

IDAHO TELEHEALTH COUNCIL

Special Meeting

June 5th, 2015

Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

LOCATION: 450 W State Street, 10th Floor, Boise, ID

Members Present:

Stacey Carson – Telehealth Council Chairman, Idaho Hospital Association

Teleconference:

Mitch Toryanski, Bureau of Occupational Licenses

Molly Steckel, Policy Director

Susan Ault, Idaho Primary Care Association

Tracey Sessions, Idaho State Hospital South

Mary Sheridan, Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Public Health

Matt Wimmer, Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Medicaid

Kathy McGill, Department of Insurance

Casey Meza, Affiliated Health Services, Kootenai Health

Michael Meza, Kootenai Health

David Morledge, Neurostatus, LLC

Melissa Christian, Regence BlueShield

Ken Schaecher, Select Health

Marc Chasin, St. Luke's Health System

Representative John Rusche, Idaho House of Representatives

Members Absent:

William Ganz, Idaho Board of Medicine

Paul McPherson, St. Luke's Children's Hospital

Linda Mac Vicar, PacificSource

Tana Cory, Bureau of Occupational Licenses

Rick Goodwin, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center

Michael Bess, OptumHealth

Rhonda Robinson Beale, Blue Cross of Idaho

Becky diVittorio, OptumHealth

Nancy Kerr, Idaho Board of Medicine

Tom Donovan, Department of Insurance

Tiffany Whitmore Seibert, St. Alphonsus Health System

Bill Hazle, Stargazers, LLC

DHW Staff Present:

Cynthia York, Administrator, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Casey Moyer, Operations Project Manager, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Staff Teleconference:

Heather Clark, PCMH Program Manager, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Miro Barac, RC Program Manager, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Ann Watkins, Grants/Contract Officer, Office of Healthcare Policy Initiatives

Guests: Lee Flynn, AARP

Lynsey Winters Juel, Jannus

Welcome and Introductions – Stacey Carson, Telehealth Council Chair

- Stacey Carson welcomed everyone to the special Telehealth Council meeting to review the draft “Idaho Telehealth Council Proposed Workplan” prior to submitting it to Director Richard Armstrong.

Review DRAFT “Idaho Telehealth Council Proposed Workplan”

- The council members reviewed the draft proposal and discussed the recommended changes. Recommended changes are listed below:
 1. Link on page 3. <http://telehealthcouncil.idaho.gov/Default.aspx> is not working.
 2. When referring to the Council passing the Idaho Telehealth Access Act (H189) on page 5 and 7, it should instead reference the Idaho Legislature as passing the Act.
 3. Goal 1.1 – Collect data on current reimbursement policies from other states and within Idaho:
 - Recommended Council be receptive of pilot projects that have been completed and published that show efficacy for value based fee models
 - a. Add a bullet point that the Council will collect data from previous published pilot projects
 - Suggestions to better define the difference between Telehealth and Telemedicine.
 - When referring to hospital care it was recommended to define whether coverage was for out-patient or in-patient.
 4. Goal 3.1 – The Idaho Telehealth Council will be available, as needed, to provide guidance to regulating boards that decide to promulgate rules pertaining to the use of telemedicine by healthcare providers.
 - Council members discussed adding: guidance to the Licensing Board, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Idaho statutes rules and regulations.
 5. Page 12 refers to the Idaho Telemedicine Alliance; it should state Idaho Telehealth Alliance.
- Page 13, the FTE for Administrative staff should state 0.35 instead of 0.37.

Dr. Meza, made a motion to accept the draft Idaho Telehealth Council Proposed Workplan with suggested changes. Dr. Schaecher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Next Steps:

- The committee will have an in-person meeting on June 19, 2015, where Director Armstrong will provide input regarding the workplan.

There being no further business Stacey Carson, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.