

NEICE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) Inaugural Meeting

Date: April 21, 2023

Members present: Shernelle Crawford- Dep CIO, Andrew Tyler- CCWIS manager, Brian Thatcher - IT application management MCMS, Pamala Gambrell- App manager, Alex Kamberis- Children's Bureau, Heather Spencer, AAICPC President, APHSA - Marci McCoy-Roth, Ray Davidson, Duane Fontenot, Lynnea Kaufman, Marcus Robinson

Meeting AGENDA:

1. Introductions
 2. Charter highlights:
 - Purpose reviewed.
 - Structure - Committee makes recommendations to the AAICPC. Recommending body.
 - Duties reviewed.
 - Marci McCoy-Roth opened the meeting and explained why the committee was needed.
 - Ray Davidson welcomed everyone and spoke on the growth and accomplishment of the NEICE from inception to where we are today, and the hopes of where we may go with the system.
 - Introductions of all members
 - Duane Fontenot reviewed the Committee Charter, responsibilities, and expectations for the group.
 - Marci provided a review of the history of NEICE (see slide deck). Accomplishments of NEICE were discussed along with implementation plans to onboard states to NEICE. Clearinghouse direct, CMS and MCMS Connection methods were reviewed. Currently there are 11 Clearinghouse Direct states, 15 MCMS and 16 CMS. The NEICE costs were reviewed.
 - Ray emphasized the partnership of the Children's Bureau to help support the NEICE Project.
 - Marci then continued to the future and what key questions the committee will need to address.
- Proposed questions:
1. Do we need to transition states from CMS to other connections?
 2. NEICE needs - timely updates, new security requirements.
 - a. In the NIEM standards using IEPD, they improve and upgrade. We also have to migrate to new versions - need advice. With presidents EO in 2021, Software Bill of Materials with inventory of code to look for vulnerabilities. Apply to NEICE. Eventual change. Slow with 52 jurisdictions.
 3. Agenda for future - What ideas does the team have? Open floor:
 - a. Chair election
- Duane discussed security and software. As new software is developed there is a need to examine how those changes affect NEICE. Discussed the time it takes to make changes.
 - Ray discussed the interoperability of NEICE and other data exchanges so it can have a synergistic impact on the work of Human Services. Marci added an example is the child abuse registry.
 - The floor was open for questions.
 - Marci explained there are annual security trainings.
 - Duane explained there will be 3 meetings per year with one in person. The next meeting is scheduled for June 29th - Chair elections will be held at this time. The third meeting is at the ISM Conference in Kissimmee, Florida (Saturday Sept. 9 or Sunday Sept. 10th). Andrew and Shernelle prefer Sunday. Brian will follow up and Alex may be able to attend.