



Idaho Telehealth Council

Meeting Minutes:

Subject: Idaho Telehealth Council **DATE:** October 16, 2015

Location: Conference Call | 450 W State St, 10th Floor, Room 10A Boise, Idaho 83702

Attendees: Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chairman – Idaho Hospital Association
Becky diVittorio – OptumHealth
Matt Wimmer – IDHW Division of Medicaid

Teleconference: Jill Alessi – Pacific Source
Susan Ault – Idaho Primary Care Association
Marc Chasin, MD – St. Luke’s Health System
Melissa Christian – Regence BlueShield
Tom Donovan - Department of Insurance
Rick Goodwin, MS – Eastern Idaho RMC
Bill Hazle, MD – Stargazers, LLC
Paul McPherson, MD – St. Luke’s Children’s Hospital
Casey Meza – Kootenai Health
Michael Meza, MD – Kootenai Health
David Morledge, PhD – Neurostatus, LLC
Ken Schaecher, MD – Select Health
Tracey Sessions – Idaho State Hospital South
Mary Sheridan – IDHW Division of Public Health
Tiffany Whitmore Seibert – Saint Alphonsus Health System

Members Absent: William Ganz, MD – Idaho Board of Medicine
Anne Lawler – Idaho Board of Medicine
Rhonda Robinson Beale, MD – Blue Cross of Idaho
Molly Steckel – Idaho Medical Association
Mitch Toryanski – Bureau of Occupational Licenses

DHW Staff: Casey Moyer, Operations Manager – Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives
Kate Creswell, Project Coordinator – Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Guests Teleconference: Kathy McGill – Department of Insurance
Lynsey Winters-Juel – Idaho Telehealth Alliance

STATUS: Approved 11/13/15

Summary of Motions/Decisions:

Motion:

Susan Ault moved to approve the Idaho Telehealth Council (ITC) meeting minutes from the September 11, 2015 meeting.

Paul McPherson, MD seconded the motion.

Ken Schaecher, MD made a motion to draft a letter to Congressmen Simpson and Labrador, send that letter to the Council for review, and bring the letter to the November 13th meeting for a vote.

Tracey Sessions seconded the motion.

Outcome:

Motion Carried.

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Agenda Topics:

Welcome and Roll Call – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair

- Council members and guests provided brief introductions

Approve Minutes – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair

- Susan Ault moved to approve the Idaho Telehealth Council (ITC) meeting minutes from the September 11, 2015 meeting. Paul McPherson, MD seconded the motion, motion carried.

H.R. 2948 Letters of Support

- Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair, provided context for the two H.R. 2948 agenda items. As a result of the motion made during the Sept 11th Council meeting, letters to Congressman Simpson and Labrador were drafted in support of H.R. 2948 (Medicare Telehealth Parity Act of 2015). These letters were returned to the Council to allow the motion to be listed as an action item on the agenda and to allow the Council to formally approve the content. Dr. Schaecher also proposed a change via email to encourage an amendment to remove the rural designation from the legislation. The content and disposition of the letters were discussed at length.
- Dr. Schaecher made a motion to draft a letter to Congressmen Simpson and Labrador, introducing the Council and offering to serve as a resource for telehealth issues. The letters will be sent to the Council for review and will then be added to the November 13th agenda as an action item for a vote.

Idaho Telehealth Subcommittee Overview and Updates

- Reimbursement Subcommittee (Goal 1):
 - No update was provided.
- SHIP Subcommittee (Goal 2):
 - Chair Mary Sheridan informed the Council that an all-day SHIP planning session will take place on November 10th in Boise, Idaho.

Next Steps

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2015.

There being no further business Chairman Carson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.