

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 10, 2014, 2:30 am**

**Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Duehmig

Members present: Lori Wakashige, Jeff Caulley, Cathy Britain, Bob Adams, Doug Romer, Robin Lawson, Chris Tamarin, Tom Roe, Mark Lovgren, Bob Duehmig, Thanh Nguyen

Members absent: Susan Blane, Chris Guastaferro

1. Tom Roe moved that the minutes of the board meeting on 12/13/2013 be approved. Robin Lawson seconded and the motion carried .

1. Robin Lawson, treasurer gave the 4th quarter and year-end financial update.

There was no discussion.

1. Mark Lovgren presented the membership committee update
   1. Regarding the campaign – no complaints have been reported about the new payment structure. Jo Bell sent out renewal notices in December, and some renewals have come in.
   2. ZoomCare is interested in becoming a member. Their rate to include all their clinics would be based on the total number of fte.
   3. Cathy will prepare an membership invitation letter to send to all of the remaining non-member hospitals and CCOs. Board members are asked to use their contacts in those organizations to help recruit new members.
2. Cathy and Bob provided the NRTRC conference update:
   1. NRTRC Speakers – Dr. Wakefield is not able to present, but she has asked Dr. Marcia Brand to speak in her place. One of the track presenters cancelled, but we were able to secure a speaker from Global to Local in Seattle as a replacement. The Governor declined our request to open the conference. Bob will contact Sen. Wyden’s office to see if he is available.
   2. Very few people have registered for the conference as yet. The Board needs to use its contacts to encourage registration. Bob Adams agreed to contact the president of the Oregon School Boards about reaching out to SBHCs. Tom Roe will contact the DO school. Bob Duehmig will work with Lisa Dodson to get the word out to the residents at OHSU. Thanh will contact the PA school and the School of Nursing.
3. LC 147 review and discussion:
   1. At the request of the Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair of the Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee, Cathy, on behalf of TAO is preparing a review of LC 147. The LC would broaden reimbursement for telemedicine to include services delivered outside of institutional settings, such as homes, workplaces and schools.
   2. Cathy shared some of her concerns about LC 147 including two that she believes needs restructuring before a bill is requested. First has to do with the language in Section 1(2)(b) which states that the service is to be reimbursed if “*the service is medically necessary and determined approporiate for telemedical communication by the provider of the telemedical health service”.* Cathy stated that other standards should apply. The board concurred.

The second regards the language in Section 1(3) which states, *“A health benefit plan and any self-insured health plan must reimburse a claim for a telemedical service using the same medical coding that applies when the service is provided in person.”* The language eliminates the use of the GT modifier. The board and Cathy concurred that the use of the GT modifier was necessary.

Cathy will work with Zoom Care, the LC 147 authors to change the language in these sections before the bill is drafted. She will circulate the proposed changes to the Board for their review and comment as well as the Review and Comment to be submitted to the committee.

1. Webinar update and discussion

Cathy reported that because of the new work required for the LC, the membership campaign and the conference that she has not been able to move forward with the webinar planning. She will get back to it after the conference.

1. Next Meeting – February 14, 2014
2. Adjourned