

New Mexico Telehealth Commission
Monday, December 12, 2005
Conference Call
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order via conference call at 3:31 p.m.

Roll call/quorum

Present: Commissioners: Lynne Anker-Unnever, John Tiernan, Steve Adelsheim, Patricio Larragoite, Lowell Gordon (in attendance for Pam Hyde), Richard Lueker, Tony Davis, Dale Alverson, Terry Maness, Tomas Torres, Mark Duran, Craig Wingate, Danice Picraux, Robert Mayer, Jeannette Velarde, Frank Pullara, Paul Ehrlich.

Absent: Commissioners: Kathleen Manygoats, Charles Ferrell, Ferdi Serim, Danny Sandoval, Jane Breen Pierce, Dwayne Jordan, Edward Lopez, Stephen Easley.

Staff Attendance:

Dorothy Danfelser
Deb Gallegos
Teresa Henke
John Martinez
Vin Kelley

Guests

Anna Sandoval-Vigil for Roy Soto
Jeff Blair

I. Welcome/Roll Call

Chairman Duran welcomed the Telehealth Commissioners to the sixth meeting of the NM Telehealth Commission. Roll call was held and a quorum is present. This meeting is being held via conference call. Chairman Duran outlined the guidelines for the conference call.

II. Approval of November Minutes

The minutes from the November 21st Telehealth Commission meeting were reviewed and approved by the Telehealth Commission. Commissioner Wingate moved to approve the minutes, and seconded by Commissioner Alverson. The Commission voted to approve the minutes.

III. Review of Legislative Proposal and Executive Summary

There are three documents for this call: the Legislative Proposal, the Executive Summary, and the Resolution. The proposal will be adopted through the approval of Resolution No. 1. Commissioner Wingate gave a brief summary of the Legislative Proposal and the Executive Summary. The Legislative Proposal will be officially called "New Mexico Telehealth Commission Year 1 Plan". Funding proposals labeled "strong", "bold", and "aggressive" are outlined as possible options. Commissioner Wingate thanked the members of the Legislative Proposal Committee.

Mark Duran briefly summarized the capital outlay portion on pages 17 and 18 of the Year 1 Plan. Addition of language after the first paragraph of the short-term approach to read: "The Commission also recommends a set aside of \$800,000 for electronic health record systems that would be provided to small rural medical practices and school programs."

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The chairman opened the discussion up for questions and comments on the New Mexico Telehealth Commission Year One Program. Commissioner Ehrlich asked for clarification on the Electronic Medical Record piece of the proposal to which Commissioner Wingate responded. Commissioner Anker-Unnever brought up the subject of three organizational functions and where they will be housed. Chairman Duran responded that these are ideas/concepts being presented to the Governor and it is the first stage of the proposal. If accepted, a plan will be made as to where they will reside. Commissioner Mayer stated that functions should be identified and folded into the appropriate department. Commissioner Wingate stated that the subcommittee meant only to highlight three organizational elements where functions need to be fulfilled. This section will be rewritten to call them "functions". The following changes will be made on page 22: Under purpose: Strike "center" in the first bullet; telehealth planning and accountability (strike "office".) and third bullet strike everything and call it Department of Health.

Questions and comments were then heard on the Capital Outlay Recommendation of the Proposal. Commissioner Alverson stated that he was aware of programs ready to be launched with Telehealth components that might not be in the settings described. Chairman Duran stated this was a friendly amendment, and asked for possible language addressing this issue. Commissioner Alverson suggested adding to "rural New Mexico School Based Health Centers, New Mexico Health care clinics," the following language: and Urgent Care Centers". Commissioner Picraux added the Commission should think about issues around replacement, whether there is a priority order, and also what we are doing about medical information.

IV. Vote on Resolution No. 1

A vote was made to bind the resolution with the proposal. The chair entertained a motion for adoption of New Mexico Telehealth Commission resolutions No. 1, which with its passage will accept the New Mexico Telehealth Commission Legislative Proposal.

Commissioner Alverson moved to accept the resolution and Commissioner Larragoite seconded the motion. ***Resolution No. 1 passed with 16 "yes" votes, and 0 "no" votes.***

Next steps:

- Seek time with the Governor and the HHS cabinet secretaries to present the documents.
- Develop a legislative strategy
- Schedule a January meeting before the legislative session

Chairman Duran asked Commissioners for consideration not to disseminate any documents until the Governor has had time to review them. For the record everyone should know that the New Mexico Telehealth Commission has passed this and it is an official document.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Picraux. Wingate seconded.
Meeting adjourned 5:22 p.m.