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**To:** NITC Commissioners  
**From:** Anne Byers  
**Subject:** eHealth Council Update

**New Members.** The eHealth Council welcomed two new members, Senator Annette Dubas and Vivianne Chaumont, Director of the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, pending approval of their nominations. Senator Dubas replaces Senator Mick Mines. Vivianne Chaumont replaces Mary Steiner. Information on Senator Dubas and Vivianne Chaumont are included on the following pages.

**Action Plan.** The eHealth Council adopted action plans supporting the eHealth strategic initiative. These action plans will be the basis for the eHealth Council's plan of work for the following year.

**Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative (HISPC) Update.** In 2006-2007, Nebraska applied to participate in a multi-state Health Information Security and Privacy Collaborative (HISPC) initiative. Although Nebraska was not selected to participate in the first year of the project, the Nebraska HISPC continued to meet, producing a series of reports and recommendations. This year, Nebraska has submitted an application to participate in a 10-state collaborative project to address standard business practices related to audit and authentication. With authorization from the eHealth Council, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will be heading up this contract.

## **Vivianne Chaumont**

From 2001 to 2005, she served as the director of the Medical Assistance Office within the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, where she was responsible for establishing and managing policies of Colorado's Medicaid program.

In her role as director, she authored a rewrite of the state's managed care statutes, developed a review process to help ensure that rules and regulations were understandable to clients and also complied with state and federal standards, and created a centralized data system to improve efficiency and consistency within the department.

From 1985 to 2001 she served as Assistant Attorney General in the Colorado Office of the Attorney General where she was chief counsel for the state's Medicaid program and the Children's Basic Health Plan, along with other public assistance and public health programs. From 1980 to 1984 she was counsel for the California Department of Health Services, advising the department on programs relating to environmental health.

Most recently, she was the CEO of ValueOptions of AZ, Inc., a company with contracts to manage the care and delivery of services to Medicaid clients and individuals with mental illness in Arizona.

She received her bachelor's degree in 1975 and law degree in 1978 from the University of California – Davis.

## **Senator Annette M. Dubas**

**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Agriculture (vice chairperson); General Affairs; Natural Resources; Rules; Education Commission of the States

**Biography:** Born Feb. 5, 1956, in Omaha.

*Education:* Graduate of Fullerton Public High School, 1974; Columbus Beauty College, 1975.

*Family:* Married Ronald Dubas, Nov. 15, 1975; four children: Ronald David, Daryl, Clint and Deanna Dubas Ebmeier.

*Occupation:* Farmer/rancher.

*Former:* Fullerton Public School Board; Nance County Planning and Zoning.

*Member:* District 2 Farmers Union (president); CCD teacher; Eucharist minister; lector; Community Bible School.