SOUTH CAROLINA
Telehealth
ALLIANCE

SCTA Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, November 17th, 2022, 1-3PM
Virtual - Microsoft Teams

Meeting Attendees:
Jimmy McElligott, Ragan Richardson (MUSC/SCTA), Amelia Gainey (Prisma), Kate Miccichi (McLeod), Kathy Schwarting (PCC), Elizabeth Harmon (SCHA), Robert Bank, Margaret Meriwether (SC DMH), Kevin Bennett (CRPH), Sam Head (SC DHHS), Ryan Burnaugh (KMSO), Rick Foster, Jessica Carter, John Magill (Members-at-Large)

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Wins**
   a. CY22Q3 report highlights
      ▪ Please reference the SCTA CY22Q3 Report to learn how SCTA partners continue to advance and sustain telehealth in our state!

   b. PCC 10thAnnual SC Telehealth Summit recap
      ▪ PCC would like to thank all attendees, speakers, sponsors, poster presenters, poster judges, and planning committee members for a wonderful experience at the 10th Annual Telehealth Summit of South Carolina! *The Summit hosted over 200 attendees this year.*
      ▪ Click on the links below to view highlights from the event and take a moment to complete a quick evaluation survey if you attended:
         • Presentations
         • 2022 Telehealth Award Winners
         • Telehealth Summit Attendee Evaluation
      ▪ Due to the weather forecast of Tropical Storm Nicole, the Summit ended early on November 10. Webinars will be scheduled for the following sessions *(dates and registration will be announced soon)*:
         • *Leveraging Technology and Tele-Mentoring to Improve Perinatal Healthcare*
         • *Takeaways from Evaluating the Role of Telehealth During COVID-19*
         • *Digitally Focused: Seniors and Technology*

2. **SCTA Procedural and Operational Items**
   a. Please review the CY22Q3 SCTA Report by EOB 11/23.
      ▪ Feedback can be sent via email to SCTA Manager, Ragan Richardson at ragan@sctelehealth.org.

3. **SCTA Statewide Strategy**
    a. Please review the CY2023 SCTA Statewide Plan by EOB 11/23.
        ▪ Feedback can be sent via email to SCTA Manager, Ragan Richardson at ragan@sctelehealth.org.
        ▪ The CY2023 statewide plan was simplified this year to showcase overarching tactics under each strategy domain, followed by overarching support tactics which support each strategy domain tactic.
            • *Quarterly milestones are not included in the CY23 plan, however, partners are still expected to report these milestones in their SCTA quarterly report throughout the year.*
            • To draft the CY2023 strategy tactics, the SCTA leadership team met individually with clinical partners to discuss their CY23 plans. Individual tactics were used by the SCTA team to formulate collective tactics by strategy domain to encompass the work of the SCTA as a whole. These strategy domain tactics were shared with support partners as they worked to create their overarching support tactics for the year. These support tactics aim to improve telehealth program infrastructure and maximize value across all clinical domains.

4. **Legislative and Advocacy Efforts**
    a. The SCTA team met with leadership at the SC Medical Association (SCMA) in October to discuss alignment of telehealth advocacy efforts. SCMA expressed their involvement and interest in potential parity/equity initiatives.
    b. The latest extension for the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) is effective through *January 11, 2023.*
        ▪ It is still unclear if an additional extension is to follow, however, HHS has promised states that it will give *60 days'* notice prior to ending the PHE.
        ▪ As it currently stands, telehealth waivers and flexibilities will not expire until *151 days after* the PHE ends.
    c. Preparing for the next legislative session, Ryan Burnaugh and team plan to draft language over the coming months around the following identified priorities (subject to change):
        ▪ Practice Act adjustments: prescribing language, requirements for controlled substance prescribing.
        ▪ Telemedicine Act adjustments: "telemedicine" definition clean-up.
        ▪ Originating site restriction removal in statute.
    d. The SC payer scorecard is now live on the SCTA website and displays various SC payers and how their telehealth coverage policies align/misalign with SCTA payer priorities. The intention of this document is to be used as a tool for SCTA partners and stakeholders, and to guide conversations with payers. This document will continuously be updated as the coverage and reimbursement landscape continues to shift. Additional payers may be added in the near future.

5. **Next SCTA Advisory Council Meeting:**
    a. Thursday, February 16th, 2023 from 1-2:30PM
    b. In-person - SC Department of Mental Health, Columbia, SC