

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes 2/09/2016

Attendance: *Scott Bumgarner, Cynthia Scheideman-Miller, Pam Forducey, Lane Hooton, Sandra Harrison, Reji Varghese, David Bodimer, Cassidy Heit, Thomas Purvis, Robin Wilson, Derrick Dobbins, Robert Coffey, Brent Wilborn, Rachel Hand, Carolina Morris, Claire Dowers-Nichols, Dr. Ariel Lukin (phone), Steve Casady (phone), Jackie Ward (phone), Marci White (phone), Camelia Rogers (phone), Jane Kellogg (phone), and Amy Beyers (phone).*

Welcome/Opening Remarks – The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m., a quorum was present, and introductions were made of all present and on the phone.

Review of minutes: Minutes from the January 2016 meeting were presented by Scott Bumgarner. Minutes were reviewed by all, Derek Dobbins made a motion to approve, Lane Hooton seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting.

Presentation by Dr. Ariel Lufkin: "The Role of a Telehospitalist". Dr. Lufkin presented by phone, giving examples of Mercy's Telehospitalist program and his experience of a typical day. Time was allowed at the end for questions from attendees.

Legislative update: Sandra Harrison gave a legislative update, touching on 9 different bills relating to telemedicine. Discussion included the repeal of the informed consent law, and a shell bill HB 2616 by Rep. Todd Thompsen. He is sponsoring a working group concerning the OUSF fund.

Old Business Report: Ms. Scheideman-Miller gave an update on the 114th Congress, discussing the CONNECT for Health Act which deals with the need for data to prove/disprove the value of telehealth, and provide allowances for services already shown to be beneficial.

Presentation by David Bodimer, Health Planning Coordinator for the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma Telehealth Plan. Mr. Bodimer gave an overview of major Oklahoma healthcare transformation efforts, and a preview of preliminary findings to date, plus discussed the tenets of the Oklahoma Telehealth Plan.

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New Business: TAO/HIMSS conference update. Reji Varghese gave a summary of a meeting to explore and plan a joint conference between TAO and HIMSS. They are planning a half-day event in late April, and then will look at a possible one-day conference in September. The goals are interactive learning, small-group discussions on a variety of topics. Attendees will be allied health groups, reps., OT, LD, speech, optometry, etc.

Strategic Planning Session: Pam Forducey updated the group on the results of the board's strategic planning session, which included how to support TAO when HTRC support is no longer available. Ms. Scheideman Miller discussed how TRC's are being restructured to include larger areas, and that we would have this year's funding and no more.

Membership Structure update: tabled until next meeting.

Board Matrix: Lane Hooton presented a matrix of items that will be helpful in choosing board members for a well-rounded and diverse board for the coming year.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m., the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Dobbins, and a second was made by Dr. Lufkin. The motion was approved.

Upcoming TAO meetings at ODMHSAS Conference Room from 10:00 to noon:

- March 8th, 2016* On site: 1200 N.E. 13th St. , Oklahoma City, OK

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary

Signature

Date