

PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC)
MINUTES
January 13, 2017
11:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Call-In:

Dr. Amir Qureshi, Chair
Dr. Susan VanBeuge, Vice Chairperson
Gerald Ackerman
Elizabeth Aiello
Catherine O'Mara
Nancy Hook

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Charles Duarte

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Hale, Manager, Primary Care Workforce Development Office (PCWDO)
Scott Jones, Manager, Primary Care Office (PCO)
Joseph Tucker, Primary Care Office (PCO)
Veronica Sheldon, Primary Care Workforce Development Office (PCWDO)

OTHERS:

Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General
Dr. Dhaval Shah
Emma Sutherland, Esq.

Dr. Qureshi called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.

S. Jones read the roll call and stated that there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of the minutes from the September 27, 2016 meeting of the PCAC.

No questions or comments.

Motion: Nancy Hook

Second: Dr. Susan VanBeuge

Motion passed unanimously

3. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Rafael Diaz

J. Tucker presented a summary (handout) of Dr. Rafael Diaz's application.

Dr. Qureshi asked what type of practice this was. Ms. Sutherland, attorney representing Dr. Diaz, stated that it was an internal medicine, nephrology and dialysis clinic. The physician's practice would be 70% nephrology and 30% internal medicine. Dr. Qureshi asked if the physician would be working at one site. Ms. Sutherland stated that there are two locations, and the physician would split his time between both sites.

Motion: Gerald Ackerman

Second: Nancy Hook
Motion passed unanimously

4. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Maria Habbi

Dr. Qureshi stated he would abstain from the discussion and the vote and asked Dr. VanBeuge to handle the agenda item.

J. Tucker presented a summary (handout) of Dr. Maria Habbi's application.

Motion: Gerald Ackerman
Second: Betsy Aiello
Dr. Quershi abstained
Motion passed unanimously

5. Update on staff, grants and regulations.

S. Jones stated that Joseph Tucker has joined the Primary Care Office as the Health Resource Analyst and coordinates the J-1 visa waiver program. Mr. Jones stated that the updated policies and procedures have been posted on the website and a technical bulletin was sent out to J-1 waiver program stakeholders to advise of the new policies. The Primary Care Office has been training several practice sites with interested candidates regarding the new J-1 visa waiver application policies and procedures with several sites.

6. Public Comment.

No public comments were made.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.