



# Idaho Telehealth Council

## Meeting Minutes:

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**Subject:** Idaho Telehealth Council                      **DATE:** January 08, 2016

**Location:** Conference Call | 450 W State St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 3A Boise, Idaho 83702

**Attendees:** Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chairman – Idaho Hospital Association  
Mary Sheridan – Division of Public Health

**Teleconference:** Jill Alessi – Pacific Source  
Susan Ault – Idaho Primary Care Association  
Marc Chasin, MD – St. Luke’s Health System  
Achini Dingman, MD – Blue Cross of Idaho  
Becky diVittorio – OptumHealth  
Rick Goodwin, MS – Eastern Idaho RMC  
Anne Lawler – Idaho Board of Medicine  
Kathy McGill – Department of Insurance  
Paul McPherson, MD – St. Luke’s Children’s Hospital  
David Morledge, PhD – Neurostatus, LLC  
Molly Steckel – Idaho Medical Association  
Tiffany Whitmore Seibert – Saint Alphonsus Health System

**Members Absent:** Melissa Christian – Regence BlueShield  
Bill Hazle, MD – Stargazers, LLC  
Casey Meza – Kootenai Health  
Michael Meza, MD – Kootenai Health  
Ken Schaecher, MD – Select Health  
Tracey Sessions – Idaho State Hospital South  
Mitch Toryanski – Bureau of Occupational Licenses  
Matt Wimmer – Division of Medicaid

**DHW Staff:** Cynthia York, Administrator – Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives  
Casey Moyer – Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives  
Miro Barac – Division of Public Health  
Kate Creswell – Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

**Guests:**

**STATUS:** Final 7/15/2016

## Summary of Motions/Decisions:

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**Motion:**

David Morledge, PhD moved to approve the Idaho Telehealth Council (ITC) meeting minutes from the December 11, 2015 meeting.

Mary Sheridan seconded the motion.

**Outcome:**

Motion Carried.

## Agenda Topics:

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**Welcome and Roll Call – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair**

- Council members and guests provided brief introductions.

**Approve Minutes – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair**

- David Morledge, PhD moved to approve the Idaho Telehealth Council (ITC) meeting minutes from the December 11, 2015 meeting. Mary Sheridan seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Planned Parenthood Lawsuit – Anne Lawler, Idaho Board of Medicine**

- Anne Lawler, Idaho Board of Medicine (BOM), informed the Council that the BOM has been named as a party in the Planned Parenthood lawsuit, which was filed against the State of Idaho and challenges the constitutionality of section 54-5607(3), lines 20-21 in the Telehealth Access Act. BOM is working to answer the initial complaint and asked the Council to provide background as to how the language was added last minute.
  - Stacey Carson, Chair, provided context that the language was suggested by the Idaho Medical Association (IMA) because another piece of legislation, related to telemedicine and abortions, was being introduced and the IMA did not want that bill to confuse or compromise the Telehealth Access Act.
  - Molly Steckel, Idaho Medical Association, added that there was confusion that because the Telehealth Access Act did not address abortions, it may be allowing for them. To alleviate confusion, and ensure the bill was not lost or amended without the appropriate language, the IMA drafted the revised language. IMA attorney, Ken McClure, met with stakeholders, including Right to Life and Planned Parenthood, who indicated they did not like the bill but would not oppose it. The language was then presented to the Council without opposition.
  - Mary Sheridan, Division of Public Health, asked for clarification as to whether the Council voted to approve lines 20-21 of the Telehealth Access Act. Stacey Carson, Chair, stated that the lines were not voted on specifically, but the final Telehealth Access Act with that change was approved prior to being submitted to Legislative Services. Anne Lawler asked any members with additional information to contact her directly.

**Continuation of the Council – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair**

- Stacey Carson, Chair, let the Council know that Director Armstrong will be making funding decisions for the Council's future and she will provide the Council's observations and the outcome from today's votes to assist him with that decision.

**Determine Council Position on if Council's Scope has been Fulfilled – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair**

- A roll call vote was conducted to determine if the Council's charter, "to coordinate and develop a comprehensive set of standards, policies, rules, and procedures for the use of telehealth and telemedicine in Idaho" had been fulfilled.
  - Aye (6) – Marc Casin, Achini Dingman, Becky diVittorio, Kathy McGill, Mary Sheridan, Molly Steckel
  - Nay (7) – Jill Alessi, Susan Ault, Stacey Carson, Rick Goodwin, Paul McPherson, David Morledge, Tiffany Whitmore Seibert
  - Absent (9) – Melissa Christian, Bill Hazle, Anne Lawler, Casey Meza, Michael Meza, Ken Schaecher, Tracey Sessions, Mitch Toryanski, Matt Wimmer

- A second roll call vote was conducted to determine if the Council members feel there is value in continuing the work of the Council.
  - Aye (11) – Jill Alessi, Susan Ault, Stacey Carson, Marc Chasin, Achini Dingman, Becky diVittorio, Rick Goodwin, Kathy McGill, Paul McPherson, David Morledge, Tiffany Whitmore Seibert
  - Nay (2) – Mary Sheridan, Molly Steckel
  - Absent (9) – Melissa Christian, Bill Hazle, Anne Lawler, Casey Meza, Michael Meza, Ken Schaecher, Tracey Sessions, Mitch Toryanski, Matt Wimmer

**Next Steps – Purpose, Goals, Measurable Deliverables for Next Year**

- Stacey Carson, Chair, asked the Council to identify short and long term goals for the Council to address.
- Mary Sheridan, Division of Public Health, stated that Goal 2 focused on expanding access to primary care and specialty services in SHIP patient-centered medical homes (PCMH). Mary Sheridan also stated this was a large long-term goal and the work will be done over the next three years under SHIP, regardless of the continuation of the Council.
- Discussion of future goals was conflicted and focused on three main themes: (1) as telehealth evolves, there is a need for the Council to act in an advisory capacity to legislators and regulatory boards; (2) there may be future need for subject matter expertise to be provided by the Council; (3) there may be value in continuing the Council as an ad hoc group for future issues.
- Stacey Carson, Chair, stated she plans to include the one-page subcommittee observation document as an attachment to the letter to Director Armstrong. No comments or concerns were expressed.
- Stacey Carson, Chair will summarize the Council's discussion and will speak to Director Armstrong.
- The next meeting, scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, is pending per Stacey Carson's conversation with the Director.

There being no further business Chairman Carson adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am.