

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes

1/10/2017

Attendance: Reji Varghese, Sandra Harrison, Lane Hooton, Janet Wilson, Derek Dobbins (remote), Pam Forducey, JJ Kingan, Jordan Chapman, Jennifer Kellbach, Spencer Kusi, Patti Davis (remote), Carolina Morris, Cassidy Heit, Natalie Hampton (remote), Janine Gracy (remote), Dawn Watson

Welcome/Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Mr. Reji Varghese. Introductions were made of all in attendance, and a quorum was not present. Action items were delayed until a quorum could be achieved.

Old Business:

Transition: Mr. Varghese introduced Ms. Dawn Watson, the new executive director to the group and encouraged them to contact her with questions on the TAO email: tao.okla@gmail.com.

Educational presentation: Ms. Janine Gracy, project director with the Heartland Telehealth Resource Center, (HTRC, <http://www.telehealthresourcecenter.org/>), includes Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri, and Ms. Natalie Hampton, Missouri, who does communications for the HTRC made presentations to the group. Ms. Gracy discussed the history national and regions Telehealth Resource Center organization and provided resources for information. HTRC is one of the 12 regional HRSA-funded telehealth resource centers in the country. Ms. Hampton encouraged board members to seek help from the HTRC in getting information out to the public about policy changes in the state and other newsworthy events. The center can help with profiles on populations benefiting from telehealth or promoting research. Ms. Gracy discussed the common barriers to telehealth such as not having proper reimbursement, lack of training and issues with technology. Ms. Gracy will send the PowerPoint presentation to the board.

Review of minutes: Ms. Pam Forducey arrived at 10:24 and quorum was achieved. Meeting minutes from December were reviewed, a motion to approve was made by Ms. Janet Wilson, seconded by Mr. Lane Hooton, and the motion to approve was passed.

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Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report from December was presented by Ms. Harrison. It was noted that two debits were made, one to pay the CPA and another to purchase checks. One deposit was made in January but will not be reflected until the next financial report. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Hooton, seconded by Ms. Forducey, and the motion to approve was passed.

Educational speakers for TAO meetings: the group was encouraged again by Mr. Varghese to seek out speakers for TAO meetings, beginning in January 2017!

New Business:

Telehealth Survey from OSDH: The group discussed the draft survey on Telehealth use in Oklahoma spearheaded by Ms. Jennifer Kellbach with the Office of Telehealth, OSDH. Ms. Kellbach said the link was sent on Friday to the list provided by the Oklahoma Medical Board. So far there are 177 responses. Ms. Harrison said she would send the Oklahoma Hospital Association list in the next day or two.

Insurance Coverage Renewal D&O Policy: Ms. Harrison stated that the insurance coverage for the organization needs to be renewed. It is \$701 for one year. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Forducey, seconded by Ms. Wilson, and the motion to approve was passed.

Inclusion of chairman and executive director on bank signature card: Ms. Harrison stated that the board needed to vote to include Mr. Varghese and Ms. Watson on the signature card at IBC Bank and to remove Cynthia Scheideman-Miller, previous executive director, so that the minutes would reflect that. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Hooton, seconded by Ms. Wilson, and the motion to approve was passed.

2017 Legislative session update: Ms. Harrison updated the attendees on a possible language for the remote patient monitoring bill offered by AARP. Board members asked for some changes in wording such as a licensing requirement. Ms. Harrison also updated the attendees on payment parity legislation. Rep. Caldwell will author the House bill and Sen. Yen has agreed to author the Senate bill.

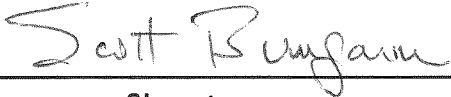
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Meeting adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Hooton. The motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Upcoming TAO meetings at Oklahoma State Medical Board offices from 10:00 to noon:

- February 14* On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary



Signature



Date