

Wyoming Telehealth Consortium  
2025 Meeting Agendas and Minutes

January 28, 2025

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## January 2025 Session Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2025

**Time:** 3:00pm – 4:00pm MDT

**Location:** Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/371954998>

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*Agenda Item*

*Lead/Facilitator*

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### Meeting Agenda

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome and Introductions</li><li>2. Announcements<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. January WyTN Webinar: Virtual Presence, Real Impact: How to Build Connection in Remote Environments.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• January 29th (12:00pm – 1:00pm MT)</li><li>• <a href="#">Register today!</a></li></ul></li><li>ii. February WyTN Webinar: Telehealth Billing Panel Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• February 26<sup>th</sup> (12:00pm – 1:00pm MT)</li><li>• <a href="#">Register today!</a></li></ul></li><li>iii. Congratulations to Tai Baker who just joined the NRTRC Board!</li></ol></li></ol>	<b>Dr. Paul Johnson</b> , WTC Chair, Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. <a href="#">Telehealth Bill</a> Discussion</li></ol>	<b>Dr. Paul Johnson</b> , WTC Chair, Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. New Business<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. WTC Membership Rules and Procedures</li></ol></li></ol>	<b>Tai Baker</b> , WTC Secretary, Senior Program Manager, WyTN

<p>5. Old Business</p> <p>i. Committee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Steering Committee</li><li>• Strategic Partners and Outreach Committee</li><li>• Finance Committee</li></ul>	<p><b>Dr. Paul Johnson</b>, WTC Chair, Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director</p> <p><b>Tom Lacock</b>, Strategic Partners and Outreach Committee Co-Chair, Associate Staff Director, AARP Wyoming</p> <p><b>Faith Jones</b>, Finance Committee Chair, Director of Care Coordination and Lean Consultant, HealthTech</p>
<p>6. Adjournment</p>	<p><b>Dr. Paul Johnson</b>, WTC Chair, Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director</p>

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**Attendees:**

1. **Amanda DeDiego** (Associate Professor of Counseling, University of Wyoming)
2. **Andrea Shipley** (Senior Program Coordinator, Wyoming Center on Aging)
3. **Ann Clement** (Executive Director, Wyoming 211)
4. **Brittany Brigham** (Project Coordinator, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities)
5. **Brian Gee** (Physician, Lander Medical Clinic)
6. **Canyon Hardesty** (Associate Director, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities)
7. **Deb Anderson** (Health IT Consultant, Wyoming 211)
8. **Emily Genoff** (Director of Business Development, Wyoming Behavioral Institute)
9. **Faith Jones** (Faith Jones, Director of Care Coordination and Lean Consultant, HealthTech)
10. **Grace Morris** (Wind River Cares)
11. **Harris Jensen** (Psychiatrist, Private Practice)
12. **Irene Burch**
13. **Jeff Clark** (Manager, Wyoming Department of Health Aging Division)
14. **Jeffrey Dockter** (Chief of the Business Management Office, ETS, State of Wyoming)
15. **Jody Haines** (Telehealth Director, Billings Clinic, Montana Telehealth Alliance, NRTRC)
16. **Justin Whitson** (Counselor, Harmony Health)
17. **Kathy McMahan** (Provider Relations Manager, Cigna)
18. **Kristen Glennie** (Project Coordinator, Senior, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities)
19. **Michelle Jarman** (Executive Director, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities)
20. **Morris McGaugh** (Consultant)
21. **Patrick Hardigan** (Dean, College of Health Sciences, University of Wyoming)
22. **Paul Johnson** (Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director)
23. **Rex Gantenbein** (Wyoming Telehealth Consortium SPOC Co-Chair)
24. **Ryan Harmon** (Director of Operations, Community Health Centers of Central Wyoming)
25. **Sharon Weber** (Office of Rural Health Manager, Wyoming Department of Health)
26. **Sheila Bush** (Executive Director, Wyoming Medical Society)
27. **Tai Baker** (Senior Program Manager, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities)
28. **Tom Lacock** (Associate State Director, AARP Wyoming)
29. **Virginia Vogt** (Case Manager, Align Services)

