

**Michigan Health Information Technology Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location Virtual Meeting

Commissioner Attendance

Name	Representing	Attendance
Norman Beauchamp, M.D.	Schools of Medicine	Present
Nicholas D’Isa, co-chair	Health Plans or Other Payers	Present
Beth Nagel	Department of Health and Human Services	Present
Jack Harris	Department of Technology, Mgmt., Budget	Present
Allison Brenner, PharmD	Pharmaceutical Industry	Present
Heather Wilson	Hospitals	Present
Paul LaCasse, D.O.	Doctors of Osteopathic Med. and Surgery	Present
Camille Walker Banks	Purchasers or Employers	Present
Marissa Ebersole-Wood, Ph.D.	Nonprofit Health Care Corporations	Present
Renée Smiddy, M.S.B.A.	Consumers	Present
Heather Somand, Pharm.D.	Pharmacists	Present
Jim VanderMey	Health IT Field	Present
Michael Zaroukian, M.D., Ph.D.	Doctors of Medicine	Present

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Staff:

TJ Youngquist, Ninah Sasy, Molly Welch Marahar

Guests:

Registration is not required to attend Health IT Commission virtual public meetings. Due to open registration, we are currently not able to capture public attendance.

Minutes: The special session of the Health Information Technology Commission meeting was held virtually on February 2, 2022 with thirteen (13) commissioners in attendance.

1. Introductions and Meeting Purpose

Presented by the MDHHS Policy, Planning, and Operational Support (PPOS) Administration

- i. TJ Youngquist, MDHHS Assistant Deputy Director for PPOS, introduced the meeting. He discussed the purpose of the extended presentation on the health IT roadmap (i.e., the Bridge to Better Health report)
- ii. He informed that this meeting was informational only and that no decisions or business would be conducted by the commission, despite there being a full quorum.

2. Presentation of Bridge to Better Health Report

Presented by the MDHHS PPOS Administration

- i. Mr. Youngquist provided an overview of the Bridge to Better Health report.

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- ii. He invited questions and comments from the commission:
 - 1. Commissioner Nick D’Isa urged the department to establish connections with the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MiHI)
 - a. Mr. Youngquist explained MDHHS’ involvement in the Connected Michigan taskforce, which coordinates strategy in anticipation of a MiHI
 - b. Commissioner Michael Zaroukian highlighted that health IT developments should be provided visibility and expansion funding, like new technologies and electric vehicle support infrastructure
 - c. Commissioner Norman Beauchamp detailed opportunities for expansion with the roadmap, such as:
 - i. Providing more explicit detail on how funding will be coordinated for activities
 - ii. How the roadmap will engage innovation, especially industrial partnerships
 - iii. Enable digital venues for:
 - 1. Connecting aggregate research data for business and industrial innovation
 - 2. Providing experimental data sets
 - 3. Understanding drivers of variability in healthcare
 - 4. Developer sandboxes
 - iv. Being clearer on how government initiatives affect the private sector and its development
 - d. Commissioner Heather Wilson commended the department for translating this final version into a voice representing public-private interests
 - e. Commissioner Renee Smiddy suggested calling out former commissioners whose tenure was active during the roadmap development process in the document
 - f. Commissioner Smiddy also mentioned the need to highlight:
 - i. Opt-out education and updating those forms to do so
 - ii. Commissioner Jim VanderMey suggested language in the roadmap where those efforts could be included
 - iii. Modernizing how opt-out occurs
 - iv. Aligning roadmap efforts with current Michigan Health Information Network (MiHIN) electronic consent management system strategy
 - g. Commissioner D’Isa commended the department for drafting a response roadmap, and he urged the commission to form a broadband committee to focus on that topic
 - h. Commissioners Wilson, Beauchamp, Brenner, VanderMey, D’Isa, Ebersole-Wood, and Walker Banks expressed interest in forming a commission legislative relations effort.
 - i. Commissioners Jack Harris and Beth Nagel described how the State partners in legislative affairs, and that these efforts could be aligned.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.