

Primary Care Advisory Council (PCAC) Meeting Agenda

August 15, 2022
11 AM to Adjournment

Meeting Location

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1. Call to order/Roll call – Staff
2. **Possible Action:** Review and possible approval of minutes from the June 29th, 2022, 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. Nikita Lopez – Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource 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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STATE OF NEVADA
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH)
PRIMARY CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL (PCAC)

DRAFTMINUTES
June 29, 2022
01:00PM 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:

Gerald Ackerman
Dr. Susan VanBeuge
Nancy Bowen
Julie Clyde
Dr. Donald Campbell

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Amir Qureshi
Jaron Hildebrand

DPBH/DHCFP STAFF PRESENT:

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO
Pierron Tackes, Deputy Attorney General
Erin Lynch
Cynthia Meno, Primary Care Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sahira Khalid
Jordyn Marchi
Chantal Lugo
Hailee Long

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 May 4th, 2022 meeting. No recommendations were made.

First Motion: J. Clyde moves to pass the approval of minutes

Second Motion: G. Ackerman seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

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

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. Sandhu.

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: G. Ackerman states that it is good to see that they have a rural site. S. Vanbeuge agrees.

Public Comment: none

First Motion: G. Ackerman makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: J. Clyde seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

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. Viswanathan.

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: J. Clyde makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: G. Ackerman seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

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

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: none

Public Comment: none

First Motion: J. Clyde makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: N. Bowen seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

6. Member or Public Comment

None

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1.12 p.m.

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: Doctor's first/last name NIKITA / LOPEZ

Residency Discipline: Residency type Internal Medicine

Residency Timeframe: Start date to End date July 01, 2019- June 30, 2022

Location of Residency: Name of school, State University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Nevada

Fellowship(s)/Specialty: Fellowship type if applicable or n/a N/A

Fellowship(s) Timeframe1: Start date to End date

Location of Fellowship(s)1: Name of school, State

Employer's Information:

Employer's Full Name: Name of doctor's employer/organization/administration Hometown Health Plan Inc.

Employer's Address: Employer/Organization mailing address, City, State Zip 50 W. Liberty Street, 11th Fl., Reno, NV-89501

Practice Site #1: Name of practice site #1 Renown Medical Group Primary Care and UNR Internal Medicine Residency training clinic

Practice Site #1 Address: Address of practice site #1 6130 Plumas Avenue, Reno, Nevada 89509

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: Number of Hours site#1 40 hours

Select and input all that apply:

Practice Site #1 HPSA (#HPSA#) 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*: Name of practice site #2 N/A

Practice Site #2 Address: Address of practice site #2

Number of Hours Candidate will practice at site to meet 40 hours per week: Number of Hours site#2

Select all that apply:

Practice Site #2 HPSA (#HPSA#) 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: Office Contact Name (first/last) Andrew / Desposito

Contact Mailing Address: Mailing Address City, State Zip Code 650 Town Centre Drive, 10th Floor, Costa Mesa, CA 92626-1993

Contact e-mail: Official Contact E-Mail ADesposito@sheppardmullin.com

Contact telephone: Official Contact Telephone Number +1 714-513-5100

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Official Contact Person for Employment Verification and Site Information:

Contact Name: Office Contact Name (first/last) Wendy Galvin
Contact Mailing Address: Mailing Address City State, Zip Code 6130 Plumas Avenue, Reno , Nevada 89509
Contact e-mail: Official Contact E-Mail wendy.galvin@renown.org
Contact telephone: Official Contact Telephone Number 775-982-4100

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 Discipline type: \$FLC Mean Wage/ Contracted wage \$Contracted Base Wage only 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 \$Employer liquidated \$/or N/A/Physician \$Physician liquidated \$/or N/A;
- 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(l) 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/>.

