

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

MINUTES
January 28, 2021
3:00PM 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:

Amir Qureshi, Chair (Call-In)
Susan VanBeuge (Call-In)
Cody Phinney (Call-In)
Julie Clyde (Call-In)
Nancy Bowen (Call-In)
Gerald J. Ackerman (Call-In)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Jason Hildebrand

DPBH STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Linda Anderson, Nevada Public Health Foundation
Matt Grimes, Chief Operating Officer for Desert Radiology Las Vegas
Geri Hazelitt, Vice President of Human Resources for Desert Radiology Las Vegas
Angela Lopez, Attorney for Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada
Sandy, Office Manager Women's Health Associates of Southern Nevada, North West Location
Brett Strand, Attorney for Medinix Medical Services

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:

A. Qureshi asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the December 15th, 2020 meeting. No recommendations were made.

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

Second Motion: S. VanBeuge 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. Farhad Mehrkhani.

H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: S. Vanbeuge makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: C. Phinney 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. Ankita Raman.

H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: G. Ackerman states that it is great that we are keeping on our (Nevada's) residents in the State/

Public Comment: None

First Motion: S. VanBeuge makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: J. Clyde 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. Marco Antonio Lopez Velazquez.

H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application. Dr. Quereshi asks if this is a rheumatology practice and if there is a representative in the call for the Organization. Brett Strand states that it is a rheumatology practice.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: G. Ackerman makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: C. Phinney seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

6. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health for Proposed Revised Application Procedures.

H. Mitchell presented summary of the proposed revised application procedures for the Nevada Conrad 30 J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Program Application form. C. Phinney asks if the difference would be that they would have the attestation and people would go ahead before the committee starts, she apologizes if she has not understood the proposal correctly. H. Mitchell states that no, it is going to be the same procedure and that it is a matter of trying to streamline the process by utilizing the application that the committee already receives. Moving forward the applicants would have to attest to the information provided. C. Phinney then asks if the PCO would still review the contract to ensure that the requirements are in the contract as the program demands. H. Mitchell says that this is correct, but now instead of having to provide additional documentation that is not necessarily required the PCO will have the applicant

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attest to some of that information instead. The PCO will still be doing the verification of the contract making sure it meets requirements. C. Phinney thanks Heather for the information. S. VanBeuge states that she likes the form and thinks it streamlines the process and utilizes the office to let them know that the processes have been looked at and they can do attestations, so she thanks Heather and states that she likes the way the form is set up. A. Qureshi states that he likes the form too, keeps things simple but at the same time it covers everything.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: S. VanBeuge makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: N. Bowen seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

7. Member or Public Comment

Matt Grimes thanks the PCO and Council for all that they are doing

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.