

Primary Care Advisory Council (PCAC) Meeting Agenda

January 18, 2022
11 AM to Adjournment

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1. Call to order/Roll call – Staff
2. **Possible Action:** Review and possible approval of minutes from the December 8th, 2021, meeting – Chairperson

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. **Possible Action:** Discussion and possible action to make recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Angeline Prabhu - Skye Moreland, Management Analyst, PCO

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. **Public Comment:** No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken.
5. Adjournment

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[DPBH – 4150 Technology Way, Carson City, NV 89706](https://dpbh.nv.gov/Boards/PCO/Meetings/2022/Primary_Care_Advisory_Council_FFY2022Meetings/)

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STATE OF NEVADA
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH)
PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC)

DRAFTMINUTES
December 8, 2021
10:00AM to Adjournment

TELECONFERENCE:

In accordance with Governor Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency Directive 006; Subsection 1; The requirement contained in NRS 241.023 (1) (b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies where members of the public are permitted to attend and participate is suspended.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Susan VanBeuge
Jason Hildebrand
Dr. Qureshi
Suellen Bacigalupi (designee)
Steve Messinger (designee)
Keith Clark (designee)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Julie Clyde (sent designee)
Cody Phinney
Nancy Bowen (sent designee)
Gerald Ackerman (sent designee)
Dr. Capurro

DPBH/DHCFP STAFF PRESENT:

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO
Skye Moreland, Management Analyst, PCO
Briza Virgen, Social Services Chief, Medical Programs

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shawna (practice manager)

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.

T. Emmerich-Choi read the roll call and stated that there was a quorum present.

2. Approval of minutes:

S. Vanbeuge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the November 10, 2021 meeting. No recommendations were made.

Steven Messinger on behalf of Nancy Bowen, abstains from voting due to Nancy Bowen and himself not attending the previous meeting

First Motion: S. Bacigalupi moves to pass the approval of minutes

Second Motion: J. Hildebrand seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

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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. Hassan

Skye Moreland presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: Dr. Qureshi asks if the candidate will be practicing critical care, emergency room or both. Shawna the practice manager for Dr. Hassan states that the Doctor will be practicing critical care, but that includes talking emergency room calls. Dr. Qureshi asks if the doctor will e working as a emergency room physician, the practice manager states that he will not, he will be a critical care doctor, not an emergency room physician.

Public Comment: None

First Motion: Dr. Qureshi makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: S. Messinger seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

8. Member or Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

DRAFT

Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application Attestation

Complete and check all applicable fields, corresponding boxes and enter all required information:

Candidate's Information:

Candidate's Full Name: Angeline PRABHU
Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine
Residency Timeframe: See Addendum to
Location of Residency: See Addendum, See Addendum
Fellowship(s)/Specialty: Infectious Disease
Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: February 2020 to February 2022
Location of Fellowship(s)1: University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Employer's Information:

Employer's Full Name: Valley Oaks Medical Group
Employer's Address: 2435 Fire Mesa St., Ste. 120, Las Vegas, NV, 89128

Practice Site #1: Fire Mesa Clinic
Practice Site #1 Address: 2435 Fire Mesa St., Las Vegas, NV 89128
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 8

Select and input all that apply:

- Practice Site #1 HPSA (#1321146138) Practice Site #1 MUA (#MUA#) Flex spot
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Tribal Health Center
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

Practice Site #2*: Mountain View Hospital
Practice Site #2 Address: 3100 N Tenaya Way, Las Vegas, NV 89128
Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: 32

Select all that apply:

- Practice Site #2 HPSA (#1321146138) Practice Site #2 MUA (#MUA#) Flex spot
 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Tribal Health Center
 Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Primary Care Clinic for a Rural Hospital

More than two additional practice sites: Yes No

If additional practice sites, please copy and add all additional practice locations here or at end of form

Official Legal Representative and Contact Person for Application:

Contact Name: Brett Strand
Contact Mailing Address: 1235 N. Mulford Rd., Ste 208 Rockford, IL 61107
Contact e-mail: bas@lechtenberglawfirm.com
Contact telephone: 815-721-3593

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Official Contact Person for Employment Verification and Site Information:

