

PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC) MEETING AGENDA

**SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2023
10AM TO ADJOURNMENT**

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1. Call to order/roll call – Staff
2. **Possible Action:** Review and possible approval of minutes from the August 1st, 2023 meeting – Chairperson

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. **Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to make recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Kourosh Yazdani – Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. **Public Comment:** No Action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.
5. **Adjournment**

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Nevada Public Notice website: <https://notice.nv.gov>
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[DPBH – 4150 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706](#)

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STATE OF NEVADA
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DRAFTMINUTES
August 1, 2023
11:00AM to Adjournment

TELECONFERENCE:

In accordance with Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 1; The requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Susan VanBeuge
Dr. Qureshi
Dr. Campbell
Gerald Ackerman
Sarah Watkins
Suellen Bacigalupi (designee)
Steve Messinger (designee)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Julie Clyde (sent designee)
Nancy Bowen (sent designee)

DPBH/DHCFP STAFF PRESENT:

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO
Pierron Tackes, Deputy Attorney General
Bethany Schimank, Management Analyst, PCO

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.

T. Emmerich-Choi read the roll call and stated that there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of minutes:

S. VanBeuge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the April 24th, 2023 meeting. No recommendations were made. Dr. VanBeuge abstains from voting due to not attending the prior meeting.

First Motion: Gerald Ackerman moves to pass the approval of minutes

Second Motion: Dr. Qureshi seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

3. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Abhijit Lau Salaskar.

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

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Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: Gerald Ackerman moves to approve

Second Motion: Dr. Qureshi seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

4. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Juan Fransisco Morales Leon.

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application. Tarryn Emmerich-Choi brings up that the Program has had a lot of Radiologists applying this cycle, and asks if the council thinks they should require a recruitment and retention policy, as if a site recruits several J-1 doctors, after 3 years they will once again need to recruit if they do not retain the doctors they have hired. G. Ackerman asked if the PCO is able to track who is leaving. T. Emmerich-Choi states that the office gives a completion letter at the end of their term, and they have started asking in this email if the doctor plan on staying in Nevada and at their practice, and the PCO is tracking this in a database. G. Ackerman states that instead of asking one to do a retention policy, can they come up with a statewide recruitment and retention policy. Dr. VanBeuge asks legal if the meeting is going too far off of the agenda. Pierron Tackes states that if this topic is something to be discussed further, then it should be tabled until a future agenda item. S. VanBeuge states that we can add it to the agenda for a future meeting.

Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: Steve Messinger moves to approve

Second Motion: Sarah Watkins seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

5. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Hassan Raza Hashmi.

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented summary, handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: Dr. Qureshi moves to approve

Second Motion: G. Ackerman seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

6. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Mothana Saad Eldine.

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

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Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: Dr. Qureshi moves to approve

Second Motion: Gerald Ackerman seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

7. Member or Public Comment

T. Emmerich-Choi reiterates that the PCO does not require a recruitment and retention policy for J-1 physicians, and wonders if the council thinks they should add it as a requirement. S. VanBeuge states that she is in favor of adding this item to a future agenda to discuss a recruitment and retention policy being added. G. Ackerman states that he would like to discuss an over recruitment and retention policy for the program, not just for facilities with more than one J-1 hire. G. Ackerman also requests that the PCO gather data and a report on the number of J-1 physicians leaving the state and adding it to a future meeting agenda. T. Emmerich-Choi states that they will gather the data and will have it available in a future meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.25 a.m.

Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation

Complete and check all applicable fields, corresponding boxes and enter all required information:

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Full Name: Kourosh Yazdani
Residency Discipline: Emergency Medicine
Residency Timeframe: July 2020 to Present
Location of Residency: New York Medical College, New York
Fellowship(s)/Specialty: N/A
Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: Start date to End date
Location of Fellowship(s)1: Name of school, State

Employer's Information:

Employer's Full Name: Fremont Emergency Services
Employer's Address: 265 Brookview Centre Way, Ste 400, Knoxville, TN 37919

Practice Site #1: Southern Hills Hospital & Medical Center
Practice Site #1 Address: 9300 W Sunset Rd Las Vegas, NV 89148-4844
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: Number of Hours site#1
Select and input all that apply:

- Practice Site #1 HPSA (#1324377592) Practice Site #1 MUA (#MUA#) Flex spot
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Tribal Health Center
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

Practice Site #2*: MountainView Hospital & Medical Center
Practice Site #2 Address: 601 Adams Blvd Boulder City, NV 89005-2219
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: Number of Hours site#2
Select all that apply:

- Practice Site #2 HPSA (#1323522175) Practice Site #2 MUA (#1323865979) Flex spot
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Tribal Health Center
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

