



## SC Telehealth Alliance Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 15, 2018  
Time: 1:00PM – 2:00PM  
Location: Interim Call – Conference Line  
Present: Amelia Bischoff (Palmetto Health), Stewart Cooner (SCDMH), Katie Cristaldi (MUSC), Adrian Grimes (MUSC), Sam Head (SCDHHS), Lisa Hines (GHS), Ryan Krus (SCTA), John Magill (SCDMH), Jimmy McElligott (MUSC), Matt Reich (McLeod), Blix Rice (GHS), Kathy Schwarting (PCC)  
Facilitated by: Jimmy McElligott  
Recorded by: Ryan Krus  
Next meeting: Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 1-3PM  
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### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. SCTA Procedural and Operational Items

- a. **Filling vacancies:** On behalf of the nominating committee, Kathy Schwarting proposed to ask a representative from RMC Orangeburg to fill the vacant *community hospital* seat, and a representative from CareSouth to fill the vacant *rural provider* seat. The group discussed how and whether to include FQHCs at this level. Inviting Graham Adams of the SC Office of Rural Health to fill the rural provider seat was proposed by Kathy as a potential alternative.
  - The group will send Kathy any final suggestions/comments by March 1, 2018.
  - Kathy and Jimmy will finalize the selection and reach out to organization representatives, with the goal of filling these two vacancies by the next council meeting.
- b. **Contracts/Equipment Requests/Awarded Grants:**
  - SC Department of Mental Health: The SCTA's contract with SCDMH for their work as a specialty hub and leader of Strategy 4 has been executed. The contract totals up to \$3M over 2 years.
  - Equipment requests: GHS requested telemedicine carts to equip their schools and PCC requested carts to equip the Calhoun County Public Schools.
    - The group agreed that we no longer need to present equipment requests at the council level if they come from organizations represented on the council.
  - Awarded grants: No newly awarded grants.

### 3. Engagement with Collaborative Partners

- As part of Strategy 6, the SCTA is exploring avenues to involve more stakeholder organizations in its work. The co-chairs and coordinator are exploring two main routes for this:
  - Workgroups: Since much of the work of the strategic plan is accomplished via the workgroups, we are working to involve more stakeholders in these groups and to optimize the workgroup output.
  - Quarterly Meeting: The SCTA and PCC are exploring the possibility of repurposing the PCC Advisory Council meeting to become a more broad telehealth stakeholder meeting. This meeting would be open to all telehealth stakeholders and would provide statewide updates as well as avenues for providing both the SCTA and PCC feedback.
- The details for these initiatives are still being ironed out and will be shared with the council as they are finalized.
  - Council members are encouraged to reach out to Ryan Kruis, Kathy Schwarting, or Jimmy McElligott if they have any feedback on this process.

### 4. Updates

#### a. APRN legislation update

- The APRN legislation passed subcommittee on 2/14/18 and was forwarded onto committee. There were multiple testimonials provided at the hearing (special thanks to Amelia Bischoff for coordinating!)
- There is no further testimony, so at this point any additional comments should be sent directly to Ryan Burnaugh in Rep. Murrell Smith's office.

#### b. 2018 Strategic Plan

- SCDMH has finalized Strategy 4, and the SCTA 2018 Strategic Plan has been turned into DHHS and posted to the SCTA website.

#### c. Reporting update

- The CY17Q4 Report was sent to the council for review; all comments should be submitted by 2/16/18 COB. Any comments received after will be incorporated into the amendment process.
- The council will be provided a draft of the annual report to review toward the end of the month.

#### d. 2018 SCTA Implementation and Evaluation Grants

- The SCTA Implementation and Evaluation Grants are live. The [RFA](#) is available on the SCTA website, and the deadline for applications is 2/26/18.
- Council members are encouraged to spread the word about this funding opportunity.

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**5. Next SCTA Meeting:**

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