

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

MINUTES
December 15, 2020
1:03PM 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)
Keith Clarke (Call-In Designee)
Cody Phinney (Call-In)
Julie Clyde (Call-In)
Nancy Bowen (Call-In)

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Gerald J. Ackerman (Designee sent)
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
Mark Trocinski, Fisher Philips
Casey Gillham, Community Health Alliance
Annette Logan Parker, Cure for the Kids Foundation
Lindsay Fullerton, Cure for the Kids Foundation, Attorney

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 September 22nd, 2020 meeting. No recommendations were made.

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

Second Motion: J. Clyde 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. Sarah Lopez.

H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: N. Bowen represents the Primary Care Association, which Community Health Alliance is a member of, so she abstains from voting due to conflict of interest. N. Bowen states that she is very happy that they are applying, and that it is a great thing for their organization.

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. Sumit Gupta.

H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: C. Phinney 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. Vishisht Mehta.

A. Quereshi states that the next two applications are going to the same practice, but to different practice locations. A. Quereshi asks Heather to present the application for both Dr. Mehta's. 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: N. Bohen seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

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. Karishma Bhatia Mehta.

A. Quereshi states that the second Dr. Mehta has the same employer, but the practice location is different. He asks Heather Mitchell if they need to review the application of if they can go straight to voting on it. H. Mitchell defers to Linda Anderson who states that while she cannot give legal advice, if the council does not have any further questions, they have already heard all the information presented by H. Mitchell. K. Clarke asks if the practice location is a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). H. Mitchell states that yes, they are in a HPSA. K. Clark continues to say that he is surprised that that area is a HPSA. A. Quereshi states that most of Las Vegas has become a HPSA, even if

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the location is not a HPSA, they serve enough underserved population to qualify. S. Vanbeuge states that even though these doctors will be working for the same employer, she would prefer to hear the application as they would normally. H. Mitchell presented summary handout of the completed application.

Member Comment: None

Public Comment: None

First Motion: C. Phinney makes a motion to approve

Second Motion: J. Clyde seconds

Motion: Passes Unanimously

7. Member or Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.