More than two additional practice sites: Yes No

If additional practice sites, please copy and add all additional practice locations here or at end of form

Official Legal Representative and Contact Person for Application:

Contact Name: Elissa Taub
Contact Mailing Address: 1028 Oakhaven Rd Memphis, TN 38119
Contact e-mail: etaub@visalaw.com
Contact telephone: 901-682-6455

Candidate Information:

Dr. Kourosh Yazdani:

DOB:

Place of Birth:

Country of Citizenship:

DOS Case Number:

Dr. Yazdani's qualifications are suited for the needs of the facilities. In 2020, Dr. Yazdani earned his medical degree from St. George's University, St. George's, Grenada. In 2023, Dr. Yazdani will complete a residency in Emergency Medicine at New York Medical College, New York, NY. As an employee of Fremont Emergency Services (Scherr), Ltd., he will be responsible for caring for patients who otherwise do not have a physician to oversee their care.

MountainView

	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	13,965	27%
Medicaid visits	16,945	33%
NV Check-up	-	-
Sliding Fee Scale	6,019*	12%*
Indigent/Charity	*	*
Other – not listed above	14,872	28%
Totals	51,801	100%
For specialists/hospitalists: # of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the application specialty type		

*All uninsured patients are eligible to apply for a discount on services. Uninsured who paid full or reduced price are not tracked separately.

ER at Aliante

	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	1,963	14%
Medicaid visits	4,949	34%
NV Check-up	-	-
Sliding Fee Scale	1,623*	11%
Indigent/Charity	*	*
Other – not listed above	6,031	41%
Totals	14,566	100%
For specialists/hospitalists: # of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the application specialty type		

*All uninsured patients are eligible to apply for a discount on services. Uninsured who paid full or reduced price are not tracked separately.

ER at Skye Canyon

	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	775	11%
Medicaid visits	1,483	22%
NV Check-up	-	-
Sliding Fee Scale	607*	9%
Indigent/Charity	*	*
Other – not listed above	3,949	58
Totals	6,814	100%
For specialists/hospitalists: # of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the application specialty type		

*All uninsured patients are eligible to apply for a discount on services. Uninsured who paid full or reduced price are not tracked separately.

ER at the Lakes

	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	2,251	14%
Medicaid visits	5,887	36%
NV Check-up	-	-
Sliding Fee Scale	2,224*	14%*
Indigent/Charity	*	*
Other – not listed above	5,846	36%*
Totals	16,208	100%
For specialists/hospitalists: # of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the application specialty type		

*All uninsured patients are eligible to apply for a discount on services. Uninsured who paid full or reduced price are not tracked separately.

Southern Hills Hospital and Medical

	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	7,879	25%
Medicaid visits	8,967	28%
NV Check-up	-	-
Sliding Fee Scale	3,296*	10%*
Indigent/Charity	*	*
Other – not listed above	11,710*	37%*
Totals	31,852	100%
For specialists/hospitalists: # of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the application specialty type		

*All uninsured patients are eligible to apply for a discount on services. Uninsured who paid full or reduced price are not tracked separately.

Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center

	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	14,708	18%
Medicaid visits	29,065	36%
NV Check-up	-	-
Sliding Fee Scale	16,399*	20%*
Indigent/Charity	*	*
Other – not listed above	20,820	26%
Totals	80,992	100%
For specialists/hospitalists: # of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the application specialty type		

*All uninsured patients are eligible to apply for a discount on services. Uninsured who paid full or reduced price are not tracked separately.

KOUROSH YAZDANI, MD

Education and Postgraduate Training

New York Medical College <i>Harlem and Metropolitan Hospitals, New York, NY</i>	Emergency Medicine Resident <i>Level I and Level III Trauma Training</i>	July 2020 - Present
St. George's University <i>St. George's, Grenada</i>	Doctor of Medicine	Aug 2016 - July 2020
University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) <i>Chicago, IL</i>	Bachelor of Science, Biology <i>Minors in Chemistry and psychology</i> <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	Aug 2012 - July 2016

