

# MEDICAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## APPROVED MINUTES

06/02/15

The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) meeting was held via teleconference from the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (BHCQC), 727 Fairview Drive Suite E, Carson City, Nevada and video-conferenced to the BHCQC conference room in Las Vegas. Roll call was taken at 9:00 a.m. and Christie Casey noted that there was a quorum and Dr. Carifo, Chairperson presided over the meeting.

### **1. Roll Call:**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Karen F. Carifo, Ph.D. Chairperson  
Joel S. Bentz, M.D.  
Ralph M. Nietrzeba, M.D.  
Gayle L. Peterson, M.T.  
Mollie A. Kircher, MT  
Mark R. Wolz, M.D.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cynthia Corley Mastick, Ph.D.

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Linda Anderson, Chief Deputy Attorney General  
Leticia Metherell, Health Facilities Inspection Manager  
Vickie Estes, Health Facilities Inspector III  
Christie Casey, Administrative Assistant III  
Maureen Weber, Abbott POC  
David Lucero Independent Lab  
Dr. Victor M. Muro

2. **Approval of minutes from the October 7, 2014 meeting:** Dr. Carifo asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment. Dr. Carifo made a motion to approve the minutes of October 07, 2014 and that was seconded by Dr. Ralph M. Nietrzeba. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Review of curriculum vitae for Dr. Elizabeth Jack for a first term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee and consider for recommendation to the Nevada State Board of Health per NRS 652.170 (1) for final approval:** Dr. Carifo asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment. Dr. Carifo made a motion to recommend Dr. Elizabeth Jack for a first term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee to the Nevada State Board of Health for final approval and it was seconded by Dr. Wolz. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Review of curriculum vitae for Dr. Victor M. Muro for a first term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee and consider for recommendation to the Nevada State Board of Health per NRS 652.170 (1) for final approval:** Dr. Carifo asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment. Dr. Carifo made a motion to recommend Dr. Victor M. Muro for a first term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee to the Nevada State Board of Health for final approval and it was seconded by Dr. Ralph M. Nietrzeba. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Review of curriculum vitae for Mollie A. Kircher, MT for a second term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee and consider for recommendation to the Nevada State Board of**

**Health per NRS 652.170 (3) for final approval:** Dr. Carifo asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment. Dr. Carifo made a motion to recommend Mollie A. Kircher, MT for a second term on the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee to the Nevada State Board of Health for final approval and it was seconded by Dr. Nietrzeba. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Proposed Medical Laboratory Regulations:** An overview was presented by Leticia Metherell and there was a discussion on each proposal. Section 1: Temporary location is defined as 90 days. Dr. Carifo stated this is clarification for Health Fairs. Section 2: HIV tests classified as a waived test. Only HIV performed regulations and brings in line with Assembly bill AB 243. Clarifies tests that can be performed in laboratories 652.140. Linda Anderson stated we are complying with the law; eliminating all barriers for HIV and also complying with CDC instructions pertaining to waived tests. Section 3: Clarifies tests that can be performed by exempt laboratories. Ms. Metherell was instructed to clarify language on # 5; MLAC recommended restructuring the paragraphs related to who can serve as an exempt laboratory director. These were restructured so that each paragraph does not start off with, “in addition” and the word “or” was inserted to make it clear that any of the health care professionals listed in the paragraphs would be able to serve as the laboratory director. Section 4: Clarifies and adds APN and PA to testing for waived and PPMP testing. Section 5: Adds fees for HIV laboratories and clarifies number of test for one application 450B.100.
- 7. Public comment:** Dr. Carifo asked for public comment. There was no public comment
- 8. Adjournment:** There being no further business adjourned the meeting @ 9:29 AM.