

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 5/9/2017

Attendance: *Reji Varghese, Pam Forducey, Dawn Watson, Lane Hooton, Scott Bumgarner, Sandra Harrison (remote), Cassiday Height, Jennifer Kellbach, Spencer Kusi, Derek Dobbins, Angela Surratt (remote), Candace Shaw (remote), Martha Gragg (remote)*

Welcome/Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Reji Varghese. Introductions were made of those attending remotely, and a quorum was present.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from February were presented by Mr. Varghese. After review, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Lane Hooton, and seconded by Ms. Pamela Forducey. The motion to approve was passed.

Treasurer's report: Ms. Sandra Harrison presented the treasurer's report remotely for April 2017. Ms. Harrison noted one expense for the month, and no revenue. She also noted that Hillcrest Medical Center was joining TAO, and we could expect their dues soon. A motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Scott Bumgarner, and seconded by Mr. Derek Dobbins, and the motion to approve was passed.

Legislative report: Ms. Harrison updated the group on the status of bills of interest to telemedicine. HB 1377, which was originally intended to create a 21st Century Corporation Commission Task Force comprised of persons from elected officials, representatives of the utility, transportation, telecom (which impacts telemedicine), and energy sectors to study the effectiveness of the OCC, will now most likely focus solely on energy, and may be made up of mostly elected officials. Update on SB726: OHA, TAO, and other organizations are requesting a veto of the bill which was sent to Governor Fallin for signing. We had requested some changes in the bill from Senator Griffin, but she chose not to incorporate those and ran the bill as it was. Governor Fallin has until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 10th, to make a decision. Sandra describe the process of how the bill will be presented to the Governor for her to make a decision. Ms. Dawn Watson informed the group that she would notify the members as soon as the decision was made. The bill will go into effect November 1st, 2017.

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Board Governance update: Mr. Varghese discussed the upcoming board seats that will need to be voted on with Mr. Hooton, Chair of the Governance Committee. There are four seats coming off, Mr. Varghese, Mr. Bumgarner, Ms. Harrison, and Mr. Steve Casady, who took another position out of state and his seat has been vacant since that date. Discussion was had regarding sending nomination forms out no later than the end of May, voting in June, and finalizing and announcing the results in July.

Update of Telehealth Survey: Ms. Kellbach provided the group with the latest information from the state Telehealth Utilization survey, which closed at the end of February. The data given to attendees was analyzed in different ways, including comments and recommendations from those surveyed, and which was helpful in seeing how the state's users are impacted. The group discussed ways to communicate the results of the study to educate elected officials and policy influencers, including updates the TAO factsheet, and including a map of the state showing where and how telehealth is currently used.

Educational Presentation: The education presentation scheduled with Mr. Robert McGuffin of Home Healthcare Markets, was postponed due to a scheduling difficulty. Ms. Candace Shaw may present in June.

Meeting adjournment: The meeting was concluded at 10:43 a.m. and a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Forducey; a second was made by Mr. Hooton, and the motion to adjourn was approved by the group.

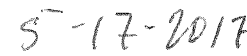
Upcoming TAO meetings at Oklahoma State Medical Board offices from 10:00 to noon:

- June 13th, 2017* On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary



Signature



Date