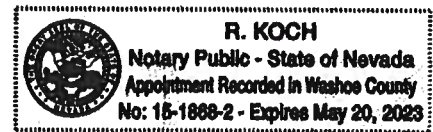
Authorized Employer:

Hometown Health Plan Inc.
Employer Company/Business Name
Josiah ("Su") Johnson Interim President ? Chief of Staff
Employer Representative Name (First/Last) Title
[Signature] 06/28/2022
Employer Signature Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:
County of:
Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 28th day of June, 2022

[Signature]
Notary Signature
My Commission Expires: 05/20/23



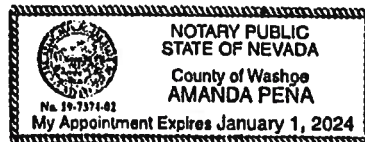
Candidate/Physician:

NIKITA LOPEZ Physician, MD
Candidate Name (First/Last) Title
[Signature] 05/23/2022
Candidate Signature Date

NOTARY PUBLIC:

State of:
County of:
Subscribed and Sworn before me on this 23 day of May, 2022

[Signature]
Notary Signature
My Commission Expires: 01/01/2024



06/22/2022

Re: Relationship of Hometown Health Plan, Inc., Renown Medical Group, and Renown Medical School Associates North, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Sy Johnson and I am the Interim President and Chief of Staff for Renown Health. This letter is being provided to confirm the relationship of our affiliated entities, Hometown Health Plan, Inc., Renown Medical Group, and Renown Medical School Associates North, Inc..

Renown Health is a not-for-profit healthcare system operating out of Northern Nevada. Our healthcare system serves more than 1 million people across 100,000 square miles that reach across Nevada, Lake Tahoe, and eastern California.

Hometown Health Plan Inc. is a non-profit entity under the Renown Health umbrella that employs our physicians and operates a health maintenance organization (HMO). Under NRS 695C.120(3) physicians are employed under Hometown Health Plan Inc. to satisfy the exception to the Nevada corporate practice prohibition applicable to HMOs.

Renown Medical Group is a DBA under several Renown Health subsidiaries and operates out of various locations in Northern Nevada. Renown Medical School Associates North, Inc. is a clinic located at 6130 Plumas Avenue, Reno, Nevada, which we now operate as a result of Renown's affiliation with the University of Nevada School of Medicine announced in June 2021¹. The Renown Medical School Associates North, Inc. practice is subject to the Renown Medical Group policies and procedures and operates as a clinic within the Renown Medical Group.

Based on the relationship between Hometown Health Plan Inc., Renown Medical Group, and Renown Medical School Associates North, Inc. Dr. Nikita Lopez will be working at a Renown Health medical clinic location.

Please let me know if any further information is needed regarding Dr. Nikita's employment under Hometown Health Plan Inc. in support of our J-1 waiver application.

Sincerely,



Sy Johnson
Interim President & Chief of Staff
Renown Health

¹ <https://www.renown.org/about/newsroom/nevada-system-of-higher-education#:~:text=Schwenk%2C%20M.D.%20%E2%80%9CThe%20affiliation%20with,the%20state%20in%20new%20and>



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ATTESTATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby attest that the practice site where Nikita Lopez, MD will practice medicine under her Employment Contract with Renown Health, accepts all patients regardless of ability to pay, accepts Medicaid, Nevada Check-up, and Medicare on assignment, and used a charity care policy based on federal poverty guidelines to discount services to low-income uninsured persons.

The Primary Practice Site for Dr. Nikita Lopez where she will work at least 40 hours per week:

Renown Medical Group
University Health Internal Medicine Clinic
6130 Plumas Avenue
Reno, Nevada 89509
775.982.1000

Attested by me on 5/20/2022 | 10:27 PDT, 2022

Signature: Marie McCormack, MD

Marie McCormack, MD

Division Chief Primary Care

Renown Health

marie.mccormack@renown.org

Attested by me on 5/20/2022 | 11:35 PDT, 2022

Signature: John Westhoff, MD, MPH

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Signature: Marie McCormack, MD

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May 11, 2022

Attn: Conrad 30 (J1-Waiver)
Primary Care Office
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706-2009

Dear Sir or Madam

Renown Health along with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, respectfully requests your assistance in acting as an Interested Government Agency for recommendation of a flex spot waiver for the J-1 physician, Nikita Lopez, MD. We are seeking assistance of Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health as a state health agency in obtaining a waiver of the two-year foreign residency requirement for Dr. Nikita Lopez, who has agreed to practice in the position of Primary Care Physician-Internal Medicine in Washoe County for three years.

