

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

MINUTES

November 10, 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
Gerald Ackerman
Jason Hildebrand
Dr. Capurro
Suellen Bacigalupi (designee)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Julie Clyde (sent designee)
Cody Phinney
Dr Qureshi
Nancy Bowen

DPBH STAFF PRESENT:

Heather Mitchell, Health Resource Analyst, PCO
Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO
Skye Moreland, Management Analyst, PCO

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.

H. Mitchell 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 April 2, 2021 meeting. No recommendations were made.

First Motion: G. Ackerman moves to pass the approval of minutes

Second Motion: J. Hildebrand seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

3. Overview of recent appointments to Primary Care Advisory Council by the Administrator of Public and Behavioral Health, include the renewal of Dr. Susan VanBeuge as a representative of the health profession or community being served, the renewal of Gerald Ackerman as a representative from the Nevada Office of Rural Health within the University of Nevada School of Medicine, the renewal of Julie

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Clyde as a representative from a federally qualified health center, the appointment of Dr. Antonina Capurro as a representative of the health profession or community being served, and the appointment of Cody Phinney as a non-voting member

H. Mitchell presented a summary of the changes made to the council. No votes are required.

4. Discussion and possible action to elect the Chair of the Primary Care Advisory Council.

H. Mitchell states that we elect a new Chair every two years and thanks Dr. Qureshi and Dr. Vanbeuge for their outstanding service and dedication. Dr. Vanbeuge asks the Primary Care Advisory Council if they would like to put forward their name, or someone else's name for the position. G. Ackerman asks if Dr. Qureshi and Dr. VanBeuge are no longer able to serve. H. Mitchell states that doing consecutive terms is an available option. G. Ackerman nominates Dr. Qureshi and Dr. VanBeuge to both serve a second term, suggesting either they stay as Dr. Qureshi as Chair and Dr. VanBeuge as Vice Chair, or vice versa. G. Ackerman then recommends S. VanBeuge as Chair. Dr. Vanbeuge gladly accepts the nomination. H. Mitchell states that she will proceed with pulling up a poll for the members to submit their vote on the next Chair. Members then vote online for their nomination, Dr. VanBeuge wins unanimously

Member Comment: Dr. Vanbeuge thanks the council for their vote

5. Discussion and possible action to elect the Vice-Chair of the Primary Care Advisory Council

H. Mitchell states that we elect a new Vice Chair every two years. Asks the Primary Care Advisory Council if they would like to put forward their name, or someone else's name for the position. Dr. Capurro asks if anyone has come forward with interest in holding that position. H. Mitchell states that she has not had anyone come forward with special interest in the position. Dr. VanBeuge asks the council if there is anyone who has interest in the Vice Chair position. G. Ackerman states that he would be willing to serve in the position of Vice Chair but states that it is nice to have their two physicians leading the discussion. Dr. VanBeuge states that she is a nurse practitioner not a physician. G. Ackerman amends that it is nice to have clinicians leading the discussion. Dr. VanBeuge states that she would second his nomination if he was interested in the position. H. Mitchell reminds the council that previous Chairs and Vice Chairs can be re-nominated. H. Mitchell then opens up the poll for members to vote for their nomination. G. Ackerman wins the vote unanimously.

Member Comment: G. Ackerman thanks the council for their vote and states he will do his best. Dr. VanBeuge congratulates G. Ackerman on his nomination as Vice Chair of the PCAC.

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. Shefali Godara

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented summary handout of the completed application. Dr. Capurro states that she is new to the committee and asks if they typically review the HPSA score for the hospital. Dr. VanBeuge states that generally the presentation is what they get to review, and the council can ask any questions. H. Mitchell states that facilities do not have to have a certain HPSA score to participate in the J1 program, they can be in a HPSA or MUAP of any score, and if they are fulfilling a flex slot they just have to demonstrate that there is an underserved population being served at the facility. Dr. Capurro thanks Heather for the application and asks if they are more closely looking at their contract with their employer to better understand what their specialty is, and their qualifications and education is. H. Mitchell states that it is an overview of the J1 physician, the site and the services they provide. H. Mitchell continues to say that other members may be able to elaborate further on what their duties might entail. G. Ackerman states that the committee states a case for the need for the specialty, that they are going

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to serve those populations, that they have the sliding fee scale. G. Ackerman states that his feelings on this is that they are so short on specialties that unless it looks like there is a huge red flag, once there is a recommendation and the paperwork has been reviewed by the staff and it has been vetted, he thinks very rarely do they pick apart the application. G. Ackerman continues to say that there are things in the past, like sliding fee scales not making sense, or the population served is weak on the application, they will kick the application back for clarification. If there does not seem to be any red flags, they are okay. S. VanBeuge concurs with G. Ackerman, they look at the application and what kind of population they serve. As this is primary care if they have seen things in the past that are very very specialized and not open for a broad range of patient populations, they would question that a little more and want more clarifying information. Dr. Capurro thanks the council for their information and states that she does not see any issues with application and would make a motion to approve.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: Dr. Capurro makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: G. Ackerman seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

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. Kunwardeep Dhillon

Skye Moreland presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: G. Ackerman makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: Dr. Capurro seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

8. Member or Public Comment

G. Ackerman thanks Heather Mitchell for her service in the Primary Care Office and to the PCAC. G. Ackerman wishes her well in her future endeavors. S. VanBeuge thanks Heather as well and mentions that she has appreciated working with her and all the work that she has done. S. VanBeuge also acknowledges Dr. Qureshi's service as the Chair over the years, and thanks him for his knowledge and being a true leader of the years, and for all the work he has done.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.