

# Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes

## 12/13/2016

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**Attendance:** *Scott Bumgarner, Derek Dobbins, Sandra Harrison, Dr. Ariel Lufkin (remote), Reji Varghese, Josh Braziel, Robin Moore, Spencer Kusi, Janet Wilson, Martha Gragg (remote), Dawn Watson*

**Welcome/Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Regi Varghese. Introductions were made of all in attendance, and a quorum was present.

**Review of minutes:** Meeting minutes from October were reviewed, a motion to approve was made by Ms. Sandra Harrison, seconded by Mr. Lane Hooton, and the motion to approve was passed.

**Treasurer Report:** The treasurer's report from November was presented by Ms. Harrison. The starting and ending balance was given, and it was noted 2 membership renewals were received, fees for non-profit designation were paid, and IRS Form 790 was filed. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Scott Bumgarner, seconded by Ms. Pam Forducey, and the motion to approve was passed.

**Educational presentation:** There was no educational presentation for December, as normally a meeting is not held in this month.

### **Old Business:**

**Transition:** Ms. Harrison updated the group on the transition from Cynthia's departure as Executive Director of TAO in October. Ms. Harrison shared that she had been performing the financial duties of TAO, and that the board needed to have Mr. Reji Varghese added as a cosigner on checks, as well as updating the other members doing that. Also noted were some outstanding invoices for membership due from several entities, the Executive Director's insurance policy is due in February (we might need to look at other vendors for quotes), and the fee to the center for non-profits is due. Also noted was that the Zoom account had been renewed.

**Educational speakers for TAO meetings:** the group was encouraged again by Mr. Varghese to seek out speakers for TAO meetings, beginning in January 2017!

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

***Telehealth Survey from OSDH:*** The group discussed the draft survey on Telehealth use in Oklahoma spearheaded by Jennifer Kellback with the Office of Telehealth, OSDH. Ms. Pam Forducey lead the group in reviewing the draft in detail, and suggestions were taken from TAO members. There was also discussion about who the survey would be sent to, such as OHA members, MD's, DO's, etc. Ms. Forducey will update the draft as needed before presenting it to Ms. Kellbach.

***2017 Legislative session update:*** Ms. Harrison updated the attendees on a possible remote monitoring bill (based on the Mississippi model with a mandate for payment). ARRP is pushing the bill, will wait to see draft and then possibly push out to OHA members.

***Payment parity:*** Ms. Harrison updated the attendees on the subject of Mr. Nathaniel Lachtman's presentation, payment parity, and where the state of Oklahoma stands in terms of parity in statute form, but not in practical payment. Ervin Yen may sponsor a bill addressing payment.

***Executive Director search:*** An excellent candidate for the executive director position has been brought to the board's attention, and after an interview with the candidate the board agreed to give authority to Mr. Varghese on behalf of the board to offer the candidate a contract for a part-time Executive Director position, and to work out the details of the position.

***Meeting adjournment:*** The meeting was adjourned at 10:56, and the TAO board went into a special session.

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

- January 10th\* 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