

**2013 OHIP Work Group Quarterly Report**  
**3rd Quarter (January - March); SFY Ending June 30, 2013**



**Work Group Name: OHIP Infrastructure Workforce Workgroup**

**Work Group Goal: (1) Provision of Primary Health Care and Prevention Services**

Result Objective	Target Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Accountability (Lead Person(s) Responsible)	Measure	Progress
<p>1. Expand use of telemedicine in the state for 1) training, 2) supervision of midlevel practitioners and 3) extend medical workforce availability in rural Oklahoma (especially for sub-specialties)</p>	<p>Ongoing January 2013</p>	<p><b>December 2012: This activity has been completed but work to strengthen, coordinate, and continue expanding telemedicine is ongoing.</b></p>	<p>Lead: Oklahoma State University (OSU) Center for Rural Health and OUHSC Center for Telemedicine            Other Participants: OHCWC AHEC Professional Associations including OHA, OSMA, OOA and ONA, Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure, Oklahoma State Board of Nursing, OHCA, ORHE, ODMHSAS</p>	<p>Measures: By January 2013, increase by 20% sites and activities receiving certification approval by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority for telemedicine use in training and provision of medical services (baseline: Active telemedicine sites in 2010: hospitals – 34, community mental health centers [CMHC]- 105, total – 139)</p> <p><b>12/12 Update: 177 active sites thus far for 2011--an increase of 27.3%. Hospitals – 44; CMHC 168, FQHCs 36+, Health Departments 108, Corrections, 22+, HIS 33+. New 501(c)6 will create mechanism for more accurate count and identification of sites.</b></p>	<p><b>3/7/2013</b>            Heartland Telehealth Resource Center (previously erroneously referred to in OHIP reports as “OUHSC Center for Telemedicine”) has received grant approval for another four years. The 501(c) 3 will be formed by end of April, named “The Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma” and will include representatives from a full spectrum of health organizations and advocates. Members of OHIP will be invited to the meetings of this group.</p> <p><b>12/7/2012</b>            OUHSC Center for Telemedicine is establishing a 501(c)6 organization to advance effective use of telehealth services through Oklahoma. (Presentation attached.)            9/7/12            Update provided by Cynthia Scheideman-Miller. OUSCH continues to work on establishing a statewide partnership that will incorporate a wide range of stakeholders. Objectives are under development; will include central clearing house and an easier credentialing process. There are now 500 telemedicine sites.            6/7/2012            Update provided by Dr. Ben Pettis, OSU Center for Rural Health. OSU continues work with OSU Medical Center to assist physicians in the use of office based telemedicine. Following areas have expressed interest: Urology, ENT, Cardiology, and Orthopedic Surgery. Tentative plans for “office based demonstration” using mobile telemedicine clinic as the distant site for some physicians on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June; Continue to work on the finalization of internal policy and procedures with a due date of June 30<sup>th</sup>; Assisting medical leadership of Phillips 66 in Bartlesville to help evaluate the use of telemedicine from Houston to Bartlesville; Have begun to explore the development of a “fee for equipment and network” fashioned after Georgia’s program.</p>

1. Continued				<p><u>Actions</u></p> <p>1. By January 2011, identify telemedicine networks approved by OHCA.</p> <p>2. By June 2011, provide recommendations to licensing boards to allow comprehensive use of telemedicine that is recognized as appropriate medical practice consistent with licensing board requirements.</p> <p>Ongoing?</p> <p>3. By January, 2012 develop educational materials and training opportunities to assist medical associations in educating their membership about telemedicine opportunities. Done.</p> <p>4. By January 2013, increase by 20% networks receiving certification approval by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority for telemedicine use in training and provision of medical services. Done</p>	<p>Completed-Ongoing</p> <p><b>3/7/2013</b> Heartland Telehealth Resource Center submitted comments on the OHCA proposed rules for telemedicine. Center will continue to work with OHCA to ensure rules do not present barriers to access. Providers and patients gave feedback on proposed rules. There is still too much inconsistency in definition of telehealth sites and services; comments included recommendations to ensure consistency. Comments also included requests to align Medicaid and Medicare definitions, services and rules.</p> <p>Center is working with Federal and State level government to assess financial impact, using evidence-based outcomes as a guide.</p> <p>A Telemedicine/Telehealth focus group is being organized by OUHSC (facilitated by Georgia group). Key stakeholders are requesting a more organized group to address policy issues and form a formal consortium. (See minutes for details.) Conference is being planned October 29-30 at Sami's Education Center in Children's Hospital.</p> <p>For 2013, College of Nursing has approved the incorporation of technology, safety &amp; quality improvement into nursing into core curriculum; As part of a grant proposal, content will be developed for interprofessional teams.</p>
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<p>2. Seek additional funding for training of primary care specialties that include physical, oral and behavioral health needs</p>	<p>Ongoing June 2012</p>		<p>ORHE Other Participants: OU, OSU Center for Rural Research , Professional Associations</p>	<p>Measures: By October, 2011 establish a benchmark of primary care manpower needs <u>Actions</u> 1. By March, 2012, using information from the data collection committee, complete assessment of primary care workforce needs, stratified by geographic areas with shortages 2. By November, 2012, identify federal funding opportunities available through health care reform 3. Monitor grant notifications for funding (Jan through June 2012) 4. Repeat activities for 2013 and 2014)</p>	<p>Update from Rick Ernest: Workforce Center has been unable to provide data. Workgroup will form new data committee to establish benchmarks, collect data, and complete assessments. <b>12/7/12</b> 1) Databook has incorporated elements as suggested by workgroup members including mental health practitioners and the addition of benchmark indicators of health professional shortages. 2) OSU Center for Rural Health Policy has received funding from state legislature to create and run a rural residency program. First family medicine residency program will begin in McAlester. Others to be developed this year. <b>9-7-12</b> OSU Office of Rural Health Policy and Research and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission have both presented new methods of gathering and collecting data. A "Oklahoma Healthcare Workforce Databook" will be created. Members are submitting data elements and sources of data.</p> <p>Update from Candace Shaw: No word on grant, yet, but they are still under consideration No timeline available. <b>9-7-12</b> Did not receive grant.</p>
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