As the University of Nevada, Reno Office of Statewide Initiatives definitively reported in their February 2021 report (<https://med.unr.edu/statewide/reports-and-publications/nevada-rural-and-frontier-health-data-book>), the state of Nevada is broadly underserved with regard to healthcare services, and primary care is no exception.

There is an acute need for primary care physicians in Washoe County, in particular. In November 2021, the low-income population of Reno was confirmed by the Department of Health and Human Services as a Health Professional Shortage area (HPSA ID 1323717372), with an HPSA score of 14. This analysis estimated that Reno requires an additional 23.01 FTE of primary care providers to serve its low-income population. The problem is in part a function of the fact that many physicians in the area do not accept Medicaid. The University of Nevada, Reno is committed to the community we serve—particularly those living at or below the poverty line. We are one of the few primary care facilities in Reno that treat all patients regardless of their ability to pay, we accept Medicare, Medicaid, and NV Check-up.



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UNR and our affiliate institution, Renown, have continuously recruited primary care physician positions to our medical practice, but it has been difficult to find a sufficient number of additional primary care physicians to meet the needs of our underserved population. For example, not a single applicant has applied for the three vacancies at Plumas Clinic which have been advertised nationwide for the past three months.

In addition to the issues associated with access to care in general, the shortage of physicians at our Plumas clinic has negatively impacted our ability to support Graduate Medical Education, a pipeline for future physicians serving Nevada. We have been unable to replace attending physicians that have moved on or retired, and this has created a negative spiral in which the physicians that remained find the workload increasingly untenable, and physicians potentially interested in a position potentially unwilling to join a practice in which they are likely to feel the full weight of the physician shortage.

Dr. Lopez' Practice Site:

Practice Site Name:	Renown Medical Group Primary Care and UNR Internal Medicine Residency training clinic
Name and title of contact person:	Wendy Galvin, Practice Site Leader
Practice Site Address:	6130 Plumas Avenue, Reno, NV 89509
Contact Information	Phone #: 775.982.4100
	Fax #
	Email: wendy.gavin@renown.org
HPSA and/or MUA/P designation number	None – requesting Flex Slot
Number of hours the candidate will practice at site to meet the required 40 hours per week	40 hours per week at Plumas Location.

Qualifications for Dr. Lopez:

Attached is the curriculum vitae, copies of diplomas and other documentation of qualifications for Dr. Lopez. In 2017, she received her medical degree from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. She joined the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Internal



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Medicine Residency program in 2018 which she will complete in June 2022. She will obtain an H-1B non-immigrant visa to work for us for three years; however, your waiver request must first be obtained.

Thank you for your time and attention. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Signature: John Westhoff, MD, MPH

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Signature: Marie McCormack, MD

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Description of residency training

I, Nikita Lopez am currently a year 3 Internal Medicine resident receiving residency training at University of Nevada Reno School of Medicine, Internal Medicine Residency program which started on **July 1, 2019** and would be completed on **June 30, 2022**.

- Residency consisted of core rotations including inpatient ward rotations- day shifts and night shifts, ICU rotations, ambulatory medicine rotations and elective rotations.

1. Inpatient ward rotations

During the inpatient rotations, I worked in a team of three consisting a senior resident and two interns who were supervised by an attending physician. This included admitting new patients and following on existing patients, triaging, advanced decision making, clinical reasoning, discussions, efficient discharge planning and more. Additionally, we would have didactic sessions varying from discussion of clinical cases, interactive academic sessions to attending lectures by guest lecturers and subspecialty lecturers. These rotations were distributed between Renown Regional Hospital (**28 weeks of Wards, 2 weeks of Day float (which involves only admitting), 5 Weeks of night float**), and VA Sierra Nevada Health care system, Reno (**14 weeks of wards and 5 weeks of night float**).

2. The ambulatory rotations- Clinic

These rotations were done every 5th week at the University Health Clinic at Plumas Street (**32 weeks total**), where again, we would have a combination of ambulatory clinical experience, involving ambulatory procedures, clinical reasoning, decision making etc and didactics.

3. ICU rotations

These were again distributed between VA Sierra Nevada Health care system location at Reno (**4 weeks**) and Renown Regional at various ICUs including Roseview ICU, Cardiac ICU and Surgical/Medical ICU (**9 weeks**). We would be trained during these rotations by Intensivists and included admitting patients with them, performing procedures including central lines, arterial lines, intubation etc, training in difficult conversations with patients and family members and overall management of the critically ill.