Contact Name: Page McCalister
Contact Mailing Address: 2435 Fire Mesa Street Las Vegas NV, 89128
Contact e-mail: page.mccalister@valleyoaksmed.com
Contact telephone: 702-860-1386

Employer and Candidate, as identified above, seek a letter of support from the Physician Visa Waiver Program and requests the Division of Public and Behavioral Health to forward the J-1 Visa Waiver application to the U.S. Department of State as a State Health Agency request, per DS-3035. Employer and Candidate have agreed to comply with the duties set forth in Chapter 439A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) and to cooperate with the Physician Visa Waiver Program.

Employer and Candidates have provided all necessary information for review of this application by the Primary Care Council including the following:

- Copy of the contract between the Employer and Candidate;
- Copy of the Candidate curriculum vitae and passport pages;
- Letter from Employer: description of the Candidate's qualifications, responsibilities and how this employment will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated area;
- Summation tables identifying the breakdown of patient visits billed by payment category;
- Documentation of employer recruitment efforts for US citizens for two months prior to submission of the application, UNLESS the requirement was waived for a rural employer with emergent needs;
- Long-range retention plans which include the following: CME benefit, competitive salary and paid time off.
- Copy of letter from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (NSBME) acknowledging Candidate's application for medical licensure;
- INS Form *G-28* OR letter from a law office if the candidate has an attorney OR a statement that the applicant does not have an attorney;
- Copies of all *DS-2019*'s "Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1 Visa Waiver) Status" (INS form(s) *I-94* for the candidate and any family members; proof of passage of examinations required by Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI); transcripts for all 3 sections of *United States Medical Licensing Examinations* (USMLE); and certification from *Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates* (ECFMG).

In signing below, an authorized representative of the Employer and the Candidate declares under penalty of perjury that all statements submitted with this application are true and accurate and this application complies with the requirements of NRS 439A.175 and NAC 439.730 including as follows:

All practices sites where the Candidate will practice:

- Are located in a federally designated Primary Care HPSA, MUA/P or a site approved by the state as a geographic exception or a flex slot (Public Law 108-441) to address the underserved;

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- Accept Medicare, Medicaid assignment and Nevada Checkup;
- Offer a sliding discount fee schedule and a minimum fee based on family size & income; and
- Has a policy stating all patients will receive treatment, regardless of their ability to pay which is either posted at the site or provided to the patients.

The contract between the Employer and the Candidate provides the following (verify and enter missing data):

- Candidate agrees to provide services during 3 -year waiver obligation;
- Candidate will provide services 40 hours per week minimum plus on-call time;
- The salary meets or exceeds the prevailing wage for that area and for physicians of that specialty as reported by the Foreign Labor Certification Center, Department of Labor, (<http://www.flcdatacenter.com>): Prevailing wage (FLC Median wage for Internists, General: \$277,368/ Contracted wage \$300,000 base pay
- The amount of time off for vacation, sick leave and for Continuing Medical Education is included. The employer shall maintain records to show the amount of time-off requested and the amount of time taken.
- Does not contain a “non-compete” clause that would prohibit the J-1 Visa Waiver physician from opening a new clinic or working in a clinic in that shortage area upon completing the three-year commitment;
- Conditions for termination of the contract, for both the physician and employer, are included. A “no-cause” termination is not allowed;
- Liquidated damages (suggested to be under \$50,000) in the event that the physician or employer terminates the contract before three years is included in the contract - Employer \$N/A – see schedule in agreement /Physician \$N/A – see schedule in agreement;
- Agreement to begin employment at the stated practice site within 90 days of receiving a waiver from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). During the 90 days, the physician must obtain the required licenses from the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the State Board of Pharmacy, and any other licenses as may be required for the physician to practice medicine in Nevada; and
- A statement that the physician agrees to meet the requirements set forth in section 214(I) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Please note in accordance with NRS Chapter 239, all public records, the contents not otherwise declared by law to be confidential, shall be open for inspection or to obtain copies.

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By signing below, I hereby attest that the above requirements have been met and I hereby agree to abide by all the program policies and rules as described in NRS and NAC and as further required under the Rights and Responsibilities located at the Divisions website at: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Conrad30/Conrad30-Home/>.