Professional Leadership and Committees

Chief Resident, Administration and Scheduling	May 2022 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating and managing the adult and pediatric schedule for 37 Emergency Medicine Residents as well as rotating Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Anesthesiology residents• Assisting the Program Director and Chief of service with all delegated administrative duties• Acting as the liaison between the residents and program leadership	
Fellow, Healthcare Administration Program Fellowship	July 2021 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating action plans on how to resolve common inter-departmental issues, such as improving the ER-to-admitting process, streamlining transfer times to the floors, and reducing consultation pushbacks• Developed a QI project that significantly increased outpatient follow-ups, as noted below	
Resident Director, Operations & Leadership Committee	April 2021 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participating in administrative, quality, health policy, patient safety, research, and operational planning necessary to lead an emergency department• Assist residents interested in operational	
Representative, New York ACEP Emergency Medicine Resident Committee	April 2021 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning yearly medical student symposiums to introduce the field of EM• Recruiting renowned EM speakers for biannual professional development affair conferences	
SGU Representative, Emergency Preparedness/Security Committee	July 2017 - 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Synthesized an emergency protocol in the case of natural disasters and represented the class of 2020 in decision making processes and challenges faced by the pandemic	
SGU Representative, Student Government Association (SGA)	Dec 2016 - 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represented the students in all academic and non-academic affairs pertaining to their education and well-being	

QI and Research

Project Leader, 72-Hour Bounce-back Project	2021-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leading a team of 8 resident researchers to hold quarterly presentations• Analyzing reasons for all patients who were admitted within 72 hours of discharge from the ED• Goal: Reducing number of bounce-backs by illustrating trends that lead to ED returns	
Project Leaderee, Post-ED Care Referral Project	2021-Present

- Establish means by which healthcare managers can follow up with patients with specific conditions associated with high bounce-back rates
- Increased prescribed medication adherence by 10% over 6 months
- Decreased referral appointment “no-shows” by 30% over 6 months

Two Patient Identifier Project

2020-Present

- Increase two patient-identifier use among ED providers to reduce clinical errors

Expected Wait time Project

2020-2021

- Goal: Improve Press Ganey-style scores by providing patients with ED visit Flowsheets
- Results: Improved patient satisfaction and perceived wait times (pre and post intervention scores of 4.5 and 4.69, respectively)

Research assistant, UIC Department of Biological Sciences

2015-2016

- Tested the function of *CRISPR*-modified Fife-1 presynaptic protein in *C. elegans*
- Used PCR for genetic assessment and performed multiple assays (Dylox Assay, body bend assay, thrashing assay, electrophysiological assay)

Expected Airway Volume Changes Post Facial Reconstruction Surgery

2014-2015

Chicago, IL

- Analyzed 3D facial structures to calculate windpipe volume changes

Publications and Presentations

Resuscitation Rounds Presentation

2021

- Presented importance of bias recognition and mental health among ED staff

Soo Park¹, Allison Arquero¹, Roohi Bakhath¹, Beshoy Geris¹, **Kourosh Yazdani**, Hossein Kalantari¹, Getaw Worku Hassen. *“Pattern of Pediatrics Asthma management in the Emergency Department”*

2020-2021

Yazdani K, Richmond. *“Exploring the Functionality of the Fife-1 Protein in C. elegans”*

2016

Yazdani K, Tabliago N. *“Effects of Sleep on Motor Skills”*. Poster presented at UIC Research and Impact Day

2015

Grants

CIR Research Grant for 72-hour Bounce-back Project

2022

- \$10,000 research grant for funding the bounce-back project and meta-analysis software

CIR Grant for Ultrasound Machines

2020

- \$75,000 for state-of-the-art ultrasonography devices at both Metropolitan and Harlem hospitals

Interests

Rock climbing, Plant Enthusiast, Scuba diving, Video editing

Languages

Native Proficiency: English, Farsi, Arabic | Good Proficiency: Hindi, Spanish | Basic Proficiency: French

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December 16 2022

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Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Re: Employer Letter – Kourosch Yazdani, M.D.

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of Fremont Emergency Services (Scherr), Ltd., to request that the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health act as the interested government agency and recommend a J-1 waiver for Dr. Kourosch Yazdani. Fremont Emergency Services (Scherr), Ltd., intends to hire Dr. Yazdani to provide care at the following facilities:

Southern Hills Hospital & Medical Center

Contact Person Name and Title: Dr. Logan Sondrup
Mailing Address: 9300 W. Sunset Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89148-4844
Physical Address: 9300 W. Sunset Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89148-4844
HPSA Number: 1324377592/1327859798
Telephone Number: (702) 916-5000
Fax Number: (866) 208-7369
Email Address of facility contact person: Logan_Sondrup@teamhealth.com

MountainView Hospital & Medical Center

Contact Person Name and Title: Dr. Clarence Dunagan
Mailing Address: 601 Adams Blvd., Boulder City, NV 89005-2219
Physical Address: 601 Adams Blvd., Boulder City, NV 89005-2219
HPSA Number: 1323522175
MUA/P Number: 1323865979
Telephone Number: (702) 293-5151
Fax Number: (702) 962-5554
Email Address of facility contact person: Clarence_Dunagan@teamhealth.com

Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center

Contact Person Name and Title: Dr. Jaime Primerano, FMD
Mailing Address: 3186 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89109-2306
Physical Address: 3186 S. Maryland Pkwy., Las Vegas, NV 89109-2306

HPSA Number: 1328484648
MUA/P Number: 07866
Telephone Number: (702) 731-8000
Fax Number: (702) 961-8439
Email Address of facility contact person: :Jaime_Primerano@teamhealth.com

ER at the Lakes

Contact Person Name and Title: Dr. Scott Scheer, FMD
Mailing Address: 3325 S. Fort Apache, Las Vegas, NV 89117-6360
Physical Address: 3325 S. Fort Apache, Las Vegas, NV 89117-6360
HPSA Number: 1324377592/1327859798
Telephone Number: (702) 962-0500
Fax Number: (866) 208-7369
Email Address of facility contact person: Scott_Scheer@teamhealth.com

ER at Aliante

Contact Person Name and Title: Dr. Michael Lunberg, FMD
Mailing Address: 3325 S. Fort Apache, Las Vegas, NV 89117-6360
Physical Address: 3325 S. Fort Apache, Las Vegas, NV 89117-6360
HPSA Number: 1324377592/1327859798
Telephone Number: (702) 962-8430
Fax Number: (702) 962-5554
Email Address of facility contact person: Michael_Lunberg@teamhealth.com

ER at Skye Canyon

Contact Person Name and Title: Dr. Michael Lunberg, FMD
Mailing Address: 9860 W. Skye Canyon Park Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89166-6635
Physical Address: 9860 W. Skye Canyon Park Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89166-6635
MUA Number: 07784
Telephone Number: (702) 962-0700
Fax Number: (702) 962-5554
Email Address of facility contact person: Michael_Lunberg@teamhealth.com

Nevada is comprised of 17 counties that are categorized as either urban, rural or frontier. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services states that nearly three fourths of the populations (73%) resides in Clark County. The majority of Nevada's population is located in the southern part of the state in Clark County. Clark County is the most populous county in the state with the two largest cities, Las Vegas and Henderson. In 2016-2018, Clark County had the greatest percent of residents of the county going to EDs within the county at 99.78%. According to the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services from 2016 through 2018, there were a total of 2,009,694 emergency department visits made by Clark County residents, of those 0.22% occurred outside of Clark County. There were a total of 636,129 inpatient hospitalizations among Clark County residents, of those, 0.08% occurred outside of Clark

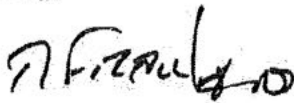
County. The majority of out of county emergency department visits and inpatient hospitalizations were into Washoe County, at 50% and 72% respectively.

According to the Nevada Primary Care Office (PCO), all 17 counties in Nevada have some type of shortage designation, due to high ratios of population to provider, a statewide lack of providers who accept Medicaid, and the travel time required to access a provider. There are three counties in Nevada with no hospital: Esmeralda County, Eureka County, and Storey County. If a condition requires care in an emergency department or hospitalization, residents in these three counties must be transported or self-transport to a county to seek the level of care necessary. In 2019, 11.2% of Nevada total population did not have any type of health insurance and 14.5% of the adults were unable to seek a doctor's care due to costs. In Clark County, 11.8% of the total population are with no health insurance and 14.1% of adults were unable to seek a doctor's care due to cost. Those uninsured are significantly more likely to be in fair or poor health, to have unmet medical needs or surgical care, not to have had a physician or health professional visit, and to lack satisfaction in quality of care received. Due to the physician shortage and difficulty in recruiting physicians to the area, the additional of Dr. Yazdani will give the citizens of Clark County and surrounding counties increase access to hospital medical services.

Our facilities are in areas which have been designated as having shortages of health professionals and which are populated with primarily low-income residents. Due to the physician shortage and difficulty in recruiting physicians to our area, the addition of Dr. Yazdani will give the citizens of our area increased access to emergency medicine services. Dr. Yazdani's qualifications are suited for the needs of the facilities. In 2020, Dr. Yazdani earned his medical degree from St. George's University, St. George's, Grenada. In 2023, Dr. Yazdani will complete a residency in Emergency Medicine at New York Medical College, New York, NY. As an employee of Fremont Emergency Services (Scherr), Ltd., he will be responsible for caring for patients who otherwise do not have a physician to oversee their care.

We believe the recruitment of Dr. Yazdani will be another big step toward improving the standards of patient care in Clark County. We look forward to have Dr. Yazdani at our practice.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Frantz, VP
Fremont Emergency Services (Scherr), Ltd.