Of note, we are also given the opportunity to do at least a **2-week rotation at Elko, Nevada (03/22/2021-04/04/2021)** where we are trained to work in resource limited settings and triage patients accordingly. I additionally requested for a week of elective in Pain management (**05/02/2022-05/08/2022**) in view of my interest in primary care.

4. Elective rotations

I also had at least three weeks of elective rotations in various specialties during residency as listed below: -

Pulmonology:

-Start and completion dates: **07/01/2019-07/06/2019, 12/07/2020-12/13/2020**, along with upcoming pulmonology rotations from **05/30/2022 – 06/12/2022 and 06/20/2022-06/26/2022**.

- During this rotation, I had the opportunity to work with consultants at Renown hospital on various cases including acute vs chronic hypoxic respiratory failure, interstitial lung disease including IPF, Diffuse alveolar hemorrhage, complicated pneumonias etc. I was able to discuss imaging findings, diagnostic as well as management guidelines of the above and more, observe and attempt bronchoscopy, chest tube removal and management etc.

Gastroenterology:

-Start and completion dates: **09/02/2019-09/15-2019, 12/14/2020-12/20/2020, 03/15/2021-**

03/21/2021, 10/04/2021-10/10/2021

-During this rotation I had the opportunity to work with various consultants of Digestive Health Associates, Reno on diagnosis and management of cases including upper and lower GI bleed, including emergent cases of GI bleed involving emergent endoscopy and banding/cauterization, complicated pancreatitis, management of hypertriglyceridemia induced pancreatitis, acute liver failure, cirrhosis of various causes, elevated liver enzyme work up in general etc. Additionally, I was able to observe many endoscopies, colonoscopies, banding, ERCPs and even minimally invasive management of complicated pancreatic pseudocyst.

Geriatrics:

-Start and completion dates: **10/28/2019-11/10/2019, 06/07/2021-06/20/2021**

-Through this rotation, I was trained on comprehensive work up and management of the geriatric population at the community living Centre in VA, Reno, along with the Geriatric fellows. Here I was able to closely interact with physical therapists, occupational therapists, wound team to learn about various aspects of rehab and wound care. Additionally, I was able to interact with the pharmacists there who gave us an insight into inpatient vs outpatient management of various medications for geriatric population. There were numerous didactic sessions focusing on the above.

Nephrology:

-Start and completion dates: **07/20/2020-08/09/2020**

-I had the opportunity to work closely with consultants from Sierra Nevada Nephrology group and was able to work up, discuss diagnosis and management guidelines for dialysis patients, acute renal failure, complications in transplant patients, acute kidney injury work up in general, acid base disorders, etc. Additionally, I was introduced to peritoneal dialysis, deciding on who is a good dialysis or transplant candidate or candidates for renal biopsy etc.

Emergency Medicine:

-Start and completion dates: **09/21/2020-09/27/2020, 11/09/2020-11/22/2020, 04/25/2022-05/01/2022.**

-Through this rotation, I was able to work with ER physicians at the Renown and VA ER during their assigned shift and with their help experienced how to handle trauma, code strokes, code Blue etc. Additionally, I was also able to gain experience in making appropriate decisions on triaging, imaging, management and disposition of ER patient. Additionally, gained experience in suture repair of various types of lacerations.

Neurology:

- Start and Completion Dates: **12/21/2020-12/27/2020, 01/18/2021-01/31/2021.**

-During this rotation I was able to work with various Neurologists who trained me in localization of CVAs from patients' presentation and correlating the same with imaging, on how to run a code Stroke and

make prompt decisions regarding imaging and TPA vs thrombectomy, work up of encephalopathy including that associated with PRESS, ICU neuropathy, management of seizures and identifying pseudo seizures etc.

Hematology Oncology:

- Start and Completion Dates: **04/05/2021-04/11/2021, 11/22/2021-12/05/2021, 01/31/2022-**

02/13/2022

-I was able to experience both inpatient and outpatient aspects of this specialty. I received training here on work up and management of cases ranging from anemia, pancytopenia, ITP, DVTs, Hypercoagulable states to various oncological cases. We discussed during this rotation regarding updated guidelines for management of various cancers and additionally rounded on patients in the infusion centers.

