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Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2024 | 12pm| Virtual Meeting

Type of Meeting	Monthly eHealth Commission Meeting
Facilitator	Kaakpema (KP) Yelpaala, *eHealth Commission Chair*
Commission Attendees	Michael Archuleta, Mona Baset, Amy Bhikha, Rachel Dixon, Sophia Gin, Michael Feldmiller, Micah Jones, Krystal Morwood, Parrish Steinbrecher, Jackie Sievers, Misgana Tesfaye
	Absent: Patrick Gordon, Kevin Stansbury, Toni Baruti

Call to Order

Kaakpema (KP) Yelpaala, eHealth Commission Chair

- Quorum Met: Yes
- Voting of Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Parrish Steinbrecher, seconded by Commissioner Michael Archuleta
- Corrections for November 2024 eHealth Commission meeting minutes: None

Announcements

Stephanie Pugliese, Director, Office of eHealth Innovation

- Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera expressed her gratitude to OeHI team for all of the work they have done in 2024. She also gave a nod to the commissioners for their dedication to health equity in 2024. She is looking forward to the 2025 Health IT Roadmap and seeing more collaboration opportunities in 2025.
- The draft 2025 Health IT Roadmap is in the Commissioners and advisors' hands for review. The Commissioners are encouraged to provide feedback.
- The roadmap will be opened to the public in January for input from the healthcare, health IT, and health innovation industries, as well as the general public.
- Stephanie Pugliese (OeHI) asked the commission to help spread the word about the opportunity for the public to weigh in on the state strategy that would guide their work for the next 3 to 5 years.

New Business

- Presentation Slides: 2024 Overview and Accomplishments Roadmap Review

Detailed Summary: Team OeHI provided an overview of the work that they have accomplished in 2024 and provided additional content concerning what is expected in 2025. The team focused on each aspect of the team, including:

- **The 2021 and 2025 Health IT Roadmaps (Stephanie Pugliese, Director, OeHI + Karen Shimamoto,**

Deputy Director, OeHI)

- Stephanie Pugliese provided an overview of the current health IT roadmap which was developed in 2021 and highlighted some of the accomplishments of the past 3 years.
- Karen Shimamoto presented the timeline for the development of the 2025 Health IT Roadmap.
- She also highlighted the community listening sessions that were conducted across the state in the summer of 2024 to gather input on how to improve health IT across Colorado.
- Some of the key takeaways from the listening sessions were that there is a lack of funding for rural communities and organizations with fewer resources for technology, health information exchange access (such as EHRs), interoperability, support and technical assistance around AI, and education assistance.
- Karen Shimamoto reminded commissioners that the deadline to submit feedback on the current draft was December 16th. She also announced that the 2025 roadmap would be released for public comment in the new year and encouraged everyone to check the website for more information.
- Lastly, Karen Shimamoto announced a funding opportunity for up to 15 healthcare organizations to host listening sessions with their staff to gather input on the Health IT Roadmap. The listening sessions would take place between January 20th and February 7th and the application for funding is available on the OeHI website.

- **Operational Advancements (Bianca Melancon, Operations and Special Projects Coordinator, OeHI)**
  - Bianca Melancon discussed the operational advancements made in 2024, including the implementation of Monday.com for workflow management, Visible Network Labs for partner tracking, and the development of a new OeHI intranet.

- **Contracts and Procurement Mechanisms (Michel Jurica, Contract Manager, OeHI)**
  - Michel Jurica reviewed the contracts and procurement mechanisms for 2024, highlighting the execution of 18 various contracts or purchase orders, totaling $23 million.
  - 2024 Contracts and Purchase Orders:
    - 18 contracts/purchase orders executed, totaling $23 million.
    - $19.9 million in federal funds, $3.1 million in state funds.
    - Contracts for health information exchange, rural connectivity, Colorado Social Health Information Exchange (CoSHIE), interagency agreements, and more.
    - 33 vendors awarded contracts under the Project Based Healthcare Consulting Contract (PBHCCC) mechanism.
  - 2025 Outlook:
    - 8 new efforts planned, including grants, PBHCCC procurements, an interagency agreement, and a contract modification.
    - New grant efforts include the CoSHIE Regional Hub Grant, Rural Network Facility Grant, and grants for libraries and telehealth hubs.

- ■ PBHCCC procurements for rural data mapping and a consent repository feasibility study.
- ■ Negotiations for new contracts for fiscal year 2026 will begin in late January/early February.

- **Data Governance (Karen Haneke, Data Governance Sr. Project Manager, OeHI)**
  - ○ Karen Haneke provided an update on the data governance work, focusing on the Colorado Social Health Information Exchange (CoSHIE) data governance process, alignment with state government data sharing, and the establishment of a statewide data governance work group.
  - ○ CoSHIE Data Governance:
    - ■ Policies and processes developed for data access control, data quality standards, and data resolution.
    - ■ Executive Steering Committee and Data Governance Committee established for oversight.
    - ■ Legal data sharing structure established with three main templates: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Data Sharing Agreement (DSA), and Data User Agreement (DUA).
  - ○ Alignment with State Data Governance:
    - ■ OeHI serves as a resource for health data governance across the state.
    - ■ Collaboration with the Government Data Advisory Board (GDAB) and the Chief Data Office (CDO).
    - ■ Participation in internal working groups and communities of practice.
  - ○ Statewide Data Governance Workgroup:
    - ■ Workgroup to be chaired by Sophia Gin, focusing on CoSHIE and community needs.
    - ■ Input and recommendations for workgroup members are welcome.
- **Telehealth and Digital Inclusion (Ashley Heathfield, Telehealth & Digital Inclusion Sr. Project Manager, OeHI)**
  - ○ Ashley Heathfield discussed the work done in telehealth and digital inclusion, including partnerships with various organizations, surveys, awareness campaigns, and funding for telehealth hubs in rural libraries.
  - ○ Telehealth Initiatives:
    - ■ Partnered with the Colorado Broadband Office on the HB21-1289 telehealth grant, awarding $6 million to 11 grantees.
    - ■ Developed a telehealth equity analysis dashboard with Civic to understand telehealth use disparities.
    - ■ Partnered with Clinic Chat on a sexual and reproductive health chatbot.
    - ■ Conducted a telehealth survey in Northwest Colorado and created an awareness campaign proposal with Connected Nation.
    - ■ Funded 17 rural libraries to establish telehealth hubs or telehealth checkout kits.
  - ○ Digital Inclusion Initiatives:
    - ■ Partnered with the Office of Future of Work to release the Digital Access Plan for

