



**SC Telehealth Alliance Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2019  
Time: 1:00PM – 3:00PM  
Location: Department of Mental Health | 2414 Bull St, Columbia, SC 29201  
Present: Robert Bank (SCDMH), Amelia Bischoff (Prisma Health), Stewart Cooner (SCDMH), Katie Cristaldi (MUSC), Don Godish (SCETV), Sam Head (SCDHHS), Courtney Fetchen (SCTA), Lorri Gibbons (SCHA), Adrian Grimes (MUSC), Ryan Kruis (SCTA), Jimmy McElligott (MUSC), Jeff Miles (McLeod), Meera Narasimhan (USC), Kathy Schwarting (PCC), Ashley Springs (McLeod), Mark Wess (Prisma Health)  
Facilitated by: Jimmy McElligott  
Recorded by: Ryan Kruis  
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**1. Welcome and Wins**

**a. Introductions**

- The council formally introduced three new council members:
  - Mark Wess, Chief Health Information Executive, Prisma Health
  - Lorri Gibbons, Vice President of Development, SC Hospital Association
  - Robert Bank, Medical Director, SC Department of Mental Health

**b. Wins**

- The SCTA has been awarded the American Telemedicine Association President's Award for Transformation of Healthcare Delivery

**2. SCTA Procedural and Operational Items**

**a. Annual Review of SCTA Charter**

- The council reviewed the SCTA Advisory Council Operating Procedures and Charter. Only changes to the document was language surrounding the newly branded Prisma Health.

**b. Annual Review of SCTA Budget**

- The Council reviewed the 5-year projected budget for the SCTA. This budget included the spend down of proviso funding over the next four years, ending with a recurring budget of 11 million dollars in FY23.
- The Council discussed the allocation of recurring funds in FY23, noting a significant decrease in funding going directly to regional/specialty hubs and other community partners in the recurring FY23 budget.

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- The group raised concern with this distribution, and the MUSC Chair agreed to explore potential options to mitigate this decrease in funding. The Council also discussed this being a cause to continue advocating for an increase in recurring and additional one-time proviso funds.

**c. Contracts/Equipment Requests:**

- The Council reviewed recent activities with contracted partners:

Contract	Status	Notes
Regional Hub Addendums <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prisma – Upstate</li> <li>• Prisma – Midlands</li> <li>• McLeod</li> </ul>	In process	-Extends the current agreements through 2020 - Adds \$275K in CY19, \$200K in CY20 for Children’s Hospital - Caps reimbursement of equipment at 75K
Children’s Hospital Collaborative	Executed	-1 yr agreement - \$175K agreement for central coordination – SC Children’s Hospital Collaborative
PCC	In Process	-1yr agreement -\$400K operational support + \$7.5K for Summit sponsorship
SCETV	Executed	-2 year agreement -165K / year

- The Council reviewed recent activities with equipment requests:

Requestor	Notes
CASA Family Systems/Edisto Children’s Center	Working to connect to schools to provide counseling to children who have experienced child abuse or neglect. Approved purchase of 5 ipads.
Hope Health	Working with PCC and requested three new carts for three of their locations. Currently assessing utilization of current equipment prior to moving forward.

**3. Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (H.3101)**

- The Council discussed the current legislation pending that might streamline the licensure process across state lines. Link to bill: [https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123\\_2019-2020/bills/3101.htm](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess123_2019-2020/bills/3101.htm)
- While different constituent organizations may advocate for the compact, the Council agreed this would not be legislation the SCTA would formally advocate for as a unified body.

**4. Other Updates:**

**a. 2019 SCTA Strategic Plan**

- The report has been published and is available on the SCTA website: <https://www.sctelehealth.org/About/StrategicPlan>.
- Strategy groups have begun work toward their first quarter milestone.

**b. PCC Annual Summit – April 2-4**

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- Registration and schedule available on the PCC site:  
<http://www.palmettocareconnections.org/2019-annual-summit/>

**c. Telehealth Pilot Grants**

- The administration of the telehealth pilot grant program is being transitioned to the SC Translational and Clinical Research Institute.
- The RFA should be released this month and will be shared with the Council once available.

**d. Reimbursement and Billing Resources**

- PCC and SCAHEC are pulling together billing and reimbursement resources and training. Some trainings will be provided live at the Summit and others will be online modules for learners to take at their convenience.
- The Council encourage the Education Workgroup to build on these efforts and potentially host webinars looking into guidelines around new codes (e.g., G2010, G2012)

**e. Reports**

- The CY2018 Quarter 4 report will be submitted to DHHS on 3/1/19. The Council will have the opportunity to provide amendments to that report once released.
- The 2018 Annual Report is underway and should be released by April. Representatives from constituent organizations have helped shape the content to be included.

**5. Next SCTA Advisory Meeting:**

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