



2020 Annual Conference Agenda

Monday, February 24, 2020

Joint MTHA / AARP Telehealth Policy Conference

This conference day is focused on telehealth policy and is geared especially for providers, administrators, public policy directors and legislators.

10:00 a.m. [Check-in begins](#)

11:00 a.m. [Welcome](#)
Melinda Bertucci, AARP

11:15 a.m. [Opening Keynote: Continuing Telehealth as a Leading Healthcare Solution](#)
Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi

Mississippi has been a telehealth leader for many years. Governor Reeves will provide an overview of plans for healthcare in Mississippi for the next four years and how telehealth will remain a strong component in the statewide plan.

Noon [Lunch Session: School-Based Telehealth in Mississippi](#)
Michael Summers, Choctaw Regional Medical Center
Representative, Mississippi Division of Medicaid
Ryan Kelly, Mississippi Telehealth Association

A new opportunity for serving students and the parents/guardians of students in Mississippi is a comprehensive school-based telehealth program. This program would create opportunities for Medicaid dollars to reimburse providers delivering care into the school setting, utilizing school nurses and telehealth technology. This panel will discuss where Mississippi is in this process and what needs to happen for a statewide program.

1:00 p.m. [Growing Access to Telehealth from the Provider Perspective](#)
Shannon Fryery, North Mississippi Health System

This session will provide an understanding of opportunities and impacts of growing access to healthcare for patients by utilizing telehealth. However, this session will focus on the perspective of the provider and analyze the impact that patient access has on the health and treatment of the patient.

2:00 p.m. [Up and Coming Uses of Telehealth](#)
Tearsanee Davis, UMMC Center for Telehealth
Will Moon, T1 Telehealth
Joe Schaffner, South Central Telehealth Resource Center

This session will touch on several new methods of using telehealth to solve patient and provider needs, as well as offer an open Q/A opportunity for attendees.

3:00 p.m. [Adjourn Day 1](#)

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

MTHA Main Conference

This conference day is focused on providing telehealth education, best practices, and new resources for providers, consumers, health IT professionals, businesses, administrators and other interested parties.

8:15 a.m. [Check-in / Exhibitor viewing time](#)

9:00 a.m. [Welcome](#)
Michael Adcock, MTHA Chair

9:15 a.m. [Opening Keynote: A View of Telehealth on the National Stage](#)
Ann Mond Johnson, CEO, American Telemedicine Association

Telehealth and telemedicine is evolving rapidly across our nation, and the American Telemedicine Association is on the forefront with attention to innovation and provider adoption. This session will feature one of the nation's leaders in telemedicine adoption, and her viewpoint as to the current and future state of telehealth and telemedicine in the nation.

10:15 a.m. [Break](#)

10:30 a.m. [Breakout sessions](#)

[Breakout 1 - Telehealth Training in Undergraduate Medical Education](#)

Sajani M. Tipnis MD, Loretta Jackson Williams MD, PhD, Agnieszka Sikora, Richard Summers MD

Over the last decade telemedicine has become increasingly important to the healthcare system in the United States. Similarly the training of future physicians in this field has become increasingly important. The UMMC School of Medicine has been working to develop a 4 year curriculum that will allow our graduates exposure to the practice of telemedicine and to understand how to use telemedicine in a professional manner. In addition we would like to for them to feel informed about the laws governing the use of telemedicine. The current developing curriculum hopes to accomplish these goals. Our presentation will discuss the current UMMC telehealth curriculum and goals for future content.

[Breakout 2 – How Telehealth Can Solve the Childhood Mental Health Disparity](#)

Kristy N. Baxter, RN

Mississippi children with severe mental health needs have few options. Most children go to institutions far from home to receive the support and services they need. Mississippi ranks near the bottom of national rankings as it relates to access to care. We are looking to expand access to Telehealth in Schools. This presentation will show how telehealth can help to end this disparity.

11:30 p.m. [Break / Vendor Discovery](#)

Noon [Lunch](#)

[Care Management and Telehealth – An Overview of Recent Developments](#)

Clinton D. Ballew, CPA

In the past 2 years, CMS has attempted to spark more provider utilization of care management services, as provider uptake has been lower than projected. CMS has offered relaxed administrative burden for CCM, but recent developments in Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM) services have gained more steam as a tool to prevent hospitalization and provide valuable input to patient care plans. Other recent developments include the addition of reimbursement codes to manage care plans for patients with only 1 (instead of the statutorily required 2) high risk conditions, thereby allowing specialists to implement telehealth modalities into their practices. Lastly, recently proposed OIG fraud and abuse waivers may help to pave the way for record uptake of technology based care management services, finally achieving the level envisioned by CMS and other payers.

1:30 p.m. [Break](#)

1:45 p.m. [Launching Virtual Care: Technology, Connectivity, and Security Needs for Telehealth Programs](#)

Brian Dalhover

Health centers across the country are increasingly embracing telehealth and virtual care services to expand access to critical care and overcome persistent clinical workforce shortages. However, insufficient connectivity, personnel constraints, and cybersecurity vulnerabilities are often a barrier to implementing a thriving telehealth program. During this session, we'll focus on the key technology and network infrastructure requirements health centers must have in place before telehealth implementation. Specifically, we'll provide an in-depth look at network connectivity guidelines, including how to optimize Internet speeds and Wi-Fi connections for connected care environments, and best practices for cybersecurity, data privacy, HIPAA compliance, and risk management.

2:45 p.m. [From the Couch to the Camera – Evolution of Mental Healthcare Delivery](#)

Ryan Osterhaus

From dreams and ink blots to neuroimaging and pharmacogenetics, the last 75 years has been a period of rapid evolution in healthcare delivery models, especially in the area of mental health. Advances in our understanding of brain chemistry and neuroanatomy have often outpaced our ability to effectively deliver services to populations in desperate need of mental healthcare. Modern technology, including improved telehealth platforms and creative uses of social media, offers emerging paradigms for delivering high quality mental health services wherever, and whenever, they are needed. This session will review the history of mental healthcare delivery models over the last 75 years, explore how advances in technology have made healthcare delivery more accessible and effective, and discuss emerging paradigms for improving the patient/provider relationship.

3:45 p.m. [Adjourn Conference](#)