

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 5/8/2018

Attendance: Reji Varghese, Candace Shaw, Sandra Harrison, Lane Hooton, Derek Dobbins, Natasha Mickel, Janet Wilson, Brent Wilborn, Anne Roberts, Iona Cunningham, Nate Draper (remote), Josh Braziel (remote), Ariel Lufkin (remote), Tim Davis (remote), Mary Daniel (remote), Marci White (remote), Molly McCool-Hare (remote), Carissa Angel (remote), Carolina Morris (remote), Samantha Mohr (remote), and Cassidy Heit (remote)

Welcome/Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Ms. Sandra Harrison. A prior meeting was held with the Cedar Ridge Group regarding 9010 money for the IHE in Oklahoma, causing a late start. Introductions were made of those in attendance both in person and remotely, a role call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from April were presented by the secretary, Mr. Scott Bumgarner. After review, a motion to approve was made by Ms. Janet Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Derek Dobbins. A motion to approve was passed.

Treasurer's report: Mr. Dobbins presented the treasurer's report for April 2018. Expenses and the balance were noted; there were no deposits. 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. Sandra Harrison gave the legislative update, and described any action regarding bills relating to telemedicine, and their current status. She noted several bills, including HB 3336 (PT licensure compact, still on governor's desk and not yet signed), and SB 0956 regarding pharmacy/opioids, and SB 1074 regarding speech-language pathology and its previous definition of telehealth. SB 1388 was also mentioned.

Marci White of Kellogg-Sovereign also gave a brief update on the federal telehealth front, noting the advocacy group Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband ("SHLB") Coalition had applied pressure to the House Energy and Commerce Committee to boost the Federal Communication Commission's Rural

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Health Care (RHC) program funding to meet current needs, which far exceed the cap of \$400 million set in 1997. She noted states other than Oklahoma do not have the additional OUSF to help fill in that gap. She recommended that TAO members engage lawmakers who can help influence the increased funding.

Board Committee reports: Mr. Hooton, representing the board committee on governance, reported on the upcoming elections for board members and committee members. Open board positions include Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The board will also have to replace Ms. Pamela Forducey's position on the board, who resigned earlier this year.

Director's report: Ms. Shaw thanked the board for supporting her on her attendance at the American Telemedicine Association's national conference recently. She noted that ATA is in a process of transition, having a new CEO and moving in a different strategic direction. Ms. Shaw also noted she recently did a webinar for HRSA, updating them on the industry and Oklahoma. She has also been busy answering inquiries to TAO, sharing resources and grant opportunities to callers.

Educational Presentation: Ms. Shaw shared some insights and reflections she gleaned from her attendance at ATA, as well as sharing some from TAO member Mr. Andy Fosmire, who was unable to attend this TAO meeting.

Other Business: Ms. Harrison announced she and Mr. Lyle Kelsey would be attending cTel in June. There was also discussion about whether or not to have an educational presentation at the June meeting, due to the need for discussion of open board positions, and board governance.

Meeting adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m., and the board members went into executive session shortly thereafter.

Meeting reopening: The board came out of executive session at 11:45, to state that it has considered a proposal from the Oklahoma State University Rural Health Department to provide an Executive Director for TAO, pending a few modifications to the contract proposed by TAO, and has agreed to it in principal. A proposal was brought before the board to pursue this contract, motions to

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approve were made by Mr. Varghese, and Mr. Hooton, and the motion was passed.

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

- June 12th, 2018 On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary

Signature

Date