

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 3/08/2016

Attendance: *Scott Bumgarner, Cynthia Scheideman-Miller,, Pam Forducey, Sandra Harrison (remote), David Bodimer, Derrick Dobbins (remote), Carolina Morris, Steve Cassady (remote), Marci White, Camelia Rogers (remote), Randy Curry (phone), Linda Eick (phone), Dr. Ariel Lufkin (phone), and Kayli Curtis. Absent: Board members Lane Hooton and Reji Varghese.*

Welcome/Opening Remarks – The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Pam Forducey, and a quorum was present.

Education: State of Telehealth highlights update: presented by Cynthia Scheideman-Miller, updates given on the development of this fact sheet giving the current state of telehealth in Oklahoma. Working on a comprehensive list of who is supplying services, locations, major changes since 2011, reimbursement, etc. Goal is to provide a fact sheet that can be given to legislators and political leaders.

Review of minutes: Minutes from the January 2016 meeting were presented by Scott Bumgarner. Minutes were reviewed by all, Derek Dobbins made a motion to approve, Dr. Lufkin seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Report: Sandra Harrison presenting the treasurer's report. A motion to approve was made by ?

Old Business: Legislative update: Presented by Ms. Harrison, the group was updated on HB2547 by Mulready, which repeals the informed consent provision, passed in House and headed to Senate. SB 893, which calls for the formation of an HIT advisory board, has caused concern that the scope and language might be a little heavy handed. SB1163 modifies the language in the definition of optometry, which is intended to help regulate the practice. HB2482, the nursing license compact bill passed the House, and is on to the Senate. Ms. Harrison also updated the group on HB 2616, on which a small working group had been convened by Rep. Thomsen, stating that the OCC had come out against the bill. The OCK Chamber of Commerce is supporting the bill. The bill is to be heard Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.

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Old Business: TAO/HIMSS update: Ms. Scheideman-Miller gave an update on the proposed TAO/HIMSS workshop, scheduled for April 22nd. The focus will be on legislation and current issues within the Allied Health field. The event will be by invitation only.

New Business:

Membership Structure update: Ms. Scheideman-Miller and Scott Bumgarner gave an update on proposed actions, with Derek Dobbins contributing by phone. Ms. Scheideman_Miller prefaced the recommendations by giving a brief history of how TAO came about, focusing on the resources that have been available through HTRC, which have included a portion of her time. Changes in funding from the HRTC will necessitate a reduction or complete cancellation in Ms. Scheideman-Miller's time, which then creates an issue of how to maintain TAO without her leadership. Several options were considered in how to restructure TAO to increase funding beyond current membership dues, to the extent an FTE can be funded and TAO become self-sustaining. The option chosen and presented was a hybrid of our current membership model, with a focus on increasing the membership, seeking grant seed money to begin the process through the use of consultants Cotton and Cotton, and to develop business partners who can give benefits to members, such as discounted business services, which is similar to the nonprofit organizations.

Board Governance update: A TAO board matrix was presented, representing the current makeup, and the desired makeup for future boards. Discussion ensued regarding what demographic makeup was needed, from what industries, etc.

Medical Denials update: Ms. Pam Forducey addressed the board concerning some denials from a 3rd party vendor her organization had gotten on cochlear implant visits. Dr. Lopez with OHCA was contacted and involved in a resolution, and these were resubmitted with a modifier.

Telehealth Training Center update: Ms. Scheideman-Miller updated the group on progress concerning the budget and business plan for a Telehealth Training Center, which would involve an FTE, space, and equipment. She noted that the Tyto small handheld peripheral device would be released in May.

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Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon, the motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Scheideman-Miller, and a second was made by Steve Casady. The motion was approved.

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

- April 12th, 2016* On site: 1200 N.E. 13th St. , Oklahoma City, OK

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary



Signature



Date