Colorado.

- Led an National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NITA) digital equity competitive grant application to support community health workers trained in digital navigation.
- Improved demographic data collection and reporting for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and rural providers.

- **Rural and Data Analytics (John Kennedy, Rural Connectivity Sr. Project Manager, OeHI)**
  - John Kennedy provided an update on the Rural Data and Analytics project, highlighting the implementation of the Community Analytics Platform, rural sustainability payments, and plans for addressing ease of reporting, expanding the program to more rural providers, and enhancing cybersecurity and network security.
  - Community Analytics Platform:
    - Fully implemented with broad participation and adoption.
    - Rural sustainability payments of $100,000 per critical access hospital and $20,000 per rural health center have been distributed.
    - Over 13 reports created to help rural facilities retain funds within their communities.
  - Future Plans:
    - Addressing ease of reporting through data mapping and eliminating duplicative work.
    - Expanding the program to include more rural providers, such as those serving rural populations but not classified as critical access hospitals.
    - Enhancing cybersecurity and network security through a grant opportunity (up to $200,000 per facility) and a cybersecurity workgroup.

- **Colorado Social Health Information Exchange (CoSHIE) (Melissa Gillespie, Interim CoSHIE Project Lead, OeHI + Matt Arment, SHIE Senior Project Manager, OeHI)**
  - Melissa Gillespie and Matt Arment provided an update on the CoSHIE project, discussing the accomplishments in 2024, including the development of the unifying architecture, the ingestion of 211 community resource inventory data, and the posting of the CoSHIE Regional Hub Request for Application (RFA).
  - 2024 Accomplishments:
    - Contract executed in November 2023.
    - Unifying architecture developed.
    - 211 community resource inventory data ingested.
    - CoSHIE Regional Hub RFA posted.
  - 2025 Plans:
    - Spring, summer, and fall releases planned.
    - Sharing member housing needs and voucher status with care teams.
    - Piloting data normalization between the 211 community resource inventory and an

external partner.

- Expanding sharing of member data and starting to share social determinants of health assessment data.
- Informing care teams about members transitioning from incarceration into the community.
- Sharing social care referrals across platforms.

- **Dollars to Digitize Grant Program (Amanda Smith, Dollars to Digitize Grant Senior Project Manager, OeHI)**
  - Amanda Smith provided an overview of the Dollars to Digitize Grant Program, highlighting the successful completion of digital transformation projects by 209 grantees, the impact of the grant throughout Colorado, and the outcomes reported by the grantees.
  - Program Overview:
    - ARPA-funded grant to support digital transformation projects for agencies such as home and community-based services (HCBS) and behavioral health providers.
    - $24 million awarded to 224 grantees across Colorado.
    - 209 grantees successfully completed their projects by October 1, 2024.
  - Outcomes and Impact:
    - Grantees served a collective 99,000 members across the state.
    - Top outcomes reported included increased interoperability, improved care coordination, and expanded reach, especially in rural communities.
    - The grant improved the quality of care and member experience.

- **Consent Management (Allie McGee, Consent Management Project Manager, OeHI)**
  - Allie McGee discussed the work done in consent management, including the development of a roadmap for implementing individual consent in CoSHIE, the creation of a consent form for sharing social determinants of health information, and the legislative support for the initiative through House Bill 24-1217.
  - 2024 Accomplishments:
    - Finalizing the CoSHIE consent proof of concept roadmap.
    - Developing a consent form for individuals to consent to sharing their social determinants of health (SDOH) information.
    - Securing legislative support for consent management through House Bill 24-1217.
  - 2025 Goals:
    - Conducting proof of concept pilot testing for the consent management system in CoSHIE.
    - Creating a report on the feasibility of a consent repository in Colorado.
    - Engaging with state agencies, particularly Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE) and Colorado Department of Health Services (CDHS), to explore opportunities to utilize consent.

Public Comment Period

- No public comments were submitted prior to the meeting.

- Attendees were invited to raise their virtual hand if they had any public comments.

Open Discussion:

- Rachel Dixon asked about the role of consumers in the data governance group led by Sophia Gin.
  - Sophia Gin and Karen Haneke responded that they were actively seeking consumer representatives for the group and welcomed any recommendations.

Closing Remarks

- KP Yelpaala thanked the OeHI team for their work and acknowledged the expanded scope of influence of OeHI.

Action Items

- None

Motion to Adjourn

KP Yelpaala

- Motion to adjourn was approved by Commissioner Dixon
- Seconded by Commissioner Tesfaye