

## Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 9/8/2015

**Attendance:** *Scott Bumgarner, Josh Braziel, Steve Casady, Derek Dobbins, Pam Forducey, Lane Hooton, Spencer Kusi, Thomas Purvis, Cynthia Scheideman-Miller, Marci White, Brent Wilborn, Robin Wilson*

**Welcome/Opening Remarks** – Ms. Forducey welcomed all those in attendance. The meeting began at 10:04 am.

**Educational Presentation:** Josh Braziel presented on the Rural Health Network of Oklahoma's recent experience in testing and selecting a secure messaging system (SMS). Some key points were: 1. test the product on the actual bandwidths and places that it was going to be used, 2. BYOD (Bring your own device) was an issue, 3. better prices could be secured when dealing face to face with the vendor at a conference or trade show, especially for small rural networks, and 4. video to be added at a later date was anticipated to have issues.

**Review of minutes:** Minutes from the August 2015 meeting were distributed and discussed. Motion was made by Ms. Forducey to approve the minutes. Mr. Dobbins seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** Ms. Scheideman-Miller presented the August treasurer's report. Mr. Bumgarner made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Ms. Forducey seconded. Motion passed.

**Workshop Report:** Ms. Scheideman-Miller reported that there were 45 registered attendees. Seven hours of Continuing Legal Education and six hours of Continuing Education Units for nursing were approved. The surveys for all sessions were given high marks, and attendees liked the venue. Most of the expenses were for the out-of-state speakers for travel and honorariums.

**Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan:** Spencer Kusi with the Oklahoma State Department of Health gave a brief summary of the recent Oklahoma Workforce Redesign Summit. Ms. Scheideman-Miller added that steps were being developed for implementation of telehealth strategies referenced in the health improvement plan.

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**Oklahoma Corporation Commission:** Meetings to discuss the Oklahoma Corporation Commission Notice of Inquiry are open to anyone interested with the next one scheduled for September 11, 2015.

**Federal Legislative Update:** A list of current federal bills was distributed. The most promising bill at this time is HR 2948 titled the *Medicare Telehealth Parity Act* is sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif. Calls for a three-phase approach to expand eligible telehealth sites and providers as well as some remote patient monitoring services for Medicare. There is not a sister Senate bill at this time. Other bills include H.R. 3018 and S. 1778 for one state license, H.R. 2725 to expand telehealth under TRICARE, and HR. 2516 an expansion of the Veterans telemedicine coverage.

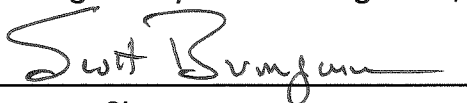
**TAO Initiative Discussion:** Many barriers to telehealth adoption have been addressed over the last three years, but a few more exist. Several were discussed. The board will decide the major initiatives to focus on for the next year and share a prioritized list at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Forducey to adjourn. Mr. Dobbins seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

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

- October 13, 2015\* On site: 1200 N.E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. , Oklahoma City, OK

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary



Signature



Date