Cardiology:

- Start and Completion Dates: **04/26/2021-05/09/2021, 11/01/2021-11/14/2021**

-I was able to work closely with cardiologists at Renown both on call and non-call days. Trained on EKGs, Stress test, Echocardiograms, management of ACS, valvular abnormalities, Heart failure from various causes etc. Additionally, was also able to discuss vascular imaging for DVTs, outpatient management of high ASCVD patients etc.

Endocrinology

- Start and Completion Dates: – **08/09/2021-08/29/2021, and upcoming from 06/27/2022-06/30/2022**

-Was able to work both at the VA and at Renown and was introduced to insulin pumps. I was able to have extensive discussions regarding management of diabetes, Adrenal incidentalomas, Hypercalcemia including from hyperparathyroidism, thyroid disorders, osteoporosis etc. with the endocrinologists along with seeing patients with the above medical issues.

Infectious disease:

- Start and Completion Dates: **09/13/2021-09/26/2021, 02/14/2022-02/27/2022**

-Worked closely with Infectious disease consultants especially during COVID pandemic and was able to manage various presentations of COVID. Additionally, was able to discuss diagnostic work up and latest management guidelines of complicated pneumonias, Skin and soft tissue infections, Osteomyelitis-vertebral and non-vertebral, prosthetic joint infections, abdominal infections and Central nervous system infections etc.

Rheumatology:

-Start and Completion dates: **03/07/2022-04/03/2022**

During this 4-week long rotation, I was able to closely work with Dr. Rex Adams, Rheumatologist at VA, Reno in the outpatient setting with focus on Rheumatoid arthritis, Osteoarthritis, SLE, osteoporosis. Additionally, I was able to see various cases of Sarcoidosis, Systemic sclerosis, Spondyloarthropathies including psoriatic arthritis. I was able to discuss with him old and new management practices and guidelines for various rheumatologic conditions.

NIKITA LOPEZ, MD

J1- Visa holder

PRESENT ACADEMIC RANK AND POSITION

PGY3 Internal Medicine Resident Physician, University of Nevada Reno School of Medicine, Reno, Nevada.

EDUCATION

07/2019-06/2022

Internal Medicine Residency training at University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, Reno, Nevada.

08/2011-09/2017

Graduated from ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, New Delhi with Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.

- Shortlisted for Dr. D. C. Bhutani Medal for Best MBBS student in Ophthalmology in 2016.

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Nevada Medical License: LL3376.

ABIM Board eligible.

Lean training certification during Residency

05/2021

AHA certification for BLS and ACLS

03/2018

ECFMG CERTIFICATION

CLINICAL AND WORK EXPERIENCE

2019-2021:

Residency training at University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine.

Trained in EMRs: EPIC, CPRS and CPS at Renown Regional Medical Centre, 1155 Mill street, VA Sierra Nevada Health Care, Kirman Avenue and University Health Clinic, Plumas street, Ren, NV respectively where residency training was focused which provided diverse clinical experience.

07/2018 - 11/2018

Clinical House Staff at Department of Rheumatology- Infusion center and outpatient clinic at AIIMS, New Delhi, India

05/2018 - 05/2018

Clinical Experience at Cardiology outpatient clinic of Dr. Daniel Mascarenhas, MD at Philipsburg New Jersey office and office in Easton, Pennsylvania.

04/2018 - 04/2018

Clinical experience at Outpatient Cardiology Clinic, Dr. John Sabu, MD, FACC, Interventional Cardiology Attending Physician and Assistant Professor of Department of Medicine at SUNY Downstate Medical Centre, Brooklyn, NY.

03/2017-04/2017

Clinical Elective (Clinical Cardiology)
University of California, San Diego

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-2021

QI project on use of PHQ 9 scoring for monitoring depression in University health clinic, 6130 Plumas clinic, Reno, NV in order to optimize management of depression by PCP prior to psychiatry referral.

QI project on “Improving generation of after visit summary” at University health clinic to improve overall continuity of care and patient satisfaction.