Authorized Employer:

Employer Company/Business Name

Employer Representative Name (First/Last)

Title

Employer Signature

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: _____

Candidate/Physician:

ANGEUNE PRABHU

PHYSICIAN, MD

Candidate Name (First/Last)

Title

ANGEUNE PRABHU

11-16-2021

Candidate Signature

Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:

County of:

Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 16 day of November, 20 21

James P. Smith KYNP 2439

Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 3.23.2024

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By signing below, I hereby attest that the above requirements have been met and I hereby agree to abide by all the program policies and rules as described in NRS and NAC and as further required under the Rights and Responsibilities located at the Divisions website at: <http://dpbh.nv.gov/Programs/Conrad30/Conrad30-Home/>.

Authorized Employer:

Valley Oaks Medical Group
 Employer Company/Business Name

Page McCaister VP operations
 Employer Representative Name (First/Last) Title

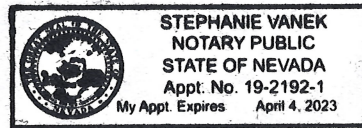
[Signature] 11/17/2021
 Employer Signature Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:
 County of:
 Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 18th day of November, 20 21

Stephanie Vanek
 Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: 04/04/2023



Candidate/Physician:

 Candidate Name (First/Last) Title

 Candidate Signature Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:
 County of:
 Subscribed and Sworn before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

 Notary Signature

My Commission Expires: _____

ADDENDUM to Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Waiver Program Application Attestation

Residency Part I

Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine

Residency Timeframe: February 2018 to February 2020

Location of Residency: Canton Medical Education Foundation, Canton, OH

Resident Part II

Residency Discipline: Internal Medicine

Residency Timeframe: July 2014 to July 2015

Location of Residency: Joan C Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall University, WV

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ATTESTATION

As Founder and CEO of Valley Oaks Medical Group, I hereby confirm the following:

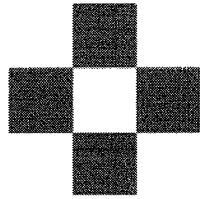
1. Each of our practice sites accepts all patients regardless of ability to pay.
2. Currently, approximately half of our patient population utilizes Medicare; all remaining patients pay through commercial payers (e.g., Culinary, BCBS, UnitedHealth, Aetna).
3. We currently do not have any patients that pay using a sliding fee scale, Medicare, or Nevada Check Up, but would accept such forms of payment in any case. Were it to be necessary, we would use a sliding-fee scale based on federal poverty guidelines to discount services to any low-income uninsured patients.

Signed:



Guru Charan
Founder, CEO

Date: 11/17/21



Valley Oaks

Medical Group

November 15, 2021

Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Re: Dr. Angeline PRABHU – “Interested Government Agency”

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to request that the Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health act as an “Interested Government Agency” to recommend a waiver of the J-1 residency requirement for our intended employee, Dr. Angeline Prabhu. The following details relate to this request:

- Name of employment site – **Valley Oaks Medical Group**
- Name and title of contact person – **Guru Charan, Founder, CEO**
- Employment site mailing address – **2435 Fire Mesa St., Las Vegas, NV, 89128**
- Employment site physical addresses – **2435 Fire Mesa St., Las Vegas, NV, 89128**
- HPSA or MUA/P identification number – **1321146138**
- Telephone number – **(702)-968-2437**
- Fax number – **N/A**
- E-mail address for contact person – **guru.charan@valleyoaksmed.com**
- Brief description of how the proposed candidate will satisfy important unmet health care needs within the designated shortage area – **Our clinic currently is severely restricted in our ability to serve the level of patients in need of infectious disease care in our area. This is especially true among disadvantaged populations – there is a significant gap in treatment of HIV, STD, and Syphilis patients in underserved groups. Often, we are unable to accommodate patients with urgent needs because we do not have appointments open to schedule them for a physician visit. Adding Dr. Prabhu to our practice will allow us to better service infections in both inpatient and outpatient settings in a timely manner.**

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Guru Charan
Founder, CEO


CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET**Date of birth –****Place of birth –****Country of citizenship –****DOS case number –**

Description of residency training, including specialty, start and completion dates, and specialty training with corresponding time frames – During my Internal Medicine training, I took care of patients along with the team and supervising physicians. I had to preround and learn about the patients by reading about their charts. After that I usually go talk to patients and help them get better. I take a history, do a physical exam, and make decisions on what to do next- such as order appropriate tests and imaging studies. Then we formulate a treatment plan and follow the patient closely. Some examples of diseases – COPD, pneumonia, heart failure, liver diseases, meningitis, stroke, diabetes, hypertension.

