

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes

2/12/2019

Attendance: Tim Davis, Reji Varghese, Candace Shaw, Brent Wilborn, Josh Braziel, Iona Cunningham, Molly McCool Hare, Alisha Holstein, Sarah Van Alstine, Jenna Kok, Samantha Mohr (remote), Mary Daniels (remote), Carolina Morris (remote), Bridget Cosby (remote), Andy Fosmire (remote), and Darnell Burgess.

Welcome/Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Mr. Josh Braziel, and introductions were made of those in attendance both in person and remotely.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes from January were presented by Mr. Scott Bumgarner. Mr. Reji Varghese made a motion to approve, and Ms. Candace Shaw seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Ms. Shaw presented the treasurer's report for January. The starting and ending balances were given, payments and one deposit were noted. Ms. Shaw noted that revenue is no longer meeting expenses, and that most of our revenue comes in during July in the form of membership renewals. A motion to approve the report was made by Mr. Varghese, and Mr. Bumgarner seconded the motion, and the treasurer's report was approved.

TAO Executive Director Contract: Ms. Shaw brought up the recommendation by the board to terminate the contract between TAO and OSU for the services of the executive director, per the provisions in the contract. The decision was based on the dwindling revenue available to TAO to continue paying for this service, and OSU and the Heartland Telehealth Resource Center's understanding and willingness to continue and support TAO through their resources. A motion was made to terminate the contract by Ms. Shaw, was seconded by Mr. Bumgarner, and the motion was passed.

Legislative update: Mr. Varghese presented the legislative update. Copies of the Telemedicine Tracking report provided by the Oklahoma Hospital Association were provided to the attendees, and Mr. Varghese went over 21 bills and one Senate Joint Resolution that touch upon or have some relationship to or impact upon telemedicine.

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Board Committee reports: Mr. Andy Fosmire updated the group on the conference call held on January 28th regarding planning for a TAO sponsored summit to be held sometime in September. Topics discussed included locations, free versus paid, mix of speakers, exhibitors and sponsors, potential number of attendees, lodging, etc. The group is still in the process of gathering information to make decisions upon. Also noted was that Jane Kellogg, who was serving on this ad hoc committee, will be stepping back in her active role in TAO to pursue other well-deserved opportunities.

Director's report: Mr. Tim Davis shared a presentation on TAO website analytics gleaned from Google, including number of visitors, times, durations, and included a breakdown of what parts of the website were visited and for how long.

Educational Presentation: Attendees Sarah Van Alstine and Alisha Holstein, representing the Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Association, gave a very informative educational presentation to the group, touching upon topics such as what their mission and goals are, types of services provided to patients and families, locations and service lines, initiative to clarify and amend language and definitions around their practice, advocacy activities, and reimbursement challenges. The slide presentation will be available on the TAO website.

Other Business: Ms. Darnell Burgess was introduced to the group by Ms. Molly McCool Hare. Mr. Burgess also represents Norman Regional. Also noted by Ms. Iona Cunningham of A Chance to Change, was that she will be taking a new role and will no longer be attending, but Ms. Darbi Capps will be representing the organization in TAO. The group wished her the best in her new endeavors.

Meeting adjournment: The meeting was dismissed at 11:18 a.m. The next meeting will be held on March 12th, 2019.

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

- March 12th, 2019 On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary

Scott Bumgarner
Signature

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Date