

# Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes

## 11/10/2015

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**Attendance:** *Scott Bumgarner, Cynthia Scheideman-Miller,, Pam Forducey, Lane Hooton, , Marci White, Mary Daniel, Sandra Harrison, Ann Roberts, Reji Varghese, Josh Braziel, Robin Wilson, Janet Wilson, Ann Roberts, and Dave Liebart.*

**Welcome/Opening Remarks** – Ms. Forducey welcomed all in attendance.

**Review of minutes:** Minutes from the October 2015 meeting were presented by Scott Bumgarner. Minutes were reviewed by all, Robin Wilson made a motion to approve, Lane Hooten seconded the motion.

**Treasurer Report:** Ms. Sandra Harrison presented the October treasurer's report. The balance was at \$37,030.95, with one check outstanding. Ms. Harrison reminded the group that several board members still needed to go to the bank to be able to sign/co-sign checks.

**Old Business Report:** Discussion was had concerning the wording on the revisions to the OHCA rule for telemedicine; Reji Varghese was to edit the wording.

**OUSF funding:** Ms. Harrison reviewed the recent technical conferences held by the OCC, recalling Commissioner Murphy's request for technical information, discussion of bandwidth needs. Marci White commented that they do not seem to understand the issue clearly, and are searching for "some kind of formula to plug in" that would give them the ability to determined bandwidth needs and funding. Ms. Harrison discussed ATT's "bucket" or tiered proposals, and the Atlas or RLEC proposal to fund rural telemedicine lines only. She mentioned that Representative Todd Thompson like rural communities, and is not likely to support anything that leaved them out.

**Legislative update:** Ms. Ann Roberts provided a legislative update. She discussed a proposal created by her and Mary Daniels, submitted to Rep. Glen Mulready, stating their desire to modify, or strike entirely the informed consent provision, which relies heavily on language and design similar to investigational trials. Ms. Robin Wilson mentioned similar language in mental health consent forms which is now covered by other legislation (Part H), and she will review. Further discussion was held on whether the need was for amending or repealing this language.

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Cynthia Scheideman-Miller said she would send out information to the board to try and get an informal vote.

Mr. Reji Varghese commented on Nursing Compact legislation, a comment period will end December 31<sup>st</sup>, and there will be a public hearing January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Ms. Harrison brought up form 990 EZ, which was sent out to the board for review. To file by December 19<sup>th</sup>, board approval is needed. A motion was made to approve, Sandra Harrison approved, Scott Bumgarner seconded, Pam Forducey to sign.

**Directors Insurance:** Ms. Scheideman-Miller explained the need and cost for such insurance (roughly \$1,400). It is due in February, she will get final quote in January. Approval by board needed, Sandra Harrison made a motion to approve the purchase, Josh Braziel seconded.

**HealthChoice Telehealth Reimbursement:** Changes in telehealth codes being reimbursed to begin January 2016. Pam Forducey asked will they actually pay, and what is the fee for the codes? Ms. Scheideman-Miller said she has a call with them soon and will seek clarification.

**ATA:** TAO members can now get ATA membership as a benefit of being a member. There was some discussion, and a motion was made for TAO to join the ATA. Ms. Forducey made a motion to approve, and Mr. Bumgarner seconded the motion.

**OHA Directory:** Ms. Scheideman-Miller brought up the question of whether we want to continue with an advertisement of TAO on the Oklahoma Hospital Association directory. Discussion ensued, and a motion was made to continue the ad for 2016. Mr. Lane Hooten approved the motion, and Mr. Varghese seconded the motion.

**Website:** Ms. Scheideman-Miller brought up the cost of maintaining the TAO website with the current vendor. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of using the current vendor. It was decided to enlist the help of Josh Braziel, who has expertise in this area, and reconsider whether to take on the website

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maintenance on our own, or seek another bid, or continue with current vendor. Decision tabled until further investigation and discussion at next TAO meeting in January.

**Inpatient Telepsych services:** Discussion ensued regarding a request to Rick Snyder, from OHA, by Jimmy Leopard, Wagoner Community Hospital CEO, about moving some current IP mental health services to a telemedicine modality. Mr. Snyder and Ms. Harrison met with Dr. Sylvia Lopez, of the OHCA to discuss, and Dr. Lopez agreed to the exploration of this service. Members discussed the obstacle of the state budget shortage this year which will impact all areas of healthcare.

Introduction of TAO member Janet Wilson, PHD, RN. Ms. Wilson shared the areas she had worked in, which included working with Candace Shaw and Sherry Snyder in setting up the Children's Advocacy Network. She was an early adapter of distance education and telemedicine. Did much research in violence prevention, utilized One-net which was at the time being used for probation hearings.

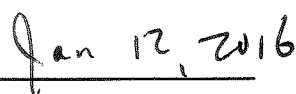
There will be no TAO meeting in December, and will resume the second Tuesday in January 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Lane to adjourn. Mr. Varghese seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016\* On site: 1200 N.E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. , Oklahoma City, OK

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary

  
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