

SOUTH CAROLINA
Telehealth
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SCTA Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, February 17th, 2022, 1-3 PM – Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Amelia Gainey & Mark Wess (Prisma), Katie King, Jimmy McElligott, Ryan Kruis, Sonya Ebeling, & Ragan Richardson (MUSC/SCTA), Don Godish (SCETV), Kate Miccichi, Bryon Frost, Ashley Springs (McLeod), Kathy Schwarting (PCC), Victoria Gooch, Brandon Gaffney, Robert Bank (SC DMH), Elizabeth Harmon (SCHA), Rick Foster, John Magill, Jessica Carter (Members-at-Large)

Agenda:

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Wins

a. New Council Member

- This quarter we welcomed a new advisory council member, Brandon Gaffney, Assistant Deputy Director of Administrative Services, SC Department of Mental Health (DMH). Welcome, Brandon!

2. SCTA Procedural and Operational Items

a. Operating Procedures Review

- The SCTA's Operating Procedures are reviewed and updated on an annual basis as a way to enhance collaboration and transparency. This year, a few minor updates were made for the council's review.
- Updates are as followed:
 - The SCTA Coordinator's contact was updated to reflect Ragan Richardson's name and contact.
 - Language surrounding council member term limit was removed.
 - Requirements to collect council member addresses was removed.
- The SCTA Operating Procedures will be sent to the council to review and suggest edits by 3/2/22.

b. Budget Overview

- The SCTA budget overview and projections is presented to the council every year during the quarter 1 meeting. The SCTA FY22-27 budget was showcased during today's meeting and will be shared with each council member following the meeting for further review.

c. SCTA Reporting Update

- The SCTA CY21Q4 report is complete and was shared with the council prior to this meeting. Thank you all for providing updates on behalf of your organization!
 - Please take a moment to review the CY21Q4 report and email Ragan Richardson with suggestions by **2/24/22**.
 - The final CY21Q4 report will be submitted to SC DHHS by March 1st, 2022.
- The 2021 SCTA Annual Report is underway, and SCTA admin team have sent over all content from partners to MUSC's marketing team to begin working on the first draft.

Our theme for the report is “Emerging Stronger than Ever,” which represents the new 2021 Statewide Strategic Plan.

- The final 2021 SCTA Annual Report will be submitted to SC DHHS by April 1st, 2022.

3. SCTA Statewide Strategy

a. 2021 Milestone Status Check & Planning

- The SCTA Advisory Council reviewed the statuses of the various milestones and deliverables outlined in the SCTA Strategic Plan, and discussed the next steps in planning and executing remaining milestones through CY2022. The group also discussed its strategic planning process for CY2023, which will likely take place via an in-person gathering around the fall 2022 SC Telehealth Summit.

4. Legislative and Advocacy Update

a. Legislation

- Exciting movement is happening on the legislative front as we work to introduce this month.
 - Proposed legislation content includes:
 - New definition for telehealth – currently only the term “telemedicine” is outlined and is very limited.
 - Remove originating site restrictions.
 - Ensure providers will be compensated for telehealth visits.
 - Requires providers providing telehealth in the state to be licensed in SC.

5. Next SCTA Advisory Council Meeting:

- #### **a. Thursday, May 19th, 2022 from 1-3 PM - Microsoft Teams**