

PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC) MINUTES

March 29, 2018

2:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carson City:

None

Call-In:

Dr. Amir Qureshi, Chair

Dr. Susan VanBeuge, Vice Chairperson

Nancy Bowen

Chuck Duarte

Shannon Sprout

Gerald Ackerman

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Catherine O'Mara

DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF PRESENT:

Scott Jones, Manager, Primary Care Office (PCO)

Joseph Tucker, Primary Care Office (PCO)

Margot Chappel, Manager, Primary Care and Health Workforce Development Office (PCWDO)

OTHERS:

Allison Hitz, Esq.

Julie Rheinstrom, Esq.

Dr. Leon Ravin, Acting Chief Medical Officer, DPBH

Dr. Kahn, Stein Hospital

Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General

A. Qureshi called the meeting to order at 2:05 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 March 15, 2018 meeting of the PCAC.

No questions or comments.

Motion: Chuck Duarte

Second: Shannon Sprout

Motion passed

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. Rami Abukamil.

J. Tucker presented a summary of the application. Previously, the PCAC could not recommend this application in the March 15, 2018 meeting due to insufficient information provided to the PCAC. The applicant provided a follow up letter outlining the requested data that was included in the supplementary materials. J. Tucker outlined the information requested by the PCAC. S. VanBeuge stated that it was appreciated that all of the questions were answered in the response letter from the applicant. C. Duarte further stated that the level of detail was thorough and helped the council to make an appropriate determination.

Motion: Gerald Ackerman

Second: Chuck Duarte

Motion passed

4. Update on staff, grants and regulations.

S. Jones stated that in the previous meeting, there were two applications that had conditional recommendations by the PCAC. The first was an application for Dr. Eng Tan that was recommended with the condition that the PCO would follow up and verify that the employer does not restrict Medicaid populations trying to access care. The employer verified that there were no restrictions in place, and that the information that was presented to the PCO reflected practice-wide data. S. Jones advised Carson Tahoe that the data should be specific to the endocrinology practice. Carson Tahoe submitted data showing that the endocrinology practice had 5% Medicaid patients, which was satisfactory. The second application was for Dr. Nauman Jahangir and was recommended with the condition that the PCO would follow up and require contract amendments necessary to bring the application into compliance with program requirements. The PCO advised the applicant that the amendments would need to be received before a letter of support from the Administrator could be provided.

5. Public Comment.

No public comments were made.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.