

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 9/11/2018

Attendance: Sandra Harrison, Tim Davis, Reji Varghese, Nate Draper, Anne Roberts, Natasha Michel, Josh Braziel, Marci White, Ben Godwin, Shannon Tice, Shar Dodoo, Brent Wilborn, Lane Hooton, Candace Shaw, Carolina Morris, Andy Fosmire (remote), Jane Kellogg (remote) and Molly McCool (remote)

Welcome/Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Sandra Harrison. 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 July were presented by Ms. Sandra Harrison, a motion to approve as noted was made by Mr. Lane Hooton and seconded by Ms. Candace Shaw. A motion to approve was passed.

Treasurer's report: Ms. Candace Shaw presented the treasurer's report for July and August 2018. Expenses, payments, deposits and unpaid dues were noted. Ms. Candace Shaw made a motion to add Mr. Tim Davis to the signature card at IBC Bank for TAO account and was seconded by Mr. Lane Hooton, and the motion to approve was passed. It was agreed to remove the PayPal link and associated PayPal expense. A motion to approve the report was made by Ms. Janet Wilson, and seconded by Mr. Bumgarner, and the motion to approve was passed.

Legislative update: Ms. Sandra Harrison gave the legislative update, and shared with the group a few interim studies that have not been scheduled yet; noted was the Study of Telecommunications Services for the Deaf & Elderly along with the National Health Service Corps for State Loan Repayment Program. We need to consider a new legislative champion as Todd Thompson, who formerly chaired the OUSF committee, has termed out. Payment parity for Telemedicine was discussed as Oklahoma is a leader in parity payment and Ms. Sandra Harrison asked for data showing Telemedicine payment was not equal to face-to-face payment. Ms. Anne Roberts and others discussed proposed bills dealing with opioid prescriptions via Telemedicine.

Board Committee reports: Finance Committee – Ms. Candace Shaw asked for volunteers for the Finance Committee. Ms. Candace Shaw will be preparing

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budget and potential revenue opportunities for 2018-2019 to assist in stabilizing the finances for the organization.

Resource Committee – Ms. Sandra Harrison urged the Resource Committee to meet again to discuss hosting another education event and what format would be used. Ms. Candace Shaw noted CMS reimbursement is a hot topic and could be good material to focus on.

Director's report: Mr. Davis reported he corresponded with a potential new member, Ms. Pamela Hobbs, and invited Ms. Hobbs to attend today's meeting. Mr. Davis also noted an e-mail he received seeking information on the availability of Oklahoma physicians to prescribe medical marijuana by an out of state company. Mr. Davis also reviewed an e-mail requesting information on an available Dieticians for dietary consultations and recommendations via teleconference. Ms. Candace Shaw and Mr. Davis noted they were presenting to the Norman regional chapter of AAPC on the evening of 9/11/2018.

Educational presentation: Ms. Marci White along with Ms. Jane Kellogg (remote), Ben Godwin, Shannon Tice and Shar Dadoo from Kellogg & Sovereign presented on federal and state levels for getting funding for teleco circuits (data and internet). Kellogg and Sovereign work with two funds, Federal Universal Fund and Oklahoma Universal Service Fund. All users of cell phone and land-line phones pay a fee that goes into these funds. Kellogg and Sovereign are experts in sourcing and researching available funds and what determining what program discounts are available. A variety of health-related entities are eligible for funding (i.e. rural health clinic, FQHC, CMHC, etc.).

Other Business: Ms. Jane Kellogg reflected and presented on the history and founding members of TAO. TAO was originally started as the Telemedicine Advisory Group (TAG) in July 2011. After expanding to other groups and interests, the name was changed to Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) in October 2011. Ms. Debbie Sovereign, Ms. Jane Kellogg and Ms. Candace Shaw the only remaining founding members involved in TAO.

Meeting adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM, and we will reconvene on October 9th.

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

- October 9th, 2018 On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Tim Davis, Executive Director.

Signature

Date