09/2018- 11/2018

Department of Rheumatology, AIIMS, New Delhi, India

Co-investigator

Study on the prevalence, correlates and reasons for patients missing appointments in the Rheumatology Clinic, AIIMS.

10/2014 - 11/2014

AIIMS, New Delhi, Department of Community Medicine, India

Principal investigator

Title: Substance abuse among adolescents and young adults in a village of CRHSP Ballabgarh, Haryana.

01/2013 - 02/2013

AIIMS, Department of Community Medicine, India
Principal Investigator and Leader of the Analysis team.

Title: Prevalence of Hypertension in the population above 50 years of age and its relation to salt and oil intake, exercise and other dietary practices in an urban resettlement colony at Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi.

01/2013 - 09/2013

AIIMS, Department of Community Medicine, India
Principal investigator.

Assessment of the health status of families in an urban resettlement colony.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

10/2017 - 12/2017

DNipCare Palliative Charitable OP Clinic, South Delhi, India
Physician volunteer.

- Providing basic care, medicines, counselling and referrals to patients who come to an outpatient clinic in Okhla, a suburban colony in the district of South Delhi.
- Emphasis given on patient education.

PRESENTATIONS

2019-2021

- M&M on Post TPA bleed in ischemic stroke while inpatient- upcoming.
- Presentation with mock cases on hypertension based on Johns Hopkins modules and Current guidelines for the same.
- Journal club on S-Lite trial: Healthy weight loss maintenance with exercise, liraglutide or both combined.
- Morning report on overnight admissions for a week in April 2021 which contained cases ranging from bread and butter cases of medicine including COPD exacerbation, CAP, CHF exacerbation, ACS rule out, Stroke rule out, acute encephalopathy, cellulitis, syncope, Alcohol withdrawal, Hypertensive urgency, HONK, DKA to complex cases of toxidromes, ICU COVID patients, Serotonin syndrome, toxic lung injury, Acute renal failure in post-transplant patients etc.
- QI project on improving generation of after visit summaries at University Health clinic, Plumas.

- Noon report on MDS patient with Acute Pulmonary embolism diagnosis at VA hospital Reno.
- Noon report on various topics including approach to transaminitis, AKI.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2021

Contributed to changes in work flow and schedule for residents and setting up Sim lab at University of Nevada Reno School of Medicine IM residency program.

2015-2016

Magazine Editor, Students' Union AIIMS, in 2014; managed and coordinated a team 10 members and published the 16th edition of the Annual College Magazine "Hybrid Hues" (2015-2016).

2014

One of the coordinators of the 43rd Socio-Cultural & Sports meet, Pulse 2014 held at AIIMS.

Enjoy reading and music. Recipient of Certificate of Trinity Guildhall foundation Level Graded Examination in Music Performance Grade 1 Guitar with 92%, issued from Trinity College London.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Hiking, Running

Time period of report:		
1/1/21 - 4/30/22	Total # of visits for 12 months	% of visits per 12 months
Medicare visits	6938	40.62%
Medicaid visits	4217*	24.62%*
NV Check-up	incl above*	incl above*
Sliding Fee Scale	N/A	N/A
Indigent/Charity	98	.06%
Other - Not listed above	5833	34.14%
Totals	17,086	100%
*For specialists/hospitalists:		
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*Time period of report:		
*# of hospital/medical facility admissions for 6 months for the applicant specialty type		

Please provide the number of providers (Full Time Equivalents, FTE) providing patient services at the practice site.

# of MDs by FTE	5
# of PAs by FTE	0
# of APNs by FTE	0

Specialists and hospitalists are regular participants in our program and are required to submit additional documentation as outlined below. An application for medical specialists and/or hospitalists must include documentation to justify that there is a critical need for this service in a designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), Medically Underserved Area or Population (MUA/P) or Flex slot. Information to support critical need should include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) Letter of support from hospital/medical facility that outlines the number of vacancies in the specialty/hospitalist positions. Include the total number of specialists that have hospital privileges at the facility.
- b) For hospitalist positions, please provide documentation of the current physician to patient ratio at the facility where the candidate will work and the optimum physician to patient ratio.
- c) For specialist physicians: approximate distance and travel time patients would need to travel to obtain the same services at the next closest facility or other access issues noted.