

April 13, 2022 | 12:00pm - 2:00pm | Virtual Meeting Only

Type of Meeting	Monthly eHealth Commission Meeting
Facilitator	Kaakpema "KP" Yelapaala, <i>eHealth Commission Chair</i>
Note Taker	Cierra Childs
Timekeeper	Monique Berry
Commission Attendees	Wes Williams; Michael Archuleta; Toni Baruti; Sophia Gin; Rachel Dixon; Patrick Gordon; Parrish Steinbrecher; Mona Baset; Micah Jones; KP Yelapaala; Jackie Sievers; Chris Wells; Art Davidson; Amy Bhikha; Jason Greer
	Absent:

Minutes

Call to Order

Kaakpema "KP" Yelapaala, *eHealth Commission Chair*

- Roll call was taken. 11 present. Quorum reached
- Parish Steinbrecher motions to approve the March 2022 eHealth Commission meeting minutes
- Art Davidson seconds the motion

Announcements

Dianne Primavera, *Lieutenant Governor and Director of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care (OSPMHC)*

- Thanked the committee for ongoing time and commitment
- Highlighted the need to support our providers as well, currently doing so by the JBC approval for 11 million dollars for OeHI rural connectivity
- Highlighted [HB 22-1076](#) and [HB22-1008](#), and the [Reproductive Health Equity Act](#)

Stephanie Pugliese, *Director, Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI)*

- OeHI Updates - eHealth commission Updates
 - Commissioner Updates
 - Rachel Dixon announces Colorado Health innovation dates July 21st and 22nd
 - eHealth Commission Updates
 - Stephanie welcomes Jackie Sievers, Advisor from QHN
 - Submitted response to Strengthening Community Health Through Technology RFI

New Business

Roadmap and Workgroups Discussion

- Reminder of the roadmap objectives and outputs
- This is an opportunity to reinvision workgroups and stakeholder involvement
 - Make our meeting time as efficient as we can
- Proposed principles
 - Streamline efficiency and narrow focus through consensus building
 - KP wants to hear from commissioners about what has been working in workgroups and what is good, so we don't start entirely from scratch and throw the baby out with the bathwater
 - Micah Jones highlights clear goals and outputs, remarks on the importance and helpfulness of clear timeline laid out with clear final goals, reduced amount of confusion and scope creep



- KP Yelapaala- Have someone from OeHI team connected to the workgroup to steward the work
- Amy Bhikha- How can we each tie in, what is the detail behind these ideas
- Wes Williams - Concerned about consensus building, doesn't want to restart from scratch
- KP Yelapaala- We need the correct expertise available and a structure in place that is more efficient, more clearly linked to outputs
- Jason Greer - One thing that worked well was collaboration, especially as an accountability piece.
 - Could time-limit the workgroups, i.e. six-month workgroup
 - Integration with priorities of HCPF and others
- KP Yelapaala- Leverage the continuity of previous existing workgroup work within the context of reestablishing output priorities and goals, and consensus. Is cross-agency collaboration part of workgroup principles? Or a separate issue?
- Toni Baruti-the disconnect of not having the collaboration with state agencies, especially care coordination, social determinants of health, and viewing the whole person in care this needs to be prioritized. Collaboration should be integrated, not a separate issue
- KP Yelapaala- Should seek cross functional agency presence, but also opportunities to bridge these workgroups collaboratively with other agencies.
 - OeHI next steps: Revise workgroup principles to reflect collaboration
- Workgroup considerations -
 - Wes Williams - worth thinking about who should be involved not just when group starts, but as it progresses
 - Micah Jones- As the process goes along, we may need folks with different expertise. Need to be aware of where we are in the process and if we have the right people included
 - KP Yelapaala- Could this be an opportunity for sub-committees, when issues compete and additional expertise is needed?
 - Wes Williams- Not necessarily subcommittees, but needs to be coordinated
 - Toni Baruti- Clear, actionable, accomplishable goals needed to make sure that all folks needed are present
 - Sophia Gin- within these workgroups how much responsibility do the groups have for delivering the outcome vs advising and steering? Are other meetings being had elsewhere that are responsible for actual outcomes and deliverables?
 - Stephanie Pugliese- Depends on goal and outcome. Revision of workgroups intended to focus more on deliverables. Commission as advisory body, workgroups more expected to deliver work. Caveat - output will often be more advisory.
 - Sophia -Gin how would you deliver "one front door" output, for example?
 - Stephanie Pugliese - not necessarily ready for a workgroup, but can support efforts on this topic elsewhere through advisory role
 - Wes Williams- Workgroup doing policy guidance and advising with relevant stakeholders
 - KP Yelapaala - What role can OeHI play to support pilots or novel projects?
 - Micah Jones - Workgroups help formulate statewide requirements for technology investments made by OeHI. Workgroups could be a place



