

Idaho Telehealth Council
Definitions Subcommittee Workgroup Notes
11/4/14

Present: Stacey Carson, Tana Cory, Nancy Kerr, Bill Hazle, Molly Steckel, Carla Cerchione (staff),
Cynthia York (staff)
Teleconference: Casey Meza, Ken Schaecher

Prior to the meeting, Stacey provided the following attachments for the subcommittee's review, with the Telemedicine Draft document will providing a starting place for the group's conversation.

1. **Telemedicine Draft** (Stacey's proposal based on the subcommittee's discussion on Oct 20th)
2. **Core element alignment** (This document lists the core elements from the Oct 20th subcommittee meeting). Stacey tried to align with the subcommittee's agreed upon core elements which were gathered from the Council's solicited comments. The references in red refer to the line numbers in the document called Telemedicine Draft #7 to demonstrate where we have aligned with our core elements.
3. **Federation of State Medical Boards Model Policy for the Use of Telemedicine Technologies** (for our reference).

In developing the Telemedicine Draft document, Stacey borrowed from several sources:

- The main foundation came from Louisiana HB1280 (2014) but the application is broader than just physicians and a few new sections were added to accommodate our committee's core elements.
- It is technology agnostic (doesn't mention phone, FAX, email) but emphasizes the standard of care expectation same as in-person encounters (Stacey used SMART guidelines as much as possible).
- The definition of telemedicine came from California, since we had several Council members mention California's good definition.
- The definition of telehealth came from our Council member, Rick Goodwin

A few of the subcommittee members said the Telemedicine Draft was more comprehensive than the definitions the group was originally tasked with developing. Stacey responded that in starting to craft definitions, it was impossible to include all the core elements into just definitions. The other sections of the document were created to allow for inclusion of all the core elements provided by the Council. Other subcommittee members felt the framework of the entire document was needed in order to create the definitions. Consequently, the committee fleshed out the entire document starting with Section 3, Definitions. After much discussion, the committee agreed on the concepts in the document. The subcommittee suggestions will be incorporated into the document which will then be provided to the council

at the next meeting for a broader discussion. Rather than wordsmithing the document, the subcommittee felt legislative services should be invited to the next Council meeting. Legislative services could offer guidance to the Council regarding the drafting of proposed legislation.

Next steps:

1. Stacey will update the Telemedicine Draft document.
2. The Telemedicine Draft document will be provided to Council members at the November 14th meeting.
3. The Department will facilitate a request to legislative services to attend the next Council meeting.

Stacey has offered an open invitation to the self-governing boards to clarify the Telemedicine Draft document and address concerns.