

OPERATING CHARTER

OF

THE WYOMING TELEMEDICINE/TELEHEALTH CONSORTIUM

PURPOSE

This document establishes the Operating Charter of the Wyoming Telemedicine/Telehealth Consortium. The mission of the Consortium is to facilitate the operation of a statewide interoperable telemedicine/telehealth network using existing internet protocol based communication and videoconferencing infrastructure and telecommunication services to the extent possible.

AUTHORITY

The Consortium is established pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 9-2-117(a)(vi).

ACTIVITIES

Consortium activities shall consist of the following:

- Coordinate the development and promotion of statewide standards for an interoperable telemedicine/telehealth network and, where applicable, promote definitions and standards for statewide electronic health transactions;
- Promote and conduct education programs that inform network users that information communicated through the use of telemedicine/telehealth shall conform with state and federal privacy and security laws and information security programs established by the state chief information officer;
- Seek funds and contract as necessary to carry out its activities; and
- Adopt bylaws as needed to carry out its responsibilities.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Consortium operations will be guided by the following set of principles:

- Support inclusiveness in participation across all consortium members and other interested parties;
- Recognize the varying organizational needs, models, and developmental stages of telemedicine/telehealth initiatives across Wyoming;
- Build upon existing activities, experience, skills and resources in the design and implementation of statewide networks; and
- Encourage participation and commitment by members to build consensus, support network operations, and establish an effective voice for state-level telemedicine/telehealth perspectives, issues, and opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP

The Office of Rural Health, in collaboration with the State Health Officer or designee and the State Chief Information Officer or designee, shall represent the Department of Health in the Consortium. Other Consortium members shall be appointed by the Director of the Department of Health.

AMENDMENTS

This Charter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Consortium members.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Charter was approved at a meeting of the Consortium on February 22, 2022.

This Charter is effective upon signing by the Chair of the Consortium, and shall remain in effect until amended or until dissolution of the Consortium.

ADOPTION

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James F. Bush, M.D., M.A.C.P., Chair Wyoming Telehealth Consortium

Date: 02/22/2022