

PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC) MINUTES

January 24, 2018

2:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carson City:

None

Las Vegas:

Dr. Amir Qureshi, Chair

Call-In:

Shannon Sprout

Gerald Ackerman

Dr. Susan VanBeuge, Vice Chairperson

Catherine O'Mara

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Charles Duarte

Nancy Hook (Retired)

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Jones, Manager, Primary Care Office (PCO)

Joseph Tucker, Primary Care Office (PCO)

OTHERS:

Gabriel Lither, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)

Barbara Stone, Attorney, Law Offices of Brelje and Associates

Nancy Bowen, Nevada Primary Care Association

Geoffrey Liebl, Attorney, Liebl and Kirkwood PC

Tad Garcia, Team Health

A. Qureshi called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.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 November 20, 2017 meeting of the PCAC.

No questions or comments.

Motion: Gerald Akerman

Second: Shannon Sprout

Motion passed

3. Select Chairperson for the PCAC.

A. Qureshi inquired about the process for selecting a chairperson for the PCAC. S. Jones explained that the council needs to discuss who they would like to choose as a chair, allow for public comment, and then vote on the chair person. S. VanBeuge asked A. Qureshi if he would like to remain chair of the council. A. Qureshi replied that he would like to continue as chair of the council. S. VanBeuge nominated A. Qureshi to act as chair of the PCAC. G. Akerman seconded the nomination.

Motion: Susan VanBeuge

Second: Gerald Akerman

Motion passed

4. Select Vice Chairperson for the PCAC.

S. Vanbeuge stated that she would be glad to stay as Vice Chairperson of the PCAC. A. Qureshi stated his support of S. Vanbeuge. G. Akerman stated that he supported this action to keep clinicians in leadership of the PCAC.

Motion: Gerald Akerman

Second: Shannon Sprout

Motion passed

5. Recommendation of Nancy Bowen to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to serve on the Primary Care Advisory Council, as the representative for the Nevada Primary Care Association.

S. Jones presented a handout outlining Nancy Bowen's background and qualifications for the PCAC. G. Akerman stated that he supported recommendation of N. Bowen to the PCAC. After the motion passed, A. Qureshi welcomed Nancy Bowen to the PCAC.

Motion: Gerald Akerman

Second: Susan VanBeuge

Motion passed

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. Honeylette Brotonel.

J. Tucker presented a summary (handout) of the application. A. Qureshi asked if she would be working at more than one facility. J. Tucker responded that she would be only working at one facility in Dayton. G. Akerman asked if the facility was either the one located in Dayton or if it was located just outside of Dayton. S. Jones responded that he would look it up. After verifying, S. Jones found that the facility is located in Dayton. S. VanBeuge stated that based on the materials, the community is in need. The facility lost their full-time clinician and has only been working with a part-time clinician. She then stated that a full time Conrad 30 physician would be the best option for the community. She concluded by stating that the physician is fully qualified, and that she would like to make a motion to support the recommendation.

Motion: Susan VanBeuge

Second: Catherine O'Mara

Motion passed

7. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Taeyong Sim.

J. Tucker presented a summary (handout) of the application. A. Qureshi stated that he had a conflict of interest with the application, and S. Vanbeuge led the discussion and vote.

Motion: Shannon Sprout
Second: Catherine O'Mara
Motion passed

A Qureshi abstained from the vote due to a declared conflict of interest

8. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Ishan Acharya.

J. Tucker presented a summary (handout) of the application.

Motion: Gerald Akerman
Second: Susan VanBeuge
Motion passed

9. Update on staff, grants and regulations.

S. Jones stated that the proposed amendments to the Nevada J-1 visa waiver program regulations have been completed and are under administrative review. The Primary Care Office accepted all of the recommendations made by the PCAC regarding the proposed amendments to the regulations in the previous meeting. He concluded by saying that he would keep the PCAC informed of the progress of the regulation amendment process.

10. Public Comment.

No public comments were made.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.