

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes

1/14/2020

Attendance: Tim Davis, Sandra Harrison, Brent Wilborn, Candace Shaw, Molly McCool-Hare, Scott Bumgarner, Mark Woodring, Darby Knox, David Harris, Anne Roberts, Tom Cassidy, Mary Daniel, Josh Brazeal (remote), Randy Curry (remote), Shannon Tice (remote), Samantha Mohr (remote), Carolina Morris (remote), Shar Dodoo (remote), Ariel Lufkin (remote), and Nate Draper (remote).

Welcome/Opening Remarks: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Ms. Sandra Harrison, roll was taken and introductions were completed.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes were reviewed, but the group wished to hold approval until Mr. Reji Varghese could review some changes made to his presentation from last month.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's reports from December was reviewed and approved, and it was noted that the report from November had been reviewed but not approved at the December meeting due to a lack of quorum, so both November and December reports were nominated to be approved by Ms. Anne Roberts, and a second was made by Mr. Scott Bumgarner, and both were passed.

Legislative update: Ms. Harrison had e-mailed copies of the OHA bill tracker for bills relating to telehealth, as well as a copy of HB 1227 by Haste, for the group to review. She noted that the legislative session starts February 3rd, and that bills were due next week, and that there were lots of bills carried over from last session. Ms. Harrison noted SB 1208 by Bergstrom, which allowed for the use of telemedicine devices by police to help assess persons requiring mental health assistance. Ms. Darby Knox added that collaboration was needed between the law enforcement officers and the mental health providers in terms of having access to the police reports and notes when the patient is transferred for treatment, so they would have a complete picture of the patient's issues including their detainment by law enforcement. Another bill noted was SB 1227, by Haste, which allows for the State Department of Health, through the State Commissioner of Health, to establish an office called the Oklahoma Center for Telemedicine, to develop and monitor telehealth services in the state, and can enter into

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agreements with the Oklahoma Office of Rural Health to help provide the Center with assistance in carrying out its mission.

Regulatory update: Mr. Tim Davis said he was contacted by the Attorney General's office, asking if TAO could provide an affidavit on the topic of abortion, essentially saying it is not best practice to prescribe RU 46 via telemedicine. TAO supports and advocates the responsible use of telemedicine, which includes some barriers to misuse of the technology. On another subject, Mr. Brent Wilborn noted there was an RFP circulating that would require all providers to participate in a statewide HIE. OHA has no stated position on that as of now.

Board Committee reports:

Finance: Ms. Candace Shaw noted there are still outstanding balances from the summit, 3 individuals and one vendor, with a total of \$1,465 still owed. The profit made from the summit was around \$16,000. She also noted there were 3 membership renewal notices sent out in January.

Director's report: Mr. Davis mentioned the RUS grant workshop given by Heartland TRC had a low attendance, and did we want to try and do one as well. Discussed doing one as part of another summit instead. Mr. Davis also went over the latest analytics of the TAO web page.

Educational Presentation: Mr. Nate Draper, from Integris, shared his thoughts from attending the CTel conference this fall. He talked about the data dictionary being created, and hoped that CMS would fund the next phase of this effort (as the first part has been voluntary). He also noted a discussion about behavioral health outcomes, and how implementing remote patient monitoring devices can affect positive outcomes, and how that can create interdependencies with other service lines.

Other Business: Ms. Shaw mentioned that Michelle from Blue Cirrus had opportunity to provide some ROI workshops, focusing on quality measures and metrics, and reimbursement in telemedicine. These would be hands-on, focused workshops where participants would leave with actionable plans. The fees would be split between Blue Cirrus and TAO. A subcommittee is to be formed to look

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into this possibility. Ms. Shaw also mentioned potential educational presenters, including Sound Telehealth and Telehealth Solutions.

Meeting adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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

- February 11th, 2020 On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Scott Bumgarner, Secretary

Signature

Date