

Oklahoma City Association of Health Underwriters
Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
October 13, 2021
9:30 am

VIA ZOOM hosted by Leah-Anne Janway for Ashley Goggans

Barton-Lewis, Diane (Director & HUPAC Chair)	EXCUSED
Bigbie, Andy (Treasurer)	
Brown, Susie (Director & Van Guard Council Chair)	EXCUSED
Clagg, Theresa (Secretary & Public Service Chair & NAHU Foundation Chair)	
Cooper, Jodi (Director , Media & Website Chair)	
Cox, Carrie (Director & Professional Development & Newsletter Chair)	EXCUSED
Goggans, Ashley (President)	EXCUSED
Harmon, Kelley (Vice President & Legislative Chair)	
Hutton, Megan (President Elect , Awards & Annual Partners Chair)	
Morgan Kitchen, Connie (Director)	EXCUSED
Nursick, Dana (Past President & Membership & Retention Chair)	EXCUSED

Non-Voting members

Janway, Leah-Anne (Executive Director)
Pitt, Jana (Hospitality Committee)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am

I. MINUTES

No changes to the September 9, 2021 minutes
MINUTES stand approved as distributed

II.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT (Andy)

1. Beginning balance \$36,952.15, total payments \$1056.54, total deposits \$1681.33, ending balance \$37,576.94.

IV.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

I. Annual Partners (Megan)

1. Annual Partners January renewal is quickly approaching. I am working to update the Annual Partners forms and will get that sent to all our current Annual Partners.
2. Is there a way we can put this on the website? Can the Annual Partners add to cart and pay online? Jodi will check on adding this as an option.

II. Awards (Megan)

1. 2021 Legislative Awards:
 - a. My goal is to be able to file for Legislative Awards. The deadline is January, so I can't promise these will get submitted.
2. Awards Newsletter:
 - a. Received Newsletter regarding awards that hit the basics of the Pacesetter and Chapter Awards.
 - b. Newsletter was sent to awards chairs to help notify us of where awards templates and items were located on the NAHU website.

III. Communications / Website (Jodi)

1. **Emails:**
 - a. Sent out emails for October meeting
 - b. Sent subsequent reminder email on Monday regarding donations for the OK Kids Korral supply drive.

2. **Website:**
 - a. Set up October meeting
 - b. Drafted announcements
 - c. Added new logo for an annual partner
 - d. We have been working with StarChapter on the new web design, it is now live. Can the board please review and provide feedback? Send any suggestions for change/improvement by the end of the week, please! The web address is okahu.org
3. **Other**
 - a. Worked the ZOOM tracking for the September 9th, 2021 virtual CE attendees

IV. **Executive Director (Leah-Anne)**

1. Worked the registration table for the September 9 CE meeting
2. Filed the September rosters with OID for the 1 hour ce Classroom & Virtual
3. Filed the October and November courses with the OID; October approved; November will be virtual and it just got submitted – Reminder November is virtual only.
4. Checked PO Box a few times
5. Made bank deposit
6. Worked with NAHU on a couple of membership issues
7. Worked on accounting in QuickBooks, issued check(s) with Andy's approval
8. Prepared and distributed the October meeting agenda & reports
9. Total billable hours:
September 8 – October 12, 2021 15 hrs. @ \$13/hr. = \$195.00

V. **HUPAC (Diane)**

1. **OK PAC:** There are 12 donors are from OKC. 4 are Tulsa. Total donors 16.
 - a. Total donors in OKC is 12.
2. **NAHU PAC** 19 donors for OKC and 19 are Tulsa
 - a. Based on August NAHU HUPAC report. Mike Dollins is still listed.

VI. **Legislative (Kelley)**

Oklahoma Report

1. Interim Studies this summer:

House

- 21-002 – Study SB921 Pharmacy Benefit Management - House Insurance Committee – Approved – Scheduled for October
- 21-097 – Study Insurance Reimbursement for Providers – House Insurance Committee – Approved – Scheduled for October

Senate

- 2021-11 – Study the rising cost of healthcare and the failure of the current system to incentivize lower prices. – Health & Human Services Committee – No new updates
- 2. Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA)– Modernization of Insure Oklahoma –
 - a. They are working on modernizing the Insure OK ESI benefits
 - b. Not sure if they will be able to have completed for January effective dates
 - c. REMAIN HOPEFUL
- 3. Lobbyist Contract
 - a. Received MMR’s renewal contract
 - b. Reviewing – Seth is willing to meet or have a call with any questions we have about the renewal contract
- 4. Medicare Birthdate Rule
 - a. Medicare Working Group will help us with this information

