 12:00pm

Approval of Minutes: Kevin Bagley moved to approve the minutes from the previous October meeting, as November's meeting was cancelled. Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner seconded the motion.

General Updates:

- **HIT Board 2022 annual report was submitted**

Terri Pohl noted the 2022 annual report, which was previously reviewed and approved by board, was submitted on October 31st and can be found on the Nebraska Legislature website.

- **Save the Date – Legislative Breakfast**

Board and committee members are invited to attend the legislative breakfast in January. This will be a chance for the board members to connect with legislators, CyncHealth staff, and members of other CyncHealth Boards who provide governance for CyncHealth. A calendar hold has been sent out for Tuesday, the 24th. The event will be held in Lincoln.

- **New Member: Mark Latta, DMD – Dentist seat**

Joining in 2023, Dr. Mark Latta will fill the dentist seat for the board. All seats are now appropriately appointed and filled for the board.

- **Chair recognition**

The board recognized and thanked Senator Arch for chairing the HIT board in its initial year and for leading great conversations.

- **Immunization Policy – Melanie Surber**

Melanie Surber presented a policy on sharing immunization data with payers for Board review and approval. All data will be based upon the payers' monthly member roster file. A payor submits their member roster to CyncHealth via a secure file transfer portal (SFTP). The requested immunization data is generated using this file. This assures only data on the payers' active members is delivered. The completed data request is then returned to the payer using the SFTP portal. This is to help use data for better care coordination.

Dr. Kimberly Haynes-Henson moved to approve the immunization policy as presented; Lynn Edwards seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Kevin Bagley, Dr. Jaime Bland, Lynn Edwards, Dr. Douglass Haas, Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson, Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta, Ashley Newmyer, Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner, Dr. Phillip Vuchetich.

Voting No: (none)

Not present for vote: Manny Banner, Dr. Jessika Benes, Dr. Aimee Black, Dr. Anna Dalrymple, Felicia Quintana-Zinn.

Majority of members present voting yes, motion approved.

- **PDMP Zero Report Policy – Kevin Borchert**

Kevin Borchert presented a policy requiring pharmacies to submit zero reports for Board review and approval. Kevin explained that many other

states require this to ensure the compliance and integrity of their PDMP. Dr. Vuchetich asked if this requirement is in place today. It was not in Nebraska submitter guide, though large chain pharmacies and software vendors typically do this already.

Dr. Phillip Vuchetich moved to approve the PDMP Zero Report Policy as presented; Dr. Jaime Bland seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Kevin Bagley, Dr. Jaime Bland, Lynn Edwards, Dr. Douglass Haas, Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson, Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta, Ashley Newmyer, Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner, Dr. Phillip Vuchetich.

Voting No: (none)

Not present for vote: Manny Banner, Dr. Jessika Benes, Dr. Aimee Black, Dr. Anna Dalrymple, Felicia Quintana-Zinn.

Majority of members present voting yes, motion approved.

- **Payor Data Standard Policy Update for Social Care – Dr. Jaime Bland**

Dr. Jaime Bland presented a policy requiring certain payers subject to LB411, specifically Medicaid Managed Care Organizations, to submit social care data for Board review and approval. The objective is to provide clarification of definitions and responsibilities surrounding the provided Payor data and data interoperability. We modify the format for every payor and the goal is for a reduction of burden for providers. There were some concerns around the timing of approving the policy, and whether payors were in a position to share this data at this time. The Board emphasized the importance of data sharing and impact to the community.

Dr. Kimberly Haynes-Henson moved to approve the Payor Data Standard Policy Update for Social Care as presented; Lynn Edwards seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Dr. Jessika Benes, Dr. Jaime Bland, Lynn Edwards, Dr. Douglass Haas, Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson, Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta, Dr. Stephen Salzbrenner, Dr. Phillip Vuchetich.

Voting No: Kevin Bagley, Ashley Newmyer.

Not present for vote: Manny Banner, Dr. Aimee Black, Dr. Anna Dalrymple, Felicia Quintana-Zinn.

Majority of members present voting yes, motion approved.

- **Non-Compliance with LB 411 – Meghan Chaffee**

Meghan led a discussion about non-compliance with LB 411 and identification of next steps. Dr. Monalisa McGee-Baratta asked what are the ramifications for non-compliance are. There may be some from a federal data-blocking perspective. Monalisa proposed compiling a list of entities that are non-compliant. We will then have an informed discussion on possible next steps at the next board meeting.

In the meantime, please direct any questions and/or next steps to Dr. Jaime Bland directly.

- **Open Meetings Act- Attorney General memo – Terri Pohl**

Terri led a review of the Nebraska Attorney General's guidance pertaining to virtual and in-person meetings of group subject to Open Meetings Act. Per the regulations, no more than HALF of the Board's meetings in a year may be virtual. For in-person meetings, members MUST attend in-person to be active in the meeting and have their attendance count towards quorum.

Please direct any questions or concerns to Terri Pohl as the board's administrator.

- **Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates – Terri Pohl**

Terri proposed dates to the committee for review and approval. The HIT Board will meet quarterly as proposed and as such, two meetings may be virtual and two meetings must be in-person to satisfy the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act discussed previously. The in-person meetings will be held in Spring (at the Lincoln office) and in the Fall (at the La Vista office). The summer and winter meetings will be held virtually.

Dr. Kimberley Haynes-Henson asked if Meghan could ensure the language in the bylaws to make sure the above is still true in a post-pandemic era.

Dr. Salzbrenner asked if we could take note of who would be attending in Lincoln to ensure it would be worth the commute. Once legislative

session begins, new Senator members will join the HIT Boards and it coincides well to host the Spring meeting in Lincoln.

Please email Terri Pohl with any questions, concerns, and feedback.

- **Adjournment**

Dr. Jaime Bland motioned to adjourn, and Ashley Newmyer seconded.

Next Meeting: _____

Respectfully Submitted:

Signature _____