

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 1/13/2015

Attendance: Josh Braziel, Scott Bumgarner, Jennifer Damron, Patti Davis, Tiffany Griffis, Sandra Harrison, Lane Hooton, Joyce Lopez, Micha Post, Camelia Rogers, Candace Shaw, Laura Skaggs, Sherri Snyder, Reji Varghese, Cynthia Scheideman-Miller, Reji Varghese, Robin Wilson,

Welcome/Opening Remarks – Ms. Snyder welcomed all those in attendance. The meeting began at 10:05 am.

Review of minutes: Minutes from the November 11, 2014 meeting were distributed and discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Hooton to approve the November 11, 2014 minutes. Ms. Harrison seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Scheideman-Miller presented the November and December treasurer report. Ms. Shaw made a motion to approve the November and December treasurer's reports. Mr. Hooton seconded. Motion passed.

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Marketing – Ms. Shaw advised the group that TAO placed an ad in the Oklahoma Hospital Association directory. She also mentioned that the telehealth alliance in New Mexico was an institutional member of the American Telemedicine Association and their members also became ATA members. This might be an option for TAO members. The group agreed to have this explored further. Ms. Shaw asked those attending what conferences TAO should be present and have a booth. Several suggestions were made, and Ms. Shaw will investigate related costs. Ms. Snyder is working on getting pull up banners made for booths. Ms. Shaw suggested different TAO members might want to host a telemedicine presentation at their facility.

Ms. Shaw attended the Digital Health Summit, and is again impressed in how quickly telemedicine is changing, in part due to companies outside of telemedicine getting into healthcare. She suggested TAO members could sponsor a presentation by TAO. The presentation would begin with a generic overview of telemedicine, including evolving digital telemedicine, and then offer education about the value of TAO.

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Telehealth Day at the Capitol – Ms. Scheideman-Miller gave an update to the group. Ms. Snyder reminded everyone that Telehealth Day at the Capitol is February 16, 2015. We are waiting for approval by IT to work with Verizon to establish a dedicated Wi-Fi. Once approval is given, everyone will be contacted and details gathered about connecting to rural sites. A flyer will be created with a schedule for legislators once all is confirmed. The set up time will be 8:00 to 10:00, with the main activity time from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Legislative Update – Ms. Harrison first let the group know there was going to be a workshop on the Healthcare Connect Fund the next week at the Oklahoma Hospital Association (OHA). She then gave an update on the proposed rule-making of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Ms. Harrison met with Commissioner Todd Hiatt and talked about the rule-making and what telemedicine has meant to the state. The Oklahoma Hospital Association assisted with two bills related to telemedicine and Oklahoma Universal Service Funds, SB63 BY Sen Susan Paddock, D-Ada and HB1536 by Rep. Todd Thomsen, R-Ada.

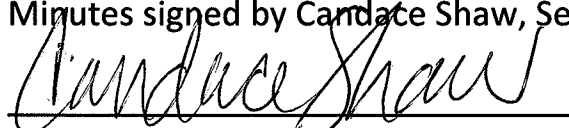
2015 Events – Ms. Snyder and Mr. Varghese gave an update on planned events. It was decided to hold TAO's workshops aside from other events to help establish TAO as a separate association. August looks like the best month for the workshops. Ms. Scheideman-Miller said there was only a few responses to the survey, so she will resend the link.

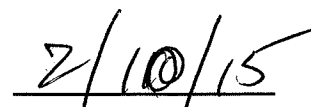
A motion was made by Ms. Harrison to adjourn, Mr. Hooton seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- March 10, 2015 - On site: 1200 N.E. 13th St. , Oklahoma City, OK

Minutes signed by Candace Shaw, Secretary


Signature


Date