Federal Report from Washington, DC

- 1. Surprise Billing Regs
 - a. Provider Says what they want, and the carrier will state what they are willing to pay = Medium rate closest to either # will be used
 - b. IDRE is Arbitration
 - i. Use qualified payment amount (QPA)
 - ii. Medium Network Rate = lower number requires arbitration to use to drive cost down and it’s what NAHU wanted
 - iii. Benefits Consumer, helps lower cost and rising premiums
 - iv. Good Overall
 - v. Some stakeholders (providers & hospital) don’t like it
 - vi. 2 Committees Congressional Intent – May Be Challenged
- 2. Proposed Rates on Broker Compensation:
 - a. Individual market = carrier does most of work
 - i. NAHU is Putting together information for agents & brokers to use –
 - b. Group market = DOL talk is ongoing – nothing released yet, hopefully in next 2 weeks. NAHU is awaiting to hear if they will delay it as NAHU requested or move it forward.
- 3. Employer Reporting Bill
 - a. Operation Shout sent out on 9/23/2021 from NAHU, This is to tell Congress to Ease Employer Reporting Requirements
 - i. Establish a new voluntary reporting system for employers to report to the IRS information about their health plans.
 - ii. Require that employers report to the IRS only those employees who are not receiving healthcare from their employer
 - iii. Specify that information that would be reported would include name and employer identification, who has been extended an offer of minimum essential coverage, whether coverage meets minimum value and the affordability safe harbour, and months that coverage is available without waiting periods

- iv. Allow employers to deliver reports to employees electronically without another consent form
- v. Instruct the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on the notifications, HHS appeals process and the prospective reporting system
- vi. Require HHS to review the most recent tax filing for individuals automatically reenrolled in exchange-based coverage and adjust their tax credits accordingly.

4. Lower the Medicare Eligibility Age

- a. Operation Shout sent out on 9/7/2021 from NAHU, this is to tell Congress to Oppose proposals to lower the Medicare Eligibility Age
 - i. Medicare has frequently been used as a friendly word for a single payer system
 - ii. Ongoing Viability of Medicare, private individual market and the employer market
 - iii. Unlevel playing field in the insurance market, because the government plan can mandate that providers accept lower payment rates while private plans must negotiate the best rates they can
 - iv. Difference between Medicare rates and private plan rates can range from Medicare rates being from 80 to 90% lower to 800 to 900% lower
 - v. Government plans will be priced artificially lower than private coverage, eventually the government plans would push private coverage out of existence
 - vi. Lowering age could also create un-level playing field in the current individual market because of unfair pricing differential
 - vii. Employer market, the opt-out ability would create adverse selection as those opting out of employer coverage in favor of Medicare would likely be most attractive to employees who were younger and healthier since Medicare benefits are less generous than those found in most employer sponsored plans. This would leave those remaining in the employer coverage likely to be older and sicker, potentially damaging the viability of the pool of covered individuals in the employer plan
 - viii. EXPENSIVE AND DIFFICULT TO PRICE ACCURATELY. With Medicare Insolvency looming, expanding this program now does not seem prudent or fiscally appropriate.

VII. **Media / Newsletter (Carrie)**
 No report. Carrie did send out a draft of the newsletter this morning for the board to review. Please review and give feedback.

VIII. **Membership & Retention (Dana)**
 No report

IX. **NAHU Education Foundation (Theresa)**
 Nothing new to report

X. **Professional Development (Carrie)**

10/14/21	Paul Albrecht	Prime Therapeutics	Pharmacy??
11/11/2021	Kim Linn	Keystone Flex Administrators	FSA's and HAS's
01/13/22	Terry Stover	Community Care	EAP
02/10/22	Nick Jaffee	Payrollmart	PEO Exit
03/10/22	Connie Morgan/Kellley Harmon/Seth	OKAHU	Legislative Updates

04/14/22	Regena Carlson	OHCA	Insure OK & Medicaid Expansion
05/12/22	Jerry Bridge	Keynote Speaker	"If Healthcare is about well being, Why Am I So Stressed Out?"

XI. Public Service (Theresa)

1. This week:
 - a. October 14th bring your supplies for the Supply Drive – see the wish list
2. Upcoming Events:
 - November –tour OK Kids Korral date and time TBD –
 - b. December -toy drive at the monthly meeting
 - c. December 29th – cook dinner for the families that are staying at OK Kids Korral that evening.
More details as all of these dates get closer.

	# Cards in Deck	Card Drawn	BY	Total Sold	\$25 Speaker	OP Shout Winner
			THE POT	\$100		
6/10/2021	26	Kind of Clubs	Kelley Harmon	\$84	None	Diane Barton-Lewis
7/8/2021	25	4 of Hearts	Max McKenzie	\$116	Jan Dumont	Leah Anne Janway
8/12/2021	N/A	VIRTUAL MEETING			Bill Brooks	N/A
9/2/2021	24	3 of Spades	Mark Schlegel	\$60	Dan Jolivet	Mark Schlegel
Total				\$360		

XII. Vanguard (Susie)
No report

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Triple Crown – Continue to monitor Operation Shouts to assure proper credit is given by NAHU

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

1. August/September Benefit Specialist magazine page 56 reflected our chapter's 2021 awards – Make sure each member is getting their magazine (Leah-Anne will have one at check in to make sure all are getting)
2. Mark your calendars for the National NAHU Meeting in Austin, TX June 26-28, 2022

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. NEXT Board Meeting Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 9:30 am ZOOM hosted by Ashley
- B. MOTION to adjourn
Motion: Kelley Second: Andy
Time 10:05