



Kentucky TeleHealth Board

DRAFT Agenda – August 20, 2007
CHR Building, 4th Floor Bluegrass Room
10:30 – 12:30

- **Meeting Called to Order** – Dr. John Tarrant, Chair

- **Roll Call**
Dr. William Crump, Member at Large
Dr. Robert Esterhay, UofL Representative
John P. Finney, Member at Large
Dr. William Hacker, Vice Chair, Department for Public Health
Bill Hamilton, Member at Large
Lorna Jones, Cabinet for Health & Family Services
Mark Rutledge, Commonwealth Office of Technology
Dr. Kimberly Williams, Member at Large
Emery Wilson, UK Representative

- **Approval of March 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

- **Introduction of Newly Appointed Board Members**
Jim Finney
Bill Hamilton

- **Kentucky Telehealth Strategy Update** – Rob Sprang

- **Update - Spine and Brain Neurological Center Project** – Rob Sprang

- **Update - Alliance Coal Project** – Rob Sprang

- **Update - Commonwealth Video Conferencing Network (CVCN)** – Rob Sprang
(<http://www.kyvideo.org>)

- **Update – Network Site Utilization** – Rob Sprang

- **Next Board Meeting**
October 15, 2007 – 10:30 – 12:30

over the KTHN. Better images are needed and movement causes breakup. Rob Sprang suggest using the snapshot function and will meet with St. Claire Training Center to educate them on the use of the technology. The right equipment and technique is essential to conducting the exams. Education for technicians may also be needed.

Dr. Badgett also stated that the Department of Medicaid Services plans to revisit regulations on Telehealth usage after the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) is implemented.

Policy for Private Entities on the Network

Rob Sprang gave an update on the draft Private Entity Policy. As you will recall, the Spine and Brain Neurosurgical Center requested to become the KTHN's first private entity in order to conduct psychiatric consultations over the KTHN. The law requires a private entity to become part of the KTHN in order to bill for services.

The policy addresses confidentiality, security around equipment, and interoperability around the existing network. All private entities must abide by these policies and utilize the online schedule for clinic activities. They will be required to utilize KTHN forms, report to the Board on an annual basis, or as needed, and abide by the billing requirements as required by law.

Rob Sprang moved for approval of the Private Entity Policy as written; Dr. Kimberly Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FY 07-08 KTHN Budget Revision

Rob Sprang reported on the FY 07-08 budget revision. Funds (\$24,000) previously earmarked to subsidize communication costs for the network sites have been realigned to the training centers. Rob Sprang moved for approval of the FY 07-08 budget revision; Dr. Bill Hacker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Status of At-Large Member Nominations

Donna Veno stated that the Governor's Office has not appointed individuals to fill the two at-large member vacancies.

Legislative Updates

Rob Sprang updated the Board on two bills which have a telehealth component. In HB 152 (Trauma Bill), the KTHN could be a tool for training and trauma response. Telehealth is written into the bill and if passed could put Telehealth at the table. SB88's (Internet Prescription Pharmacy) intent was to stop the ordering of drugs over the Internet without a prescription. Rob worked with the Attorney General's Office to include Telehealth language for face-to-face consultations as defined in the Telehealth regulations.

Other KTHN Developments

Tim Bickel reported on the Metro Jail HIV clinics performed by Dr. Anna Wong. The jail has the video conferencing equipment is conducting weekly clinics. There is better follow up on cases than if they had to do face-to-face consultations. Dr. Wong works closely with the Ryan White folks on education.

Rob Sprang met with the Commission on Death and Hard of Hearing. Some interpreters have video conferencing equipment in their homes. They were looking at ways the KTHN could be of benefit to them. Rob also met with the Commission on Dieticians and Nutritionists. They are looking for assistance from the KTHN on diabetic services.