

## Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 11/11/2014

**Attendance:** *Scott Bumgarner, Steve Casady, Dianne Brown, Pam Forducey, Sandra Harrison, Jane Kellogg, Christy Olson, Mona Pederson-Rambo, Shea Pierce, Micha Post, Anne Roberts, Candace Shaw, Cynthia Scheideman-Miller, Debi Sovereign, Sherri Snyder, Reji Varghese, Robin Wilson*

**Welcome/Opening Remarks** – Ms. Snyder welcomed all those in attendance. The meeting began at 10:03 a.m.

**Review of minutes:** Minutes from the September 9, 2014 meeting were distributed and discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Varghese to approve the minutes. Ms. Harrison seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** Ms. Forducey presented the September and October treasurer report. Ms. Shaw made a motion to approve the September and October treasurer's reports. Mr. Bumgarner seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

Maribeth Snapp, Telecom Policy Director and Marci White, Senior Analyst, of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission gave a presentation on the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund. They first gave an overview of the program, and then gave the group suggestions including "Top Ten" tips for successful application. Slides from the presentation will be posted on [www.TAOklahoma.org](http://www.TAOklahoma.org).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Telehealth Day at the Capitol** – Ms. Snyder reminded the group that Telehealth Day at the Capitol is on February 16, 2014. A wireless company made an offer to set up a dedicated Wi-Fi for the event to enable video connections and demonstrations to remote sites, but this has not been formalized. Ms. Snyder asked each board member to invite two legislators to come to the event. Materials are being developed, and more detail will be shared at the January 2015 meeting.

**Legislative Update** – Ms. Harrison indicated that the deadline for new bills to be filed is December 12, 2014. Once the legislators come back in January, activity will

pick up significantly as the legislative session starts Monday, Feb. 2, 2015. The general conversation was that TAO would like the Oklahoma Universal Service fund to be more in line with the federal program including elements in addition to cost included in the competitive bid processes. The Oklahoma Hospital Association is considering submitting a bill. The Title 17 bill will be shared with the TAO board once drafted.

**Oklahoma Telemedicine Conference** – Ms. Scheideman-Miller thanked all those who volunteered for the conference and contributed to its success. She gave an overview of the conference. There were 124 learners and 19 vendors present. Twenty two different hospitals or other healthcare providers were represented as well as learners from academic centers and government agencies. Several presentations from the conference were posted on the TAO website.

**Oklahoma Corporation Commission** – Ms. Harrison gave an update on the proposed rule-making and comments submitted. Ms. Scheideman-Miller distributed a summary of the primary issues voiced by telecommunication companies and healthcare providers for clarification. Ms. Harrison advised the group that there was one more chance to submit comments, and another technical conference interested parties could attend. The commissioners will vote on this issue in 2015.

**Oklahoma Telemedicine Survey** – Ms. Harrison indicated drafts have been made by both the Oklahoma Hospital Association and the Oklahoma Health Care Authority on the survey that is being developed for hospitals and FQHCs. It is currently back at OHCA for review. Instate vs out of state codes and inpatient codes were of particular interest.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Talking Points for State Legislators and Marketing** – Ms. Snyder requested feedback on the points. This will be tabled to the January meeting due to lack of time to discuss. Ms. Snyder asked that anyone who had comments or suggestions

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to this working document of the board contact her so that this can be further developed.

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson to adjourn, Mr. Varghese seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- January 13, 2015
- February 10, 2015

Minutes signed by Candace Shaw, Secretary

Candace Shaw  
Signature

1/13/15  
Date