for state bodies to come together and work out individual requirements.

- Sophia Gin - what other stakeholders do we need to understand all the statewide requirements, etc. Do we need to put, under output, the objective as well as the overall intent
- KP Yelapaala- each group will have a lead and will determine how they can best support the roadmap
- Rachel Dixon- Telehealth workgroup example: very open process, came up with a large number of recommendations in 2019. Shifted in 2020 and was able to respond to new objectives in the pandemic and then provided guidance for new policy for things like executive orders and bills, all serving greater telehealth response to the pandemic. Then shifted back towards broadband access, etc
- Jason Greer- are we at a point where we can talk about public health priorities?
 - KP Yelapaala - Some priorities are fleshed out sufficiently to be ready for greater discussion, but others need more time
- Workgroup next steps - Rural Health IT Steering Committee through 6/30/22. Care coordination committee led by Toni, will be tricky due to conflicts of interest and RFP
 - KP Yelapaala - Stephanie, think about someone from OeHI being attached to these groups. Timeline for this?
 - Stephanie Pugliese - Gabby connected to Rural Health, Melissa Hensley connected to Care Coordination Committee
- KP Yelapaala - For those who have been involved in prior workgroups, if a previous issue or topic of interest does not have a place in the current workgroups, reach out to Stephanie so we don't lose momentum on prior work

Telehealth Contract Discussion and Vote

- Purpose of discussion: increase accountability and transparency
- Purpose of contract: Picks up baton from last year, supports overall goals and WIGs
 - Wes Williams - Recuses himself
 - Jason Greer - Nonvoting advisor expressing support, advocates for considering recurring funding
 - Toni Baruti - Ditto Jason Greer
 - Sophia Gin - Is there an ROI?
 - KP Yelapaala - Look at alignment to roadmap goals: closely aligned. Not necessarily looking at financial ROI, but support of roadmap goals
- Unanimous pass, other than Rachel Dixon and Wes Williams, recused from vote

Public Comment Period

- Dr. Mahl - Is it possible to post the name of the bill re: telehealth and hearing aids?
 - Yes, doing so [HB22-1076](#)
- Tehreem Rehman - ER Physician at Care Colorado: Do we know if the Care Coordination Committee is steered towards community or actual operation within healthcare coordination? Or both?
 - Stephanie Pugliese - Ultimately likely both

eHealth Commission Meeting Closing Remarks

- Open Discussion
 - Rachel Dixon - Do we want to explore themes of operationalizing health equity?
 - KP Yelapaala - starting to bring in thought leaders to commission meetings to share on their work
 - Rachel Dixon provides link to the [Colorado Health Innovation Summit](#)

Motion to Adjourn



Kaakpema "KP" Yelapaala, *eHealth Commission Chair*

- Kaakpema "KP" Yelapaala requests motion to adjourn
- Rachel Dixon motions to adjourn the meeting
- Amy Bhikha seconds the motion
- Meeting adjourned at 01:59 PM MST