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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 12, 2024
TO: John Pennell, Chair
State Board of Health
FROM: Cody Phinney, Administrator
Division of Public and Behavioral Health
RE: Physician Appointment Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, submits to the State Board of Health the attached recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Dustin Holland to fill the position of “[o]ne member who is a physician licensed pursuant to [chapter 630](#) or [633](#) of NRS and who has experience providing emergency medical services.”

Dr. Holland’s primary employment is at Carson Tahoe Hospital Emergency Department. Supplementary to his primary employment, Dr. Holland serves in limited capacity as Medical Director for Central Lyon Fire Department and Carson City Fire Department. It is not uncommon for physicians on the committee have primary employment as a provider of care in emergency departments or other clinical settings, as well as serve as a Medical Director for ambulance and fire agencies to give back to their communities.

The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee’s recommendation does not run afoul of NRS 450B.151, subsection 7, which provides in relevant that the “State Board of Health shall not appoint to the Committee two persons who are employed by or volunteer with the same organization”, as Dr. Holland’s primary employment is with Carson Tahoe Hospital, an entity for which no other members of the Committee represent.