



Omaha, NE – Nebraska DHHS DBH Awards Contract to Orion Healthcare Technology of Omaha, NE to Create Custom Solution to Enhance Behavioral Health for the State

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Orion Healthcare Technology, Inc., a Nebraska based company and technology solutions provider, was recently awarded a contract with the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) to provide a custom built, centralized data system (CDS) which will allow DBH to review, monitor, and report on programmatic, administrative and fiscal accountability functions with all DBH and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities' contracted providers. The ultimate goal of the project is to provide a CDS that both the State and its providers and contractors can utilize to reduce duplicate efforts, streamline workflow and improve quality and continuity of care.

"I am excited for this partnership with Orion because this project will focus our leadership and resources for the benefit of consumers and other stakeholders. Utilizing consumer voice and technology together results in better healthcare decision making by improving communication and accountability in our systems of care," said Scot Adams, Director for the Division of Behavioral Health.

Implementation of the CDS solution will resume over the next 2 years, which will include a development process with key staff from DHHS DBH, IS&T, Regional Behavioral Health Authorities, providers, and contracted services as its next steps. Orion is excited to begin the initiative and has teamed with another Nebraska native company, H4 Technology, to help implement the project.

"The blend of talents and experience (through our team and the State's), bringing behavioral health, information technology, health information exchange, business applications, product development and project management will allow us to not only deliver the best solution for the State of NE DHHS DBH," states Sandra Jones, President of Orion Healthcare Technology, "but will raise the standard for the industry and field."

"We have long admired Orion's commitment to healthcare in Nebraska, and across the country", said Chris Henkenius, President of H4 Technology. "Their behavioral health background in technology combined with their outstanding leadership in the community makes Orion a perfect complement to our offerings, and we are excited to work with them going forward."

Orion is in the early stages of the gathering requirements for the system, a critical phase in creating a solution that will provide a tool to effectively provide treatment for consumers, reduce duplicate efforts, and provide a data platform to help identify trends and encourage administrators to make data-driven decisions on workflow, processes, and treatment.

About Orion Healthcare Technology: *Orion Healthcare Technology is a Nebraska based business founded in 1992 to help addiction and mental health professionals succeed through a better understanding and implementation of quality technology resources and solutions. Orion is the creator of the web-based Electronic Health Record (EHR) and Billing/Practice Management software called AccuCare, and has experience working with other NE state systems and initiatives over the last 5 years. To help manage the NE DHHS/DBH project, Orion has partnered with its longtime valued resource: H4 Technology, a Nebraska based, consulting and application development company with over 15 years of providing technology solutions for the healthcare field. H4 Technology's roots are in Health Information Exchange, Accountable Care Organization, and product development. They have also helped implement nine statewide and three regional HIEs, as well as numerous ACOs, HIOs, and hospital systems.*

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