

# TELEMEDICINE IN OREGON

Moving from the Present to the Future

The Role of the Telehealth Alliance of Oregon

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# About the Telehealth Alliance of Oregon (TAO)

- ▣ Incorporated as a 501 (c)(3) in 2005
- ▣ TAO is a resource center for anyone in Oregon interested in or currently providing telemedicine
- ▣ Our membership includes hospitals and health systems, clinics, provider associations, individuals and vendor/sponsors
- ▣ Our mission is to advance telemedicine knowledge, practice and policy in Oregon

# How is TAO Funded?

- ▣ TAO is funded by memberships
- ▣ TAO is funded by vendor “champions”
- ▣ TAO’s Summit is covered by registration fees, sponsors and exhibitors
- ▣ TAO has received small amounts of grant funding
- ▣ TAO does contract work for organizations and government agencies.

# Knowledge Activities

- ▣ An Annual Meeting and Summit is held for members, vendors and others interested in telemedicine. The 2017 Summit is March 15-17 in Portland, Oregon
- ▣ TAO maintains a website at [www.ortehealth.org](http://www.ortehealth.org) that includes information about telemedicine practice in Oregon and a Law and Policy review that is updated quarterly
- ▣ TAO members speak at meetings, conferences and at legislative events

# Practice Activities

- ▣ TAO has an active sponsor/ vendor group that helps provide new industry knowledge to members and support for TAO activities
- ▣ TAO maintains a resource service for anyone with questions regarding telemedicine practice
- ▣ TAO maintains a listerv using it to post information about webinars, conferences, new products and programs, etc. that might be useful to providers.

# Policy Activities

- ▣ TAO is a “go-to” resource for telemedicine information for the State Legislature and the Oregon Health Authority.
- ▣ TAO is a convener of policy forums which can be used for discussion and clarification of new policies or to assist with the development of policies that will improve the practice of telemedicine

# What TAO needs to do to continue to move telemedicine forward in Oregon?

- ▣ Maintain a neutral discussion venue to deal with telemedicine issues
- ▣ Establish a better understanding among policy makers about telemedicine and its importance in transforming care
- ▣ Help develop state regulations that keep pace with change and make sense for the system
- ▣ Create more participation by providers, provider associations, payers including CCOs
- ▣ Better manage information about telemedicine services in Oregon

# TAO's Project with OHA

- ▣ The project has three components:
  - The Law and Policy Review
    - ▣ <http://www.ortehealth.org/content/law-and-policy>
  - The Oregon Telemedicine Services Portal
    - ▣ <http://www.ortehealth.org/portal>
  - Gaps and Opportunities Inventory
    - ▣ <http://www.ortehealth.org/content/telehealth-oregon-gaps-and-opportunities-report>

# If you would like more information about telemedicine in Oregon

- ▣ Go to the TAO website at [www.ortehealth.org](http://www.ortehealth.org)
- ▣ Subscribe to the TAO listserv
- ▣ Become a member of TAO

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