



OKLAHOMA OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION
ADVOCACY AND WELL BEING

Bureau on Legislation
Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2019
OOA Central Office, Oklahoma City, OK & Zoom

Members present: LeRoy Young, DO; Bret Langerman, DO; Timothy Moser, DO; Jonathan Stone, DO; Justin Sparkes, DO; Amanda Foster, DO; Katie Marney, OMS-II; Jami Longacre, lobbyist; Mark Snyder, lobbyist; Lana Ivy, MBA; G. Robinson Stratton III, JD

Members on Zoom: Monica M. Woodall, DO; Bob Aran, DO; Christopher C. Thurman, DO; Rebecca D. Lewis, DO; Robin Dyer, DO; Teresa Hardesty, DO; Richard W. Schafer, DO; Brent Davis, DO; Douglas C. Nolan, DO; Jay Cunningham, DO; Adam Corcoran, OMS-I

OOA staff present: Maegan Dunn; Audrey Hendricks

Dr. Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Dr. Langerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2019 meeting. Dr. Moser seconded. The motion passed.

E-prescribing

- OBN has secured a grant for a program that will attach to your EMR which will automatically check the PMP whenever you are prescribing a controlled substance.
- Grant for is for three years and will fund the program so it will be at no cost to the physician. They're looking for other sources of revenue in the long-term.

Opioid Coalition

- Looking to update the rules to require physicians to check it every time

Rule Changes to OSBOE

- Number of mid-levels to be supervised from 4 to 6
- Issue: How is that checked? What is being done know that checks the supervision requirements are being followed
- Statutory issue: Interstate Medical Licensure Commission
 - A bunch of complications
- A motion was made to ask our lobbyists to work with OSBOE to open up these issues- Moser. Seconded by Langerman. Approved.

SQ 802

- over 300,000 signatures delivered to AG's office to put issue on ballot
- Legislature is still interested in coming up with an Oklahoma Plan but doesn't seem to be able to come to an agreement
- Governor has allowed OSDH to hire a Medicaid expert
- At the next statewide general election, SQ 802 must be put on the ballot

Managed Care for Medicaid Patients

- Last year the legislature gave Governor Stitt the authority of hiring top 5 state agencies. There is concern if this will allow the Governor to move swiftly through his head of OSDH with a decapitated managed care vs. the current system of fee for service.
 - Mark Snyder and answered that there's going to be another push for managed care we just don't know in what form it will be.

Opioid Coalition

- Has now been expanded to include parity and mental health issues
 - On the federal level, it is required to have parity with health coverage and mental health coverage
 - Oklahoma does not have that parity as we are a fee for service instead of managed care
 - It was suggested that this is more of an insurance issue
- Another item discussed regarding the Opioid Fatality Review Board – they want access to the PMP, specifically mental health wants access to look at analytics. They already have access for the patients.

Immunization Coalition

- There are several bills we would like to bring forth but will hold off as there is an understanding from leadership that if we don't push bills, they won't allow bills from anti-vaccine coalitions
- OSDH is working on new rules that will require exemptions to be obtained and filed at the county health departments to take it out of the schools. This will hopefully bring clarity to how many children are unvaccinated versus not informing the school of their vaccination records.
 - These proposed rules were adopted on Monday in a 5-1 vote by child's health subcommittee of OSDH
 - Next steps will be public hearings in March then go to legislature in April
- These new rules will most likely be the most controversial vaccine issue this session
- The coalition is just getting the health side organized to push back on the organized anti-vaccine coalitions

PMTC Equity

- There is about a \$20,000 difference in what an OU resident makes versus OSU resident
- OU receives about two-thirds of the money while OSU only receives one-third of the funds
- The commission is also considering expanding to include surgeons in rural areas

Surprise Billing

- When looking at the data, surprise billing is highest in the ER
- Wall Street Journal reported that TeamHealth is leader in surprise billing
- Dr. Cunningham worked with Insurance Commissioner on a bill last year and has been asked to speak at meeting and several legislators. They're also working with the Insurance Commissioner to introduce a bill similar to what Texas just passed to curb surprise billing.

Worker's Comp Medical Fee Schedule

- It's being looked at to update the worker's comp medical fee schedule and recommendations should be ready by January

Meet Your Legislators before February

- Get in front of them prior to session to introduce yourself and let them know you're a resource for them on health-related issues.

Legislative Reception at the OOA

- We're planning a reception and want everyone on bureau to join us.
- Jami and Mark are looking at calendar for a good date
- Let us know if you're going to come and invite your legislator. If you don't have a chance, Jami or Maegan will contact them for you.

Give to OOPAC

- A discussion was had regarding a fundraising telethon to raise funds for OOAC. Many in attendance were supportive. It will be a joint effort between the OOA Board and Legislative Bureau members.
- It will be Saturday, Jan. 18 during the Winter CME.

We still need volunteers for the OOPAC Booth at the Winter CME. Contact Maegan Dunn at maegan@okosteo.org if you're available to volunteer.

Next meeting will be Friday, Jan. 17

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.