I started my internal medicine training in the year 2014. I completed my Internal Medicine training in the year 2020 (intern year was 2014-2015, and my PGY2-PGY3 was completed in the year 2018-2020). I then started my Infectious Diseases fellowship in the year 2020 and will complete it in the year 2022.

Description of qualification for the proposed position and what the general responsibilities would be – I am doing my Infectious Diseases Fellowship training, and I will be completing it in February 2022. I would be then working as an Infectious disease specialist. I will be helping the consulting teams take care of various infectious disease cases. They usually consult us about the diagnosis, treatment of infections and related issues. We take a thorough history, perform physician exam, order tests such as CBC, CMP, blood cultures, urine cultures, wound cultures, imaging studies. We take care of diseases such as meningitis, Infective endocarditis, cellulitis, VP shunt clearance, UTIs, complicated UTIs, pyelonephritis, Cdiff colitis, and COVID 19 pneumonia. After treatment we follow the patients closely to confirm if they are getting better.

Signed:



Dr. Angeline Prabhu

Date: 11-16-2021

Angeline Prabhu MD

Email:

Phone:

- **Personal Statement**

My name is Angeline Prabhu. I completed my Internal Medicine Residency in the year 2020 and I am American Board Internal Medicine Certified. I am currently doing my Infectious Disease fellowship at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY and will complete it in Feb 2022. I am looking for a job that will help me gain experience as an ID specialist, along with a J1 waiver. I am searching for a position which will be a good fit for me and a good fit for the program as well.

- **Internal Medicine Board Certified, 2020**
 - **Kentucky board of medical license number- 53262**
 - **Looking for Internal Medicine and Infectious diseases J1 waiver job opportunities**
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- **Infectious disease fellowship at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY Feb 11, 2020- Present. (Complete in Feb 2022) – Chief fellow**

- **M.D. Residency - Internal Medicine**

PGY 1 in Internal Medicine (2014-2015)

Intern year

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall University IM residency program, Huntington, West Virginia, WV, United States

- **Post-Doctoral Research scholar-(06/2016 - 2018)**

University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky

Department of Infectious Disease

Department of Cardiology

- **PGY2 and PGY3 Residency in Internal Medicine (02/2018-02/2020) completed**

Canton Medical Education Foundation IM residency program, Canton, Ohio, United states*

- **M.B.B.S(Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) - (11/2002-02/2010)**

Dr. Somervell Memorial CSI Hospital & Medical College, India

EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY:

- **M.D. Residency- Internal Medicine – (02/2018-02/2020) completed**

PGY2 and PGY3 in Internal Medicine
Canton Medical Education Foundation IM residency program,
Canton, Ohio, United states

- **Post-Doctoral Research scholar-(06/2016 - 2018)**

University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky
Department of Infectious Disease
Department of Cardiology

- **Junior doctor (08/2015-06/2016)**

Ramakrishna Hospital, Bangalore, India

- **PGY1 in Internal Medicine (07/2014 - 07/2015)**

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall University, WV, United States

- **Clinical observer (07/2013 - 09/2013)**

St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, WV, United States

- **Duty medical officer (12/2011 - 05/2013)**

Ruckmoni Memorial Devi hospital, Trivandrum, India

- **Junior resident- (04/2010 - 12/2011)**

Chettinad Hospital and Research institute, India

- **Compulsory rotating resident internship/house surgeon- (01/2009 - 02/2010)**

Dr. Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College, India

- **Volunteer - (12/2004 - 12/2004)**

Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Program, India

RESEARCH:

- **Research Scholar – 07/2013**

St Mary's Medical Center, Huntington

- **Post-Doctoral Research scholar, (01/2016 – 2018)**

University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky
Department of Infectious Disease
Department of Cardiology

ARTICLES & POSTERS:

- Ramirez, Julio A., et al. "Community-Acquired Pneumonia due to Endemic Human Coronaviruses compared to 2019 Novel Coronavirus: A Review." *The University of Louisville Journal of Respiratory Infections* 4.1 (2020): 2.
- Mohanty, Diksha, Angeline Prabhu, and Steven Lippmann. "Physician burnout: Signs and solutions." *The Journal of family practice* 68.8 (2019): 442-446.
- Naik, Shivani, et al. "Marijuana on the brain—a concern." *Innovations in clinical neuroscience* 15.1-2 (2018): 12.
- Prabhu, Angeline, et al. "Sports-Injury Encephalopathy." *Southern medical journal* 112.10 (2019): 547-550.
- Prabhu, Angeline, et al. "Munchausen Syndrome." *Southern Medical Journal* 113.4 (2020): 198-200.
- Arnold, Forest W., et al. "COPD exacerbation caused by SARS-CoV-2: A Case Report from the Louisville COVID-19 Surveillance Program." *The University of Louisville Journal of Respiratory Infections* 4.1 (2020): 5.
- Prabhu, Angeline, et al. "The naloxone option." *The Journal of family practice* 67.5 (2018).
- Chitekela, Jyothi, et al. "Would you recognize a Munchausen patient?"
- Angeline Prabhu, Younes Aljohmani, Senen Pena, Julio Ramirez MD (2016)
Community-Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) in Patients with a Pleural Effusion in Hospitalized Patients in Louisville, KY: Clinical Characteristics, Incidence and Outcomes. Results from the University of Louisville Pneumonia Study poster presented at: RESEARCH DAY, UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE; LOUISVILLE, KY
- Angeline Prabhu MD, Fahad Sheikh MD, Lynne J Goebel MD (2014)
Focal motor deficit, a rare complication of Herpes Zoster Poster presented at: WVGS, WEST VIRGINIA GERIARTIC SOCIETY; CHARLESTON, WV.

*Joined PGY2-PGY3 after I obtained a off cycle position after the IM resident left the program. I replaced the residents spot.

Time period of report: September 2020 – September, 2021		
	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	22,907	53%
Medicaid visits	4,446	9%
NV Check-up	2,406	6%
Sliding Fee Scale	661	2%
Indigent/Charity	731	5%
Other - Not listed above	5000	25%
Totals	36,151	100%

Number of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type: 3	Time period of report: October 2020 – October 2021

Number of MDs	3
Number of PAs	2
Number of APNs	1



Valley Oaks

Medical Group

November 1, 2021

Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Re: Angeline Prabhu MD- Critical Need for Services

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to confirm that there is a critical need for the services of an Infectious Disease doctor to populations in several designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in the Las Vegas area.

Currently, our clinic and servicing hospital is severely restricted in terms of the lack of Infectious Disease Physicians in our area. Often, for example, we are unable to accommodate patients with urgent needs and life-threatening infections because we do not have appointments open to schedule them for a physician visit.

There currently is a 9 to 12 week waiting time for patients seeking the type of Infectious Disease services that Dr Prabhu will provide. The next-nearest provider for Infectious Disease is approximately 15 miles away and only offer services once a week. We have several patients that travel over 100 miles to see our physicians, and our clinic has a walk-in policy for members of the community that need help with prep for HIV and STD's. Due to a lack of appropriate treatment in a nearer location; it is unknown but can be imagined that there are several patients who require treatment but cannot make that trip.

A recent study in the journal of Infectious Disease shows supply and demand projections over the next decade and found that, already, Infectious Disease has a shortfall of about 500 providers. The gap will for sure widen significantly due to the current pandemic of covid-19 and demand for Infectious Disease providers. These types of demographics have rendered the patient experience and patient care sub-optimal in the Las Vegas area. These issues would be greatly improved by the presence of Dr Prabhu in our clinic.

Sincerely,

Page McCalister
VP of Operations