

Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO) Meeting Minutes

5/12/2020

In Attendance: All Virtual: Candace Shaw, Tim Davis, Sandra Harrison, Reji Varghese, Nate Draper, Molly McCool Hare, Mark Woodring, Bryce Ell, Brent Wilborn, Randy Curry, Mary Daniel, Emily Sederstrom, Josh Braziel, Samantha Mohr, Shannon Tice, Stacie McLaughlin, Darby Knox, Shar Doodoo, Ariel Lufkin, Verna Foust, David Harris, Alice Boshkin and Cuong Do.

Welcome/Opening Remarks: The meeting was on-line only and called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Ms. Sandra Harrison, roll was taken and introductions were completed.

Meeting minutes: The meeting minutes were reviewed from March. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Candace Shaw with the note to correct Emily Sederstrom spelling, and seconded by Mr. Brent Wilborn. The motions were passed, and minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: The treasurer's report from April was presented by Ms. Shaw, who gave a brief explanation of the details; no deposits and no checks. Ms. Shaw listed 3 past due memberships (Norman Regional Health System, Chance to Change and OUMI); however Norman Regional Health System dues were received. Membership renewals for July 1st will be going out next month. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Reji Varghese, and seconded by Dr. Ariel Lufkin. The motions were passed, and minutes approved.

Legislative update: Ms. Sandra Harrison gave an update on the OHA Telemedicine Tracking document. HB 4018 Rural Broadband Expansion Act; likely vetoed, but the legislature likely to override. OHA and TAO support; will create a Rural Broadband commission to draft a plan to extend broadband. SB 1208 and SB 1606 (mental health transport & telemedicine); OHA has concerns. SB 1837, Audiology and SLP Interstate Compact. Has been sent to the Governor. SB 1915, PA bill that clarifies scope of practice along with terminology, duties and definitions. Mr. Reji Varghese spoke about SB 1525, Medical Compact cleanup bill with emergency clause. Will allow OK physicians to be eligible to get compact license in other states.

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Board Committee Report: Ms. Candace Shaw spoke about upcoming board seat elections. Scott Bumgarner, Sandra Harrison, Reji Varghese and Carolina Morris are seats up for re-election or replacement this year. Contact Tim or Sandra if interested. Officer elections also happening; Treasurer & Secretary positions open. Ms. Shaw briefly described her Treasurer duties.

Educational Presentation: Mr. David Harris introduced Cuong Do and Alice Boshkin from CareVisor who presented on an interactive app for patients to improve their health on whatever care plan they were on. “Nudge” patients to act, interactive avatar with alerts, prompts and reminders, data dashboards and analytics for clinicians along with escalation guides. End-to-end, customizable platform between patient and provider. Mr. Do also demonstrated a COVID-19 example. The HIPPA compliant platform is flexible with most any EMR integration.

Director’s report: Mr. Tim Davis stated the TAO website is being updated on an on-going basis with the latest COVID-19 information as well as information from the CARES Act regarding telemedicine. Going forward, the TAO Zoom meetings will include a password. CareVisor will be joining TAO as a new member in June. Candace Shaw was interviewed for on-line publication NONDOC regarding telemedicine and rural health / access.

Other Business: Ms. Shannon Tice provided an update on the COVID-19 Telehealth Program funding process. They have slowed tremendously on awards. No status updates being given at this time. Last award was given May 6th. A for-profit group is trying to get the awards opened up to for-profit entities as well. OUSF funding available to OK healthcare providers to increase bandwidth; through September 30, 2020. \$2 billion is asked to be added to RHC budget. Dr. Mark Woodring gave a brief update on the COVID-19 Surge plan. OSU-CHS and the Rural Health Network / Josh Braziel teamed together to acquire additional grant funds. OHA/TAO asking CMS to continue their flexibility and receptivity to telemedicine to become permanent. Mr. Reji Verghese proposed a change to the TAO agenda to remove the Zoom info and create a calendar event as well as activate the Zoom waiting room. Mr. David Harris inquired if the TAO meeting

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recording would be available; a couple of TAO members had concerns regarding some of the information being made public.

Meeting adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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

- June 9th, 2020 On site: 101 NE 51st St, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Minutes signed by Tim Davis, Executive Director

Signature

Date

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