**Facilitator:** Dr. Paul Johnson

**Minutes:** Brittany Brigham

<p><b>Welcome and Announcements</b>  Dr. Paul Johnson,  WTC Chair, Wyoming  Medicaid Medical  Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to the new UW College of Health Sciences Dean, Dr. Patrick Hardigan!</li> <li>• Welcome to the new WyTN Senior Project Coordinator, Kristen Glennie!</li> <li>• January WyTN Webinar: Virtual Presence, Real Impact: How to Build Connection in Remote Environments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ January 29th (12:00pm – 1:00pm MT)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• February WyTN Webinar: Telehealth Billing Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ February 26<sup>th</sup> (12:00pm – 1:00pm MT)</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Register today!</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Congratulations to Tai Baker who just joined the NRTRC Board!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Telehealth Bill Discussion</b>  Tom Lacock, SPOC  Co-Chair, Associate  State Director, AARP  Wyoming)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">House Bill 0241, the “Telehealth Freedom Act” Overview</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The bill aims to remove the requirement for physicians to be licensed in Wyoming to provide telehealth services to Wyoming residents.</li> <li>○ The bill’s sponsors include Scott Smith, Senator Laura Pearson, and Tom Kelly.</li> <li>○ A conversation with a bill sponsor revealed that the bill aims to address situations where patients want to continue post-operative or follow-up care via telehealth, even if the physician is not licensed in Wyoming.</li> <li>○ The bill has been introduced but may not progress significantly at this stage.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Concerns and Potential Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Concerns were raised about the risks of allowing unlicensed out-of-state providers to deliver care to Wyoming residents.</li> <li>○ There was a shared concern regarding instances where telehealth services were poorly delivered by an out-of-state physician, leading to harm and complications.</li> <li>○ It was noted that some insurance policies require telehealth consultation before covering in-person care, which has led to misdiagnoses and other issues.</li> <li>○ The importance of ensuring providers are licensed in Wyoming to protect patient safety was emphasized.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Questions About Other Licensing Boards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A participant asked if the proposed telehealth bill would apply to all healthcare providers or just those licensed by the Wyoming Board of Medicine.</li> <li>○ It was clarified that the bill applies broadly to any healthcare provider defined in state statute, though additional clarity would be needed regarding how other licensing boards, such as those for nurse practitioners and behavioral health providers, would be impacted.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It was recommended to reach out to other relevant licensing boards (e.g., nursing, behavioral health) to determine whether they have similar provisions regarding telehealth.</li> <li>○ It was noted that other boards, such as the Mental Health Professional Licensing Board, have different telehealth rules (e.g., a 30-day window for practicing without a Wyoming license).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Investigate the stance of other licensing boards on telehealth practices, including those for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and mental health professionals.</li> <li>○ Consider sending information about the existing telehealth rules to members in the next WyTN newsletter to provide clarity on current practices.</li> </ul>
<p><b>WTC Rules and Procedures</b> Dr. Paul Johnson, WTC Chair, Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The WTC Steering Committee drafted an updated Wyoming Telehealth Membership Rules and Procedures document.</li> <li>● The document was shared and the Consortium feedback was added.</li> <li>● Please review the attached current WTC Membership Rules and Procedures document and email Brittany Brigham (<a href="mailto:bwilli26@uwyo.edu">bwilli26@uwyo.edu</a>) or Tai Baker (<a href="mailto:TAIW@uwyo.edu">TAIW@uwyo.edu</a>) with any additional feedback.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adjournment</b> Dr. Paul Johnson, WTC Chair, Wyoming Medicaid Medical Director</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thank you everyone!</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 (3:00pm – 4:00pm)