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The Honorable Joe Lombardo
Office of the Governor
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

RE: Patient Protection Commission Jan. 1 Report

Dear Governor Lombardo:

In accordance with NRS 439.918, the Patient Protection Commission (PPC) is respectfully submitting its twice-yearly report to provide updates on meetings and activities of this Commission over the last six months. As of late March, the Executive Director position for the Commission has been vacant and the Commission has not met.

If further information is required, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

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Patient Protection Commission January 1, 2024 Report

Meetings and Activities

NRS 439.918.2.(a) requires the Patient Protection Commission (PPC) to report on the meetings and activities conducted during the immediately preceding 6 months. The Commission has not held any public meetings during the reporting period. In November 2023, Governor Lombardo appointed seven new members to the Commission, and reappointed one member.

Description of Identified Issues

NRS 439.918.2.(a) requires this report to include, without limitation, a description of any issues identified as negatively impacting the quality, accessibility or affordability of health care in this State and any recommendations for legislation, regulations or other changes to policy or budgets to address those issues. Since the last report, the Commission has not had the opportunity to identify any issues related to NRS 439.918.2.(a) due to the suspension of meetings.

Collaboration

NRS 439.918.1, paragraphs (a) and (b) additionally requires the Commission to attempt to identify and facilitate collaboration between existing state governmental entities that study or address issues related to the quality, accessibility, and affordability of health care in this State, including, without limitation, the regional behavioral health policy boards created by NRS 433.429; and attempt to coordinate with such entities to reduce any duplication of efforts among and between those entities and the Commission. The Commission has not had the opportunity to collaborate due to the suspension of meetings and the vacancy of the Executive Director position since March 2023.

The Commission is willing to collaborate with any state governmental entity that studies or addresses issues related to the quality, accessibility, and affordability of health care in this State; and looks forward to continuing this practice through open communication with the Commission and offering direct collaboration from the Executive Director.

Reduce Duplication of Efforts

The Commission is committed to attempting to coordinate with any state governmental entity to reduce any duplication of efforts among and between those entities and the Commission. A direct opportunity to reduce such duplication has not yet presented itself, however the Commission will remain vigilant on this matter.

Next Steps

The Commission is waiting for further direction from the Governor's Office and at the time of this report a meeting has not been called by the Chair.