

## Division of Public and Behavioral Health Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Date: Dec. 5, 2022

Time: 12 p.m.

#### Meeting Locations:

- This is a virtual meeting and there is no physical location to attend.
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#### 1.) Call to Order and Roll call – **Chair**

##### **Members:**

Christie L. Elliott, M.D.

David P. Marmaduke, M.D.

Alexander Stojanoff, Ph.D.

Victor M. Muro, M.D.

Iain L. O. Buxton, Ph.D.

Jill Brown, MT

Ihsan Azzam, M.D., Ph.D. Chief Medical Officer State of Nevada

General Supervisor – Taylor L. Noyes (pending appointment from Board of Health)

##### **Staff:**

Bradley Waples, Acting Manager Medical Laboratory Services

Emma Duarte, Acting Supervisor Medical Laboratory Services

Keri King, Administrative Assistant III

Nathan Orme, Education and Information Officer

*Quorum was met – Christie L. Elliott, Alexander Stojanoff, Iain L. O. Buxton, Jill Brown, Taylor Noyes – in attendance. David P. Marmaduke, Victor M. Muro, Ihsan Azzam – not in attendance.*

Brad Waples is acting chairman at this time.

2.) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from October 7, 2022. – **For Possible Action.** Any amendments to the Minutes? Jill Brown - Item 6 was an Aye and it wasn't recorded. Amend motion to approved as amended. Jill Brown moved to approve the minutes, and seconded by Iain Buxton, Aye; Alexander Stojanoff, Aye; and Christie Elliott, Aye. Motion Carries.

4.) Introduction of new member Taylor L. Noyes, General Supervisor position – **Discussion Item.** Board of Health, held on Friday, December 2, 2022, presentation introducing Taylor Noyes for the general supervisor position for the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee.

1. Nomination and approval of a new MLAC chair. – **For Possible Action.** Explanation of the MLAC Chair duties. A two-year term; minimum meeting once a year; a leadership role heading the committee; leading meetings and discussions. The chairperson is instrumental in bringing information to the committee while promoting medical laboratories in the state of Nevada.

Members asked for more description and details of the position. A motion made to table till the next meeting. Christie Elliott motion to table, Jill Brown seconded. Alexander Stojanoff, Aye; Ian Buxton, Aye; Taylor Noyes, Aye.

More information about the role will be put together on the next agenda.

5.) Consideration of applications and recommendation to fill the MLAC position for a licensed physician. – **For Possible Action.** Received 27 applications of interest on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee position. The list was submitted to all members. A link of applicants was provided during the meeting. Everyone was asked to review the list and if there is any person of interested to put forward as a candidate to be voted to fill the position.

Christie Elliott motion to nominate Dr. Ukadike, Rheumatologist. Dr. Ian Buxton seconded the motion. Taylor Noyes and Jill Brown agreed. Alex Stojanoff, Aye; Ian Buxton, Aye. Any in opposition? Nay, we have approval of the new member, Kennedy Ukadike, MD.

This is a recommendation to the State Board of Health for Kennedy Ukadike, MD, membership on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee. The nomination does have to be final approved by the Board. We will get it on their next agenda on March 3, 2023.

6.) Determine date of next meeting (dates of future meetings subject to change). The committee voted for the next meeting tentatively set for May 22, 2023, at noon.

7.) PUBLIC COMMENT

- Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting. Public testimony under this agenda item may be presented in person, online, by phone or written comment. Due to time considerations, each individual offering public comment will be limited to not more than three minutes.
  - Nathan opened the floor for any public comment again at the end of the meeting. Dr. Ga Geong Lee thanked the committee for the invitation.
  - Dr. Kennedy Ukadike, MD also asked to provide more information and details on the role of the MLAC committee physician. Possibly doing some additional work on the web pages.
  - Nathan will work with Brad Waples on revamping and making clearer those webpages so there is better information on MLAC activities and potential expectations of members the next time an opening comes along.
  - Brad Waples also spoke with all the Members' involvement to have regulation changes of which staff got together and went through Chapter 652 of the regulations for medical laboratories and did some updates. Brad stated in doing so, it was presented to MLAC for their review to see if there was any kind of changes or updates they would like to make and review that would be beneficial to the state of Nevada.
  - Dr. Ga Geong Lee asked the question, is there a way for nonmembers to participate and learn more about the group?
  - MLAC meetings are open to the public. During the public comments period, information is send out when the next meeting is coming, what's on the agenda to all the licensees in our database, you can subscribe to the medical labs list. If you also have multiples e-mail addresses or know multiple people in your office wanted to subscribe, you could subscribe to the Med labs list and those emails will also receive the notices.
  - Kenneth Edmonds (Guest) thanked for the invitation. Was wondering if the committee deals with regulating the boards or is it something to do with actually having people inspect the labs and approve them before they open.
  - Nathan asked for any other public comment. Hearing none.
- 8.) Adjournment -- Concludes the agenda items for the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee meeting for December 5, 2022. Thank you to the participates, all of the Members. Have a nice, healthy, happy holiday season. Stay healthy and stay away from COVID.