

Wyoming Telehealth Consortium

December 13, 2016

3:00pm – 3:40pm

Attendees:

- * Sharla Allen, Manager, Office of Rural Health, Wyoming Department of Health (WDH)
- * Kevin Smith, Telehealth Coordinator, Cheyenne Regional Medical Center (CRMC)
- * Corey Jenkins, Project Coordinator Senior, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND)
- * Sarah Zlatkovic, Project Coordinator Assistant, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND)
- * Kevin Wilson, Colorado Children's Hospital
- * Ruth Jo Friess, HIT Manager, WDH
- * Tim Caswell, EHR Program Specialist, Healthcare Financing, WDH
- * Jan Cartwright, Executive Director, Wyoming Primary Care Association (WYPCA)
- * Brenda Burnett, Clinical Quality Director, WYPCA
- * Kathy Williams, Office Manager/Events Coordinator, WYPCA
- * Deb Anderson, Business Relationship Manager, Health Technology Services, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health
- * Andrea Bailey, HIT Outreach Coordinator, WDH

Update from Members

WDH – Sharla Allen

- * Troy Babbitt is no longer with ETS. We're working to find a replacement from ETS to join our meetings.

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health - Deb Anderson

- * Diabetes education for providers/caregivers via telehealth.
- * Leila Samy from HHS is looking for information and updates and innovations. Did the NRTRC webinar last month and it was well received. We had 48-49 participants in the webinar. The webinar was about the USDA funding opportunities for DLT grants and other USDA loans and programs.
- * Action Item: coordinate meeting with the CDEs and other stakeholders like WYPCA and QIO.

WYPCA - Brenda Burnett and Kathy Williams and Jan Cartwright

- * Webinar for WYPCA held with WIND in November. Had a great turnout.
- * Looking at rural health networking and planning grant. WYPCA will offer their partnership with the applicants.

- * In the process of losing the Sweetwater health center. Applying for a grant, due on January 24th. Working with the applicants so that the health center will reopen under new leadership in 2017. Hoping to hear by early to mid-spring.

WIND - Corey Jenkins

- * Starting a new ECHO network, Student Health. The first module is on diabetes and diabetes management. The network is open to anybody.
- * Webinar scheduled for tomorrow. Session with state Medicaid billing. Sheree Nall will lead that discussion. Thank you for pushing out announcements for us. WIND may end up buying a distribution list. We're trying to establish our own distribution list, but there will certainly be holes for a while. Please send provider emails to Corey to include on our distribution list. Announcements will be sent weekly.
- * Metrics for November:
 - o 27 Zoom licenses
 - o 25 meetings (CME webinar, patient encounter, consultation with a specialist, etc.)
 - o +2000 minutes of training

Colorado Children's Hospital - Kevin Wilson

- * Colorado Medicaid will begin reimbursing for home as the site of care for telehealth services in the New Year. Expecting the final rule on that shortly.

CRMC - Kevin Smith

- * Co-hosted a seminar at LCCC with Children's Hospital Colorado on The Multidisciplinary Approach to Child Maltreatment: The Basics. 63 people on site. 12 more joined via videoconferencing, Rock Springs, Laramie, Gillette. Providers requested topic to help them learn to identify children who are maltreated and know what to do. First seminar offering as part of Cheyenne Regional's Care Alliance with Children's Hospital.
- * Cheyenne Medical Center Foundation just granted us money to build a telemedicine cart to be used by our NICU unit. In the process of assembling that.
 - o Question posed by Corey: Were peripherals purchased for this cart?
 - Self-contained, large battery, batteries last 16 hours, all-in-one PC with a touchscreen, has a multi-integrated imaging system (TELEMED's Horus Scope) that will transmit to the provider or record/take pictures using multiple attachable lens types to the camera, electronic stethoscope which can either transmit live or record. Kevin will share more information with Corey.
- * Education through TACT nursing programs here from the institute out to some of the clinics.

- * Continue to provide telemedicine services. Have a telerheumatology encounter occurring as we speak to Saratoga. In November we had a total of 398 hours of telehealth usage to 65 locations; 120 hours were Clinical, 196 hours were Education/Training, with the balance being 82 hours Administrative.
- * Joint Labor Committee are meeting today. 2 draft bills are being presented: insurance parity for telemedicine and modifying the current telepharmacy statute. The telepharmacy bill is going to be more helpful as it will remove the "outside 25 miles" requirement. The parity statute looks very similar to Colorado's parity statute. It still includes language on not allowing home services, which we would prefer they remove and remain silent on. As homes are being allowed now with Wyoming Medicaid, some Medicare and private payers are moving in that direction, leaving it silent would not preclude these encounters. It would be left to the patients' payers.

WDH - Ruth Jo Friess and Andrea Bailey

- * Excited to join the meetings.
- * Health Information Exchange Initiative for the WYFI project, current pending funding request in CMS. Tim Caswell designed our website – take a look!
https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/wyoming_frontier_information_wyfi/
- * She is also looking for members of the steering committee.
- * The survey that Ruth Jo sent out can be forwarded on to providers.

WDH - Tim Caswell

- * Continuing to prepare for the new year with PCMH program, looking to add additional measures.
- * With all of our clinics, we continue to promote telehealth. Seems like most just don't know the capabilities of telehealth. So we're trying to connect them with Corey and promote the webinars to help them see the benefits of telehealth.
- * Kevin Smith would be willing to do a telehealth 101 session with anyone who is interested in learning more.