

## Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 9/13/2016

**Attendance:** *Scott Bumgarner, Cynthia Scheideman-Miller, Lane Hooton, Derek Dobbins, Sandra Harrison, Dr. Ariel Lufkin, Reji Varghese, Pam Forducey, Josh Braziel, Robin Moore, Anne Roberts, Marci White, Jennifer Kelbach, Spencer Kusi, Joyce Casady, Martha Gragg, and Jackie Hernandez.*

**Welcome/Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Mr. Regi Varghese. Introductions were made of all in attendance, and a quorum was present.

**Review of minutes:** Meeting minutes from August was reviewed, a motion to approve was made by Scott Bumgarner, seconded by Ms. Forducey, and the motion was passed.

**Treasurer Report:** The treasurer's reports for July and August were presented by Ms. Sandra Harrison. There were quite a few renewals received for the coming year, and only one check was written.

**Educational presentation:** Spencer Kusi and Jennifer Kelbach presented an overview of the Health Workforce Subcommittee of the Governor's Council on Workforce and Economic Development. Information was presented on its purpose, goals, structure, committees, plan overview, and current status.

### ***New Business:***

**Reimbursement:** There was discussion about reimbursement in Oklahoma, and educating health care providers on how to properly use existing telemedicine codes. Ms. Anne Roberts and Ms. Forducey mentioned a webinar they had participated in by SG2 which rated Oklahoma "good" on reimbursement, but still gave the state an "F" on informed consent, which did not reflect the changes that have already occurred. Discussion was held about methods for advocating and educating for a positive change in reimbursement.

**TAO committees:** Ms. Scheideman Miller discussed each of the committees of TAO, their purposes and current members, and noted the need for continuing participation and leadership for each committee.

**Foundation Search company:** discussion was tabled for a later date.

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## **Old Business:**

**TAO-HIMSS seminar:** Ms. Forducey had already given some details about the upcoming conference, but discussion was held about a possible link on the website for sponsorship opportunities at the seminar.

**TAO Website:** Ms. Scheideman Miller noted that the TAO website had been updated to enable payment for seminars and memberships through it, and documents such as mentoring forms would be able to be accessed through it.

## **Miscellaneous:**

New TAO business member Oklahoma Complete Health, a division of Centene Corporation represented by Ms. Martha Gragg and Ms. Jackie Hernandez, gave a brief overview of their company which is relatively new to Oklahoma. They predominantly serve the Medicaid and Aged Blind and Disabled (ABD) population.

Josh Braziel gave an update about the Remote Area Dental and Medical Organization Event.

Meeting location: due to changes in the staffing and location of the ODMHSAS, for the time being further meetings will be held at the Oklahoma Medical Board conference room, located at 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Meeting adjournment: A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn by Sandra Harrison, and was seconded by Lane Hooton. It passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16.

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

- October 11th, 2016\* On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary

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Signature

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Date