

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes

10/10/2017

Attendance: *Reji Varghese, Josh Braziel, Nate Draper, Dawn Watson, Lane Hooton, Sandra Harrison, Derek Dobbins, Scott Bumgarner, Candace Shaw, Sandra Dodson, Janet Wilson, Marci White, Shannon Tice, Tim Davis (remote), Natasha Mickel, Andy Fosmire, Spencer Kusi, Jennifer Kelbach, Cassidy Heit, and Stacy Simpkins*

Welcome/Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Sandra Harrison. Introductions were made of those attending in person and remotely, and a quorum was present. It was also noted that Kellog and Sovereign had been honored at the Oklahoma Technology Association's ceremony, as well as our own Ms. Sandra Harrison, who was honored as a "Friend of Technology".

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from September were presented by the secretary, Mr. Scott Bumgarner. After review, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Derek Dobbins, and seconded by Mr. Lane Hooton. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's report: Mr. Derek Dobbins presented the treasurer's report for September 2017. It was noted that 3 checks were written, and that Ms. Watson had sent out invoices for membership renewal. A motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Scott Bumgarner, and seconded by Dr. Ariel Lufkin, and the motion was passed.

Update on Oklahoma Corporation Commission task force: Ms. Dawn Watson updated the group on the task force, also known as "The 21st Century Commission." A "listening session" will be coming soon, and Ms. Watson will notify the group when it is scheduled. She suggested picking a chairperson for our TAO committee formed to be able to give a response to the task force, and that she would set up a call to pick the chairperson and set a meeting date. The committee was to include Mr. Brent Wilborn, Ms. Candace Shaw, Mr. Reji Varghese, Ms. Patti Davis, Mr. Josh Braziel, and Ms. Sandra Harrison.

Legislative Outlook/Special Session: Ms. Watson stated there was no budget decision as of today. The Capitol closes on Friday for 10 days to switch over to a new electrical system, so there will be no decision at least until after that. Ms. Watson went over the amount of cuts to DHS and the mental health department, as well as provider rate cuts in Medicaid reimbursement. The OHA is working on

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a timeline for the cuts to be published, as CMS actually regulates the cuts, which could begin as early as December 1st.

Board Committee reports: Ms. Watson stated that the governance committee needs 2 more members if anyone would like to volunteer. She also noted that we would add this item to the monthly meetings to update all on any committee activities.

Director's report: Ms. Watson reported that TAO's ATA membership expires in 60 days, and asked the group's input as to the value the individual members received. The response was unanimous in wanting to renew the membership so each entity as a member can utilize the membership. Mr. Tim Davis of OSU was introduced; he is the new program director for OSU telemedicine. Angela Surrat has left her position. Ms. Watson noted that Ms. Pam Forducey of Integris had told her that the company "A Chance to Change," which provides employee assistance, had received a grant to do tele-mental health. Ms. Watson stated that the SSL certificate needed for our TAO website had been taken care of by our webmaster. She also noted that Mr. Derek Dobbins had officially been named as treasurer and was functioning as such, and that the October membership invoices had been sent out.

OSDH Survey and Graphic update: Ms. Jennifer Kelbach and Mr. Spencer Kusi passed out updated versions of the state telehealth map that they had so graciously provided to the group. There was discussion again about adding FQHC locations to the map, but no firm decision was made.

Other Business: Ms. Sandra Harrison noted that for 2018 TAO projects we might utilize the information we've received through the state survey regarding barriers to telemedicine adoption to determine where we should focus as a group. Mr. Varghese suggested we might develop a study of payment parity and reimbursement in the state to be able to show legislators. Mr. Josh Braziel said he had some good data he could provide the group. Ms. Candace Shaw noted when she was with Banner Health they did have payment parity, and that denials they received would have occurred anyway. Mr. Tim Davis from OSU telemedicine introduced himself over the phone, and said OSU was joining with

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Heartland Telehealth Resource Center, and would officially be sending out an announcement. Tim will be the main contact with OSU.

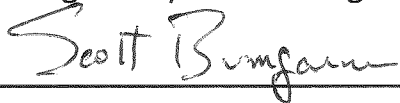
Educational Presentation: This week's educational presentation was provided by Ms. Marci White, Senior Account Manager with Kellog & Sovereign Consulting, and former Senior Technical Analyst with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Ms. White gave a wonderful presentation of the history behind the current TAO organization, and Kellog and Sovereign's role in forming the first group with telemedicine leaders as a response to the overburdened OUSF fund, recommendations and changes made to the OUSF. Ms. White's slide deck was made available to the members via e-mail on October 16th.

Meeting adjournment: Ms. Watson asked the group if the next regularly scheduled meeting on November the 14th could be moved to the earlier date of November 7th do to a scheduling conflict. The group agreed. The meeting was then adjourned at 11:20 a.m. by Ms. Harrison.

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

- November 7th, 2017* On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary



Signature



Date