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SUMMARY MINUTES

March 2, 2020

The meeting of the Patient Protection Commission was held on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 5100, Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to the Old Assembly Chambers of the Capitol Building, 101 N. Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The agenda, minutes, meeting materials, and audio or video recording of the meeting are available on the Commission's meeting page or by request.

Agenda Item I - Call to Order

Chairman Packham called the regular meeting to order at 10:30AM. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Commission Members Present in Las Vegas:

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

Commission Members Present in Carson City:

Theresa L. Bohannon
Jessica Flood

Nonvoting Commission Members Present in Carson City:

Executive Director Heather Korbolic, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange
Insurance Commissioner Barbara Richardson, Nevada Division of Insurance (Department of Business and Industry)
Director Richard Whitley, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services

Commission Staff Present:

Sara Chalhagian, Executive Director
Gregory D. Ott, Chief Deputy Attorney General
Tawny Chapman (Nevada Department of Health and Human Services)
Shannon Litz (Nevada Department of Health and Human Services)

Absent:

Voting Commission Member, Yarleny Roa Dugan (excused)

Agenda Item II - Public Comment

Dr. Ihsan Azzam, Nevada Chief Medical Officer, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

Dr. Azzam addressed the Commission to speak about Covid-19. Specifically, he stated there have been more than 90,000 confirmed cases in 67 countries. He stated that it is more appropriate to use the words global pandemic. Referencing Nevada, he specified that his office will continue to do their best to ensure the safety of the community. He reported there were no



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confirmed cases, but stated he believed it is not a question of if, but when, and stressed that communities need to be prepared. He wanted to make sure that whatever tools the State has, that they are applied to slow the spread of the virus and highlighted how social distancing should be done properly to slow the spread. He also stated there is currently no approved treatment or vaccine.

Melissa Peek-Bullock, Nevada State Epidemiologist was present to answer questions along with Dr. Azzam. There were no questions.

Shirley Ga, a private citizen and mother addressed the Commission to call attention to the difficulty she has had finding a provider for her child that is both covered by her insurance and accessible. She specifically referenced the lack of Speech and Occupational Therapy services covered under her healthcare network.

Agenda Item III - Opening Remarks

Chair Packham announced the meeting room must be relinquished by 1:30pm. No further discussion was held.

Agenda Item IV - Approval of the February 3, 2020 minutes

Chairman Packham presented the Commission with a draft of the summary minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting.

MOTION was made to approve minutes of the February 3, 2020, meeting as presented by Commissioner Khan:

Commissioner Kahn Seconded. Carried without dissent.

Agenda Item V - Presentation of Commission's ranked priorities and discussion of identified top priorities

Chair Packham stated that after the last meeting, he asked each Commissioner to identify the top five issues they would like for the Commission to begin to address for their review work this spring. He specified that the charge of the Commission is outlined in NRS 439.916, and the list outlined there was used as a base for each Commissioner to use to identify their priorities. He further indicated the request to prioritize was not an exercise to omit any issue area rather that it was a step to formally organize and frame the work of this Commission not only for the meeting but to begin to outline a realistic work plan for this spring. The top three issues identified were as follows:

1. Examining the cost of health care and the primary factors impacting those costs [NRS 439.916.1(c)].
2. Reviewing the adequacy and types of providers of health care who participate in networks established by health carriers in this State and the geographic distribution of the providers of health care who participate in each such network [NRS 439.916.1(e)].
3. Reviewing the effect of any changes to Medicaid, including, without limitation, the expansion of Medicaid pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148, on the cost and availability of health care and health insurance in this State [NRS 439.916.1(g)].

Discussion was held on these identified issue areas and there was consensus to maintain these as the top priority. No action taken.

Agenda Item VI - Discussion of and request for experts and data to provide additional information to assess policy priority areas, including baseline data on health care access, affordability and quality

Chair Packham and Director Chalhagian indicated they would put together a list of data and presenters the Commissioners would like to see this spring. Priorities include but are not limited to state health care spending, cost of delivery for providers, licensing



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and credentialing, cost of state health care systems, drug costs, gaps in data, uninsured, mental health parity. No action taken.

Agenda Item VII - Discussion of and request for experts and data to provide additional information to assess possible changes to state or local policy in Nevada to improve health care access, affordability and quality, including a review of strategies, model policy, and best practices from other states

Discussion was held relating to requests made by Commissioners to include modeling any state that collects data better, recruiting providers from our medical schools, mid-level providers like nurses and physician assistants, presentations from state advisory boards, Guinn Center, Department of Insurance, and the HHS state biostatistician were some of the items mentioned. No action taken.

Agenda Item VIII - Presentation of Commission's ability to establish subcommittees and discussion about the creation of subcommittees based on requested deliverables and/or the ability to assist the Commission with other areas of expertise or interests that should be represented

Director Chalhagian gave an overview of the Commission's ability to create sub-committees. Attorney Ott stated that Director Chalhagian laid out several options for the Commission to consider and highlighted the law allows for Non-Commissioners to be on the sub-committees. He indicated if this is the option the Commission chooses then it is necessary for their names to be placed on agenda so the public can be properly informed before an action is considered. A motion was made to approve creating 3 sub-committees.

MOTION was made to create 3 subcommittees based on the established priorities and for the composition, deliverables, and goals to be determined at a future meeting by Commissioner Van Houweling and was seconded by Commissioner Bond.

Commissioner Khan called for the question to be voted on. Chair Packham requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Packham-Y, Baron-Y, Khan-Y, Van Houweling-Y, Bond-Y, Flood-Y.
Slonim-N, Schoener-N, Bohannon-N.
Kahn-abstain

MOTION PASSED with 6 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention, 1 absent.

Agenda Item IX - Update on Collaboration and Coordination between the Commission and Other State Entities

Director Chalhagian indicated she has reached out to several entities and other state agencies with the Commission's tentative meeting schedule and to open the dialog to discuss Commission's duties and responsibilities. She stated the intent is to share information, coordinate, and collaborate while also reducing any duplication of efforts. She will keep the board updated in these collaborations via phone, email, and/or set up presentations for more information as requested. No action taken.

Agenda Item X - Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

Chair Packham mentioned some of the future agenda items would include but not limit the following: data, data presenters, state models, and roles for sub-committees. He further indicated that future meetings would be calendared for the first Monday of the month through July. No action taken.

Agenda Item XI - Public Comment

Bill Welch of the Nevada Hospital Association wants to make sure the public is aware of these meetings and they can be present or call into them. Director Chalhagian reminded him that all meetings are properly noticed and have a public place in Las Vegas



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and Carson City for the public to attend. She also mentioned our available website and that she can be a point of contact for the Commission via email for any comments, concerns, data, etc.

Agenda Item X - Adjournment

Adjournment at 1:22PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Mayville".

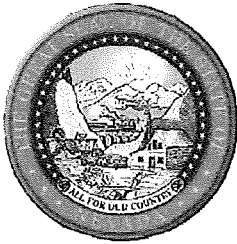
Leslie Mayville

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APPROV

Dr. John Packham, Chair

Date: 6/11/20



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Meeting Materials

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
None		