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## **Patient Protection Commission**

Office of the Governor, State of Nevada

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### **SUMMARY MINUTES**

***February 3, 2020***

The first meeting of the Patient Protection Commission was held on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 9 a.m. in Room 4401, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 3138, Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The agenda, minutes, meeting materials, audio or video recording of the meeting is available on the Commission's meeting page or by request.

#### **Commission Members Present in Las Vegas:**

Dr. John Packham, Chair  
Dr. Howard Baron  
Dr. Ikram Khan  
Dr. Anthony Slonim  
W. Mason Van Houweling  
Bobbette Bond  
Shaun Schoener  
Flo Kahn  
Yarleny Roa-Dugan

#### **Commission Members Present in Carson City:**

Jessica Flood  
Theresa L. Bohannon  
Richard Whitley  
Barbara Richardson  
Heather Korbolic

#### **Commission Staff Present:**

Sara Chalhagian (Patient Protection Commission)  
Tawny Chapman (Nevada Department of Health and Human Services)  
Shannon Litz (Nevada Department of Health and Human Services)

#### **Agenda Item I-Call to Order**

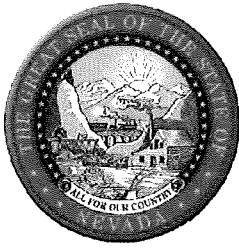
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#### **Agenda Item II-Public Comment**

No public comment.

#### **Agenda Item III-Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Dr. John Packham stated this commission is to address health care issues and access; Dr. Packham thanked Governor Sisolak for SB544; Introductions: Heather Korbolic – Executive Director of the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange, agency that runs the online marketplace; Richard Whitley – Director, Department of Health and Human Services, Department has five different Divisions. Aging, Child and Family Services, Health Care Financing and Policy, Public and Behavioral Health, and Welfare; Barbara Richardson, Commissioner of Insurance, solvency reviews, licensing reviews.; Theresa Bohannon- Background in Public Health, is a part of the Commission to advocate and has a son with a chronic health issue; Jessica Flood- Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator for the Northern Region, works for Nevada Rural



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Hospital Partners, bringing leaders together to improve behavioral health systems. Expert in behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse, Vice President for National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Human Service Network, and teaches at UNR School of Social Work. W. Mason Van Houweling – Chief Executive Officer of University Medical Center in Las Vegas for 6 years, 541 bed hospital, 4,000 employees, children's hospital as well as 16 clinics; Howard Baron- Private practice pediatric gastroenterologist, faculty appointment at UNLV School of Medicine; Dr. Anthony Slonim- Chief Executive Officer of Renown Health- approx. 1,000 beds, services including trauma in the children's hospital with over 7,000 employees; Dr. Ikram Khan – Has been in Las Vegas for 42 years, General Surgeon; Bobbette Bond- Culinary Health Fund, involved in health care access, affordability. Does direct contracting with hospitals and doctors, has a health center and provide busiest two pharmacies; Flo Kahn - Deputy Vice President of State Advocacy of PhRMA representing drug manufacturers; Shawn Schoener- United Health Group with 5,600 employees. Serves in capacity of Vice President sales and Account Management; Yarlyny Roa-Dugan – Registered Nurse Southern Hills Hospital & UMC, would like to advocate for patients and communities at large.

### **Agenda Item IV-Overview of the Commission's Purpose, Responsibilities and Duties**

Dr. Packham welcomed Governor Sisolak and Sara Cholhagian. Governor Sisolak – Thanked everyone for joining and thanked all members and Sara Cholhagian. Governor Sisolak stated he would like the Commission to benefit Nevada with specific topics. When signing SB544 he wanted to bring together a commission to bring access to affordable quality care; Quality care is only good if it is affordable and accessible; He would like to address factors driving up the cost. Stated all of the members were chosen because of their knowledge of health care. Members are being counted on for specific recommendations. Governor and staff will be monitoring progress. Transform delivery of health care. Governor introduced Sara Cholhagian Patient Protection Commission Executive Director. Sara identified the purpose of the Commission as outlined in the bill and highlighted the responsibilities and duties. The Commission must report twice each year to the Governor and the Legislature; The Commission can create up to six subcommittees and the Commission has the authority to request three bill drafts each Legislative Session.

### **Agenda Item V-Presentation of Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML)**

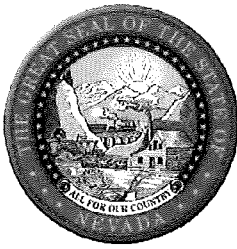
Chairman Packham introduced Office of the Attorney General (AG), Gregory D. Ott, Chief Deputy Attorney General (DAG) for an OML presentation. OML is found in Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 241. A presentation was included to discuss the applicability of the OML, notices and agendas, agenda clarity, additional requirements, exceptions, public comment, violations, technology use for a meeting, ethical considerations, Legislative update regarding AB70, and additional resources. It was suggested to use the Executive Director to relay information; having Executive Director Cholhagian put things on agenda that needs to be discussed. The OML handbook is on the AG website. To connect with Chief DAG, Gregory D. Ott, for assistance with OML issues and questions, call (775)684-1229.

### **Agenda Item VI-Presentation of Health Care in Nevada Fact Sheet**

Chair Packham introduced Legislative Counsel Bureau, Research Division, Marsheilah D. Lyons, Deputy Research Director. Marsheilah Lyons introduced Research Division staff member Megan Comlossy. The presentation was a view of certain health care and physical health data in Nevada and how they compare to national averages. The presentation showed Nevada's health care statistics and rankings data compared to the National data. The following statistics were presented: finance, health insurance coverage, Medicaid and the children's health insurance program, Medicare, providers, immunizations, physical fitness, and certain causes of deaths.

### **Agenda Item VII- Discussion of Commission Priorities and Work Plan**

Chairman Packham initiated the conversation on priorities, topics and emphasis to issues. The bill is about improving access and affordability and providing quality care. Discussed topics included, quality of care in hospital, facility, outpatient settings, and diagnostics services; Using data to monitor improvement efforts moving forward; How to get



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patients on insurance; Number of providers not accepting Medicare or Medicaid; Network adequacy; Price drivers of health care; Licensing and credentialing to possibly streamline the process; Inability to get medical records; Improving communications; What is and isn't keeping providers in the state; HIPAA concerns with data sharing; Examining mental health parity; How to engage with participants; Taking a public health approach on how patients access care; Screening children and adults for trauma; Examine public health funding; access to prenatal care; Evidence based practices; Reimbursement rates and comparing to states who have a similar patient to provider ratio; look into racism and all minority populations in health care; Guinn Center report that has identified the uninsured; Responding to federal changes with coverage; Continuum of care; Patient barriers/navigating the health care system; Controlling cost of health care; Educating the community; Cultural competence.

### Agenda Item VIII-Discussion of Future Meeting Dates, Potential Agenda Items and Presentations for Future Meetings

The intent of the Commission is to meet monthly. Sara Chohagian will work with members to establish a tentative calendar for the next six months.

### Agenda Item IX-Public Comment

Dan Liden – Director of Data and Analytics at Guinn Center, voiced support to the commission and is looking forward to working with together.

Joan Hall – Nevada Rural Hospital Partners representative. Mentioned three topics not discussed, transportation and prehospital care and offering managed care insurances, hospitals are not in contract in the rurals, so they cannot get credentialed.

Tom Clark – Nevada Association of Health Plans. Stated they are willing to assist with anything the commission needs.

### Agenda Item X-Adjournment

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Respectfully submitted,

*Tawny Chapman*

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Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

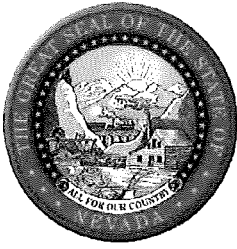
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Dr. John Packham, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Meeting Materials



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<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
V. Presentation of Nevada Open Meeting Law	Office of the Attorney General Gregory Ott, Chief Deputy Attorney General	Presentation of Nevada Open Meeting Law
VI. Presentation of Health Care in Nevada Fact Sheet	Legislative Counsel Bureau, Research Division Marshellah D. Lyons, Deputy Research Director	Nevada Health Care Statistics and Rankings