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SUMMARY MINUTES **August 3, 2020**

Pursuant to Governor Steve Sisolak's Emergency Directive 006 as amended and extended by Emergency Directive 021, there will be no physical location for this meeting. The meeting can be listened to or viewed live over the internet. 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 Khan called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Ikram Khan, Chairman
Dr. Howard Baron
Theresa Bohannon
Bobbette Bond
Jessica Flood
Flo Kahn
Dr. John Packham
Yarleny Roa Dugan
Shaun Schoener
Dr. Anthony Slonim
W. Mason Van Houweling

Advisory Commission Members Present:

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 (DHHS)

Commission Staff Present:

Sara Cholhagian, Executive Director
Gregory D. Ott, Chief Deputy Attorney General
Lezlie Mayville, Administrative Assistant/Policy Coordinator

Agenda Item II - Public Comment:

Tom Clark of the Nevada Association of Health Plans spoke regarding All Payer Claims Database and referred the commission to SB472 that failed to pass in 2019. His comments included but were not limited to the importance of the commission knowing specifically what type of data was the most significant to capture, recognizing that the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) plans do not have to report so we'd only get approximately 70% or two thirds of the data, suggested the data aggravator have the High Trust certification for security, and know what the ongoing cost to the state will be and where will that money come from were some of the topics mentioned.



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Barry Gold, Director of Government Relations at AARP, is urging the Commission to look at two areas important to their organization. Firstly, being that nursing homes need an ombudsman be allowed in to verify proper COVID testing, PPE and staffing are being maintained as people in nursing homes are the most vulnerable. Would also like the Commission to look at prescription drug costs since lifesaving drugs cannot work if people cannot afford them.

Agenda Item III - Presentation from Patient's about their health care experiences in Nevada

Donna Kelly-Yu, member of the Culinary Health Fund for 22 years made comments that included but were not limited to concerns about her health data being shared without her permission, security of transferring her health info from one provider to another and problems with getting her unemployment benefits in a timely manner were some things mentioned.

Mario Sandoval, food server at Binions and 39 year Culinary Union Member also shared his concerns about data related to his health care remaining private if the state decides to implement new patient information exchanges and portals.

Stephanie Schwartz comments were read into record by staff.

Agenda Item IV - Approval of the July 20, 2020 minutes

Chairman Khan presented the Commission with a draft of the summary minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting.

MOTION was made to approve minutes of the July 20, 2020, meeting as presented by Commissioner Van Houweling. Commissioner Baron Seconded. Carried without dissent.

Agenda Item V - Opening Remarks - Overview of Agenda and Welcome

Chairman Khan

Wants to keep remarks brief and requested Commissioners to please be respectful of time constraints.

Agenda Item VI - Update on Collaborations and Coordination between the Commission and other State Entities

Executive Director Chalhagian

- a. Letter from Advisory Committee on Medicaid Innovation RE: Recommendations on Possible Subjects for consideration was provided to Commissioners prior to the meeting for their review.
- b. The Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board has requested Patient Protection Commission Collaboration. Director Chalhagian will make the introductions to them of Commissioners Roa-Dugan and Commissioner Bohannon who have volunteered to collaborate with their board.
- c. Legislative Committee on Health Care will meet for the final time this year on August 19, 2020. Director Chalhagian is working with their committee to coordinate any plans to move forward with an All Payer Claims Database so our two committees do not duplicate efforts.



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Agenda Item VII - Discussion of Commission Work Plan and Potential Bill Draft Requests

A brief discussion was held regarding if the Bill Draft Request had to pertain to COVID-19 and thoughts included but were not limited to the fact that we won't know where the state is in regard to the pandemic by the next legislative session and what the long term needs of recovery will mean for the state. Will vaccines be available by February of 2021, for instance? Commissioners did not feel a COVID-19 specific BDR would rise to the level of urgency for our September 1, 2020 deadline.

Telehealth seemed to be the highest ranked priority for most of the commission. A working document was created live during the meeting and some of the following requests from the Commissioners that might be a BDR included but were not limited to; promote increased patients' access to high quality care while reducing costs and improving patient and provider safety; codify current COVID-19 related telemedicine provisions; ensure sufficient access to mental health technology and connectivity to support telemedicine in all of Nevada, more specifically Rural Nevada; address licensure including licensure compacts, reciprocity, broadband access, health literacy for patients and cultural competency were some of the items mentioned.

MOTION was made to move forward with a vote to approve the items on the Commission's work plan on Telehealth by Dr. Slonim and Commissioner Van Houweling Seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Access and Affordability of Health Care was the second topic of discussion for priority of the commission and a working document was created live during the meeting. Some of the following requests from Commissioners that might be discussed for a BDR included but were not limited to; enhancing patients' healthcare experience and state outcomes by implementing transparency measures that help understand data trends, mandate reporting of data to State of Nevada, (PