

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 8/13/2014

Attendance: *Scott Bumgarner, Sandra Harrison, Natalie Hampton, Kari Hearod, Lane Hooton, Patrick Hutton, Sallie McLaughlin, Mickie Post, Anne Roberts, Cynthia Scheideman-Miller, Candace Shaw, , Sherri Snyder, Reji Varghese, Jackye Ward, Robin Wilson*

Welcome/Opening Remarks – Ms. Snyder welcomed all those in attendance. The meeting began at 10:06 am.

Review of minutes: Minutes from the July 9, 2014 meeting had been distributed. Motion was made by Mr. Varghese to approve the minutes. Mr. Hooton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Scheideman-Miller presented the treasurer report. The report was prepared this month by Ms. Scheideman-Miller and reviewed by Pam Forducey. Ms. Shaw made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Mr. Hooton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Joshua Ewing, Health Policy Specialist with the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) gave a presentation on speaking with state legislators. Mr. Ewing gave an overview of state legislator's demographics, how healthcare rated with state legislators according to a recent survey, some talking tips for telemedicine, and successful approaches to work with legislators that the NCSL has seen across the nation. Some suggestions including hosting events in legislator's districts, inviting them to a TAO meeting, be a resource to them for telemedicine, develop relationships, demonstrate telemedicine, and draw a correlation of telemedicine to local economy and jobs. Mr. Ewing encouraged those present to go to www.ncsl.com for more information.

Ms. Scheideman-Miller reminded the group that TAO was sponsoring a Telehealth Day at the Capitol on February 16, 2015. Ms. Snyder advised the group that there would be tables, and the program committee will be working on details for the

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day. If possible there will be a chance to demonstrate the technology, but Wi-Fi in the building usually has high traffic and it is not usually feasible to video-conference. Ms. Snyder indicated that Verizon may have an alternative. Ms. Scheideman-Mille will follow-up with Verizon to check on what is available.

OLD BUSINESS

Oklahoma Telemedicine Conference – Ms. Scheideman-Miller gave an update on conference preparations. Application has been made for Continuing Medical Education (CME) for the conference. There was one change in presenters as Dr. Sanbar is unable to present and he suggested Dr. Rita Raman speak instead on medical liability issues related to telemedicine. Presentation proposals are due August 16, 2014. The review committee should have the final decision by the first week in September.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2015 Officer introduction- Ms. Snyder introduced the FY 2015 officers. Chair: Sherri Snyder, Vice-Chair: Lane Hooton, Secretary: Candace Shaw, Treasurer: Pam Forducey. The list of officers and other information is on the TAO website (TAOklahoma.org) under the “about us” tab. TAO has seventeen organizations as members. Memberships are for one year from the month they joined.

Committees. The list of committees and their duties were passed out. Members are urged to contact the committee chair if they would like to serve on a committee. Committee chairs include: Finance – Pam Forducey; Board Governance – Lane Hooton; Resource Development – Candace Shaw; Human Resources - Sandra Harrison; and Program Committee – Sherri Snyder.

Legislative update. Ms. Scheideman-Miller gave an update on federal telemedicine legislation. HR. 5380, Reps. Mike Thompson (D-CA), Gregg Harper (R-MS), and Peter Welch (D-VT) introduced the Medicare Telehealth Parity Act of 2014, which would improve telemedicine coverage in Medicare. This is a rewrite from a bill introduced two years ago. A significant change is the bill now proposes

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a phased approach over four years to expand coverage of telemedicine-provided services.

S. 2662: Sens. Thad Cochran (R-Miss) and Roger Wicker (R-Miss) have introduced the "Telehealth Enhancement Act of 2014" a bill that aims to expand the use of telehealth services under federal health programs. It is a companion to HR 3306 that was introduced last year. Bill progress will be monitored.

Ms. Snyder indicated the need for TAO to have the same language when promoting ourselves and speaking with others such as legislators and insurance providers. Ms. Snyder said she would head a group to create such language. Ms. Harrison and Ms. Wilson offered to help create the draft.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission: Next technical meeting is September 25, 2014. The Oklahoma Hospital Association submitted comments regarding the proposed rules regarding Universal Service Funds for telemedicine.

Upcoming TAO meetings at ODMHSAS Conference Room from 10:00 to noon:

On site: 1200 N.E. 13th St. , Oklahoma City, OK

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Conference Call: 405-521-4496 Passcode by date below:

- September 9, 2014
- No meeting in October due to the Oklahoma Telemedicine Conference that month.
- November 11, 2014 meeting will be at the Provost Conference room in Bird Library on the OUHSC campus. 1000 Stanton L Young Blvd as ODMHSAS is closed for Veterans Day.

Candace Shaw

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