

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes

10/13/2015

Attendance: *Scott Bumgarner, Derek Dobbins, Pam Forducey, Lane Hooton, Marci White, Sandra Harrison, Anne Roberts, Reji Varghese, Ariel Lufkin, Tina Mathes, and Jackye Ward*

Welcome/Opening Remarks – Mr. Hooton welcomed all those in attendance prior to Ms. Forducey's arrival. The meeting began at 10:10 am.

Educational Presentation: Tina Mathes, Manager of Retail eHealth with INTEGRIS gave a presentation about their Virtual Visit program. She detailed the implementation of the program that serves Oklahoma, the number of visits since beginning the service in February of 2015 (approximately 700) the high satisfaction rate (over 90 %) and survey response rate (50%). The program is provided through CarenaMD, the Seattle base telemedicine provider, utilizes its physicians and software platform, and branded with the INTEGRIS brand. The rollout and continued service have been very successful!

Review of minutes: Minutes from the September 2015 meeting were distributed and discussed. Motion was made by Mr. Varghese to approve the minutes. Mr. Lane Hooton seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Harrison presented the September treasurer's report. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Mr. Dobbins seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business Report: Jackye Ward, representing the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, gave a legislative update. On September 24th, the Oklahoma Nursing board proposed revisions to the Rules of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing regarding licensure and moving toward a multi-state licensure model. The agency will move forward with the Rulemaking process and will bring the proposed revisions to the Board for consideration and a public hearing in January 2016. Ms. Harrison commented that the Oklahoma Hospital Association (OHA) will support and disseminate to the board a forthcoming factsheet on this issue.

New Business Report: Ms. Harrison reported that she had been contacted by a rural hospital for assistance with resources for inpatient psychiatry telemedicine

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services. Ms. Harrison and Rick Snyder, CFO for OHA, are to meet with Dr. Syliva Lopez at the end of October to discuss about how this is done in other states.

Dr. Lufkin brought up Senate Bill 753, which included revisions of the Oklahoma Physician Assistant Act. This would change requirements for physician on-site supervision, and to allow supervision by telemedicine among other things. This is to be enacted November 1st, 2015, but OSMB still needs to promulgate emergency rules the Governor will then sign.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission: Next technical conference November 4th, comments due by October 30th. Ms. Harrison is working on comments from the OHA, which TAO will most likely adopt, and will have it to the TAO board members by October 23rd for review, to officially adopt as their own statement or agree with it. Ideally, each board member's organization would submit their comments to help favorably affect the OCC's decision on continued funding. Marci White, with Kellogg and Sovereign, commented that the first technical meeting held with the OCC was inconclusive, and that they appeared reluctant to engage or compromise, or ready to change. There was discussion of Telco funding solutions, OCC's unrealistic view of actual costs, and a desire for TAO to help provide data-driven usage numbers, which Mr. Casady is working.

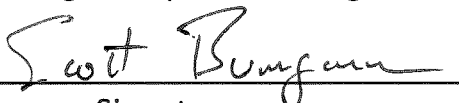
TAO Initiative Discussion: Ms. Forducey discussed the TAO Initiative survey results, of which first and second were informed consent and OUSF funding. She also mentioned to check the proposed dates for a board strategy planning retreat.


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

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

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

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary


Signature


Date