

Wyoming Telehealth Consortium

January 31, 2017

3:00pm – 3:51pm

Attendees:

- * Sharla Allen, Manager, Office of Rural Health, Wyoming Department of Health (WDH)
- * Corey Jenkins, Project Coordinator Senior, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities (WIND)
- * Faith Jones
- * Maureen Molinari, Independent Contractor (WDH)
- * Tim Caswell, EHR Program Specialist, Healthcare Financing, WDH
- * Ruth Jo Friess, HIT Manager, WDH
- * Andrea Bailey, HIT Outreach Coordinator, WDH
- * Sharon Phelps, Quality Improvement, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health (MPQH)
- * Kevin Bohnenblust, Executive Director, State Board of Medicine
- * Brandi Whalen, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health (MPQH)
- * Deb Anderson, Business Relationship Manager, Health Technology Services, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health (MPQH)
- * Brenda Burnett, Clinical Quality Director, WYPCA

Update from Members

WIND – Corey Jenkins

- * January Webinar on third-party billing went well.
- * The February webinar will be on tele-behavioral health. We encourage everyone to spread the word about the webinar and connect with us.
- * New Zoom license registrations:
 - o December: 15
 - o January: numbers are still being calculated
- * Sharla asked if we can tell if people are using their licenses. Corey reported that we can see that data. He will place those numbers in the monthly report for Sharla.

WDH – Maureen Molinari

- * Meeting with the state team on Thursday to talk about using Zoom to reach the rural communities.

WDH – Ruth Jo Friess and Tim Caswell

- * Plans to attend these meetings from now on to help spread the word about HIT and HIE. Just getting started on procuring technology.

- * Tim and Andrea will be attending the Frontiers in Wyoming Medicine conference in Jackson in a couple weeks. They will be promoting telehealth to the providers.

MPQH – Deb Anderson

- * Sharon and Brandi will be working together. Sharon is going to become Deb's go-to person for telehealth implementation.

State Board of Medicine – Kevin Bohnenblust

- * Last phases of testing for implementing system. Goal is to start issuing licenses.
- * Legislature has a bill allowing board to regulate telehealth, even though the state board already has that authority.

Faith Jones

- * Has been working on advance directives or advanced care planning. Medicare is paying to have those conversations. She is working to figure out how to use telehealth to conduct these conversations.

WDH/Office of Rural Health – Sharla Allen

- * The search for Troy Babbitt's (ETS) replacement is still running.
- * Met with Carol Day of the Mental Health & Substance Use Treatment Services department. She is writing for a grant to address telehealth and how these services could be delivered via telehealth.
- * Colorado Telehealth Network have offered to help some of hospitals, clinics, and private practices with USACs. It's a tax that is paid on your phone bill that is used to pay subsidies on various things like education and rural health. Sharla's contacts from the network have left and she is working to find replacements and continue working on the partnership.
- * Public health nursing offices all have Zoom licenses now. Previously the offices were using a platform that was not HIPAA compliant, so Zoom licenses were offered. Patients can also go to these public health nursing offices to use telehealth with a specialist, for example, where previously they didn't have a way to do that. Lindsey Hughes is very enthusiastic about using this technology.
- * Genetics clinics now can coordinate with patients to do some telehealth encounters and follow-up.

WYPCA – Brenda Burnett

- * Held an oral health consortium meeting to discuss direction for oral health in light of the budget cuts.