

**DRAFTMINUTES**  
April 15, 2024  
12:00PM 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:**

Nancy Bowen  
Dr. Susan VanBeuge  
Dr. Donald Campbell  
Gerald Ackerman  
Suellen Bacigalupi  
Kathleen Stodtmeister

**COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Julie Clyde (sent designee)  
Sarah Watkins (sent designee)  
Dr. Amir Qureshi

**DPBH/DHCFP STAFF PRESENT:**

Tarryn Emmerich-Choi, Health Resource Analyst, PCO

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**1. Roll call and confirmation of quorum.**

**2. Approval of minutes:**

Dr. VanBeuge asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meeting. No recommendations were made.

**First Motion:** Nancy Bowen moves to pass the approval of minutes

**Second Motion:** Gerald Ackerman seconds

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

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

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Nancy Bowen moves to approve

**Second Motion:** Gerald Ackerman 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. Chung.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Nancy Bowen moves to approve

**Second Motion:** Dr. Campbell 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. Rompala.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Gerald Ackerman moves to approve

**Second Motion:** Nancy Bowen 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. Yadav.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application. Gerald Ackerman asks for confirmation of the address of the practice in Elko.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Nancy Bowen moves to approve

**Second Motion:** Gerald 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. Gupta.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Gerald Ackerman moves to approve

**Second Motion:** Dr. Campbell seconds

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

- 8. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Choa.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** Gerald Ackerman states that it is tremendous that the PCO is capturing a provider that Nevada has invested so much training into and that they will make an impact on medical education. Dr. VanBeuge agrees and mentions that there have been a few applications now that are within Nevada and that it is wonderful to see.

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Gerald Ackerman moves to approve

**Second Motion:** Nancy Bowen seconds

**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

- 9. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Frimer.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Nancy Bowen moves to approve

**Second Motion:** Dr. Campbell seconds  
**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**10. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. George.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application. Nancy Bowen confirms that there is a minimum of 25% Medicaid and Medicare visits, the application has 27% so Nancy states that it is skirting the line. Tarryn Emmerich-Choi mentions that they are able to go lower, and in this case the physician is primary care that the state is so lacking, so it has been allowed.

**Member Comment:** none  
**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Gerald Ackerman moves to approve  
**Second Motion:** Dr. Campbell seconds  
**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**11. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Szajnowicz.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none  
**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Gerald Ackerman moves to approve  
**Second Motion:** Nancy Bowen seconds  
**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

**12. Recommendation to the Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health regarding a J-1 Physician Visa Waiver Letter of Support for Dr. Wardinger.** Tarryn Emmerich-Choi presented a summary handout of the completed application.

**Member Comment:** none  
**Public Comment:** none

**First Motion:** Nancy Bowen moves to approve  
**Second Motion:** Gerald Ackerman seconds  
**Motion:** Passes Unanimously

### **13. Member or Public Comment**

Gerald Ackerman asks if we are in a new J-1 cycle. Tarryn Emmerich-Choi states that we are still in the 2024 cycle, and that we have 23 J-1 doctors, the most the Nevada PCO has had, and they are in the process of accepting a new one. She goes to state that there are 7, almost 6 slots left for the year, and the cycle ends in September. Nancy Bowen states that that is great news. Gerald Ackerman commends the PCO staff. Nancy Bowen mentions that she likes the selection of applications that have been coming in. Gerald Ackerman states that it is great that we have accepting a Family Medicine physician as they are unique to the USA and Canada. Dr. VanBeuge mentions that each application represents a tremendous amount of work and Nevada has gained a variety and breadth and depth of people and different specialties. She continues to say that it is great to have people who have trained within Nevada, staying here to work. Dr. VanBeuge asks if the PCO is going to be able to fill all 30 slots this year, and how it has not previously been done before. Tarryn Emmerich-Choi says that they are hopeful.

### **14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.