

PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC) MINUTES

May 3, 2018
11:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carson City:

None

Las Vegas:

Gerald Ackerman

Call-In:

Dr. Amir Qureshi, Chair

Dr. Susan VanBeuge, Vice Chairperson

Nancy Bowen

Chuck Duarte

Shannon Sprout

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:

Dr. Wael Eid, United Critical Care

Dr. Manish Gupta, State of the Heart Cardiology and Vascular Clinic

Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General

A. Qureshi called the meeting to order at 11:04 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 March 29, 2018 meeting of the PCAC.

No questions or comments.

Motion: Susan VanBuege

Second: Chuck Duarte

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. Kasaiah Makam.

Joseph Tucker presented a summary (handout) of the application. J. Tucker pointed out that a correction had been sent by the employer reporting approximately 4% of patients utilizing the Sliding Fee Scale. The original application

reported 0% for Sliding Fee Scale. S. Jones sent out an electronic version of the updated document. A. Qureshi asked for verification of where the J-1 doctor would be working. J. Tucker stated that the site identified in the packet was the only location where the doctor would be working. Dr. Manish Gupta verified this point. S. VanBeuge asked if the practice had only one provider. M. Gupta replied that there is just one provider. S. VanBeuge then followed up by asking if the patient numbers reported in the application packet represented office visits for that one provider. M. Gupta replied that the numbers reported included office and hospital visits. A. Qureshi asked if M. Gupta could clarify how much of the visits presented were hospital versus office visits. M. Gupta replied that she did not have the specific data, but that about half of the visits are hospital visits. A. Qureshi asked if this could be noted. S. Jones replied that this would be noted for the application. A. Qureshi asked if the hospital practice data would also have to verify care of underserved populations for the J-1 application. S. Jones replied that this application was for a flex slot, and that the application includes practice data, which illustrates the patient population in which the J-1 doctor will be practicing. S. Jones also stated that a hospital would also have to be compliant with J-1 program requirements.

Motion: Gerald Akerman

Second: Nancy Bowen

Motion passed

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. Michael Gale.

J. Tucker presented a summary (handout) of the application. A. Qureshi asked if Dr. Gale would be a critical care hospitalist at Sunrise Hospital. J. Tucker replied that this was correct. S. VanBeuge asked if there is any follow-up outpatient care that will be provided. Dr. Wael Eid replied that they do not do outpatient follow-up. They only provide critical care medicine.

Motion: Chuck Duarte

Second: Gerald Akerman

Motion passed

5. Public Comment.

No public comments were made.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.