



January 11, 2023 | 12pm-1:30pm | Virtual Meeting Only

Type of Meeting	Monthly eHealth Commission Meeting
Facilitator	KP Yelapaala, <i>eHealth Commission Chair</i>
Note Taker	Amanda Malloy
Time Keeper	Amanda Malloy
Commission Attendees	KP Yelapaala, Micah Jones, Arthur Davidson, Jason Greer, Jackie Sievers, Kevin Stansbury, Parrish Steinbrecher, Wes Williams, KP Yelapaala, Michael Archeleta, Rachel Dixon, Patrick Gordon, Mona Baset

Absent: Amy Bhikha, Toni Baruti, Sophia Gin, Chris Wells, Misgana Tesfaye

## Minutes

### Call to Order

KP Yelapaala

- Roll call was taken. 9 voting members present. Quorum Met: Yes
- Voting of Meeting Minutes: Yes
- Corrections for December 2022 eHealth Commission meeting minutes
- Corrections: Add Kevin Stansbury to attendee, not absent, for the December 2022 meeting
- Add January Meeting Minutes to next meeting in February
- In favor of approving: Yes
- Opposed: N/A

### Announcements

Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera

- Legislative session started on Monday, January 9, 2023
- Propose ideas to Health IT space to find innovative policy solutions
- Attain 100% renewables by 2040
- Top 10 safest states in 5 years
- Immediate property tax relief
- Implement free, universal Preschool

Stephanie Pugliese

- SHIE invitation to negotiate is open for two more weeks - January 27, 2023 - website will be updated next week
- Federal proposed rule opportunity for us to comment on - drafting now and will be out to commissioners next week and comments are due at the end of the month

### Agenda Item-MAIN SPEAKER

**Speaker: John Rancourt** - Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health IT

- Director of Interoperability for ONC (<https://www.healthit.gov>)
- ONC is looking to advance interoperability and saving people money on healthcare
- This is not a legal document or legal advice
- Who is ONC? Sits within US Department of Health and Human Services; established in 2004 under President Bush
- Star HIE program that was funded during the Covid Pandemic and its objectives



are as follows: To build innovative health information exchange services that benefit public health agencies and to improve the health information exchange services available to support communities disproportionately impacted by the Covid 19 Pandemic.

- **ONC** works as a partner with **CMS** (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and their funding comes from **CMS**
- **CMS**, in coordination with **ONC**, has created a series of toolkits and resources for **Medicaid** that are focused on health information exchange, health IT, and interoperability. See links below

### Toolkits/Resources for Medicaid:

[https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/1\\_1115\\_HIT\\_Toolkit-Qs\\_with\\_Detailed\\_Background.pdf2](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/1_1115_HIT_Toolkit-Qs_with_Detailed_Background.pdf2)

[https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/2\\_Addendum-1115\\_HIT\\_Toolkit-State\\_Examples.pdf](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/2_Addendum-1115_HIT_Toolkit-State_Examples.pdf)

[https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/page/2020-03/Health\\_Home\\_HIT\\_Questions\\_Main\\_20200304.pdf](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/page/2020-03/Health_Home_HIT_Questions_Main_20200304.pdf)

[https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/5\\_HCBS\\_Health\\_IT\\_Toolkit\\_V1.pdf](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/5_HCBS_Health_IT_Toolkit_V1.pdf)

- **TEFCA** will simplify Health Data Exchange
- **TEFCA Goals:** Establish a universal policy and technical floor for nationwide interoperability, simplify connectivity for organizations to securely exchange information to improve patient care, enhance the welfare of populations and generate healthcare value, and to enable individuals to gather their healthcare information
- **Benefits of TEFCA:** <https://rce.sequoiaproject.org/tefca-and-rce-resources>
- **TEFCA Components:** Trusted Exchange: Non-binding set of principles, Common Agreement, Standard Operating Procedures, Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) Technical Framework, QHIN Onboarding, and Metrics
- **TEFCA and RCE Resources:** <https://rce.sequoiaproject.org>
  
- **Question from Commissioner:**
  - **Wes Williams:** How do people/organizations become QHINs? One huge concern is about saving people money on healthcare. Building a way people can give permission to their healthcare providers to share information with their network of professionals.
  - **John Rancourt:** People should be able to access their data and do with it what they want - they are informed and there are privacy protections in place
  - **Wes Williams:** Even though it requires additional consent, doesn't mean it shouldn't be part of the goal
  
- **Question from Commissioner:**
  - **Micah Jones:** QHINs should/will be able to share nationwide and data management & sharing millions of pieces of data and it will need to be moved daily at a huge level. HIE participation in TEFCA will require HIEs to become QHINs in order to move data at a much faster rate. Right now, implementors in care quality are moving data this quickly on a daily basis
  - **Wes Williams:** That makes sense, but I'm not sure this will work in the right



direction

- Question from Commissioner:
  - **Art Davidson:** Where is ONC with patient consent and data segmentation?
  - **John Rancourt:** ONC has given a lot of thought with the approach TEFCAs take to leverage consent requirements that exist in applicable law and that providers at the point of care have to follow. Data segmentation is a very difficult topic and challenging but ONC has historically worked on and is continually working on this. TEFCAs don't solve social determinants of health issues, but they need to. There is a learning forum coming.

## Comments on Presentation

**KP Yelapaala:** Thank you, John, for presenting. Now we will open our Public Comment Period.

## Public Comment Period

- **Question from Jeffrey Nathanson:** "Prior to the Health IT Roadmap Refresh there was discussion at the Commission regarding sustainable funding for OeHI and projects including MES and Alternative Payment Models for reimbursements. Now that several Roadmap projects are underway and we are in a New Year, will the Commission continue the discussion of sustainable funding for initiated projects post Stimulus Funding?"

## Action Items

KP Yelapaala

- *Next meeting: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 - will be Hybrid*

## eHealth Commission Meeting Closing Remarks

- Jason Greer: I appreciate the comments from John but wanted to point out that in Colorado, we are focusing on spreading out locally, not nationally.

## Motion to Adjourn

KP Yelapaala

- KP Yelapaala requests motion to adjourn 13:03 MST
- Rachel Dixon motions to adjourn
- Art Davidson seconds the motion
- Meeting adjourned at 13:03 PM MST