

## Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 4/10/2018

**Attendance:** *Scott Bumgarner, Josh Braziel, Reji Varghese, Lane Hooton, Sandra Harrison, Candace Shaw (remote), Nate Draper, Janet Wilson, Andy Fosmire, Derek Dobbins, Shannon Tice, Bridget Cosby, Cassidy Heit, Brent Wilborn, Sandra Dodson, Molly McCool-Hare (remote), Samantha Mohr (remote), Mary Daniel (remote), Carissa Angel (remote), Tim Davis (remote), Randy Curry (remote), and Caroline Morris (remote).*

**Welcome/Opening Remarks:** The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Ms. Sandra Harrison. Introductions were made of those in attendance both in person and remotely, and a quorum was present.

**Meeting minutes:** The meeting minutes from February were presented by the secretary, Mr. Scott Bumgarner. After review, a change was noted by Ms. Harrison regarding the language used in the minutes describing SB 1514, and recommended a change. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reji Varghese, and seconded by Dr. Ariel Lufkin. A motion to approve was passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Mr. Dobbins announced that he was stepping down as treasurer, and his organization would be represented by a new person. He then presented the treasurer's report for March 2018. Expenses, deposits, and the balance were noted. There were no questions, and a motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Scott Bumgarner, and seconded by Mr. Lane Hooton, and the motion to approve was passed.

**Legislative update:** Ms Harrison presented the legislative update, and mentioned several bills relating to telemedicine and their current status. She noted several bills, including HB 1893, HB 3336, and SB 1074. Some discussion ensued regarding the definition of telemedicine in that bill, and Dr. Lufkin commented he would consult his speech pathologist regarding this, and Mary Daniel added she would also study the definition as presented in the bill. SB 1388 and SB 1514 were also mentioned.

**Oklahoma Medical Board of Licensure and Supervision Report:** Mr. Reji Varghese noted telehealth bills that related to the board. He discussed a bill that would require licensure for radiologic technologists was here again in 2018, a bill

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by Dr. Ervin Yen is sponsoring for provisionally licensing Oklahoma medical school graduates who are not currently matched with a residency, several opioid/pain clinic bills, and a bill facilitating the speed of the licensing process by electronically sending to appropriate board members and allied medical groups. Mr. Varghese also discussed a survey sent out to Oklahoma occupational therapy practitioners regarding their use of telemedicine in their practice, as there is talk of revising their practice rules to include the use of OT telemedicine. Lastly, Mr. Varghese discussed the surveying of new applicant for a medical license regarding their telemedicine practice habits.

**Board Committee reports:** None at this time, but Ms. Candace Shaw noted we are coming up on annual board committee elections.

**Director's report:** Ms. Shaw mentioned that she and Mr. Varghese had presented for a Health@Work meeting. She also discussed assisting several organizations who had contacted TAO, and mentioned two organizations that may join/rejoin, the Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center and the Shortgrass Community Health Center in Hollis, OK. Ms. Martha Culver from HRSA reached out to Ms. Shaw seeking input regarding content for a webinar, which Ms. Shaw said she could provide. She noted she will reach back out to Oklahoma State University concerning an intern. She also noted she would like to do a budget for 2018-2019.

**Other Business:** Ms. Harrison noted that the board had renewed Ms. Shaw's contract as interim Executive Director.

**Educational Presentation:** Ms. Melody Anthony, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, provided an educational presentation to the group on the history and current use of telemedicine in the state through the OHCA. She mentioned the current areas of use they are reviewing such as store and forward, remote patient monitoring, family medicine, and specialty IP codes, and noted they are willing to look at any area or codes, and encouraged the group to submit requests for review.

**Meeting adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m., and the board members went into executive session at 11:31.

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

- May 8th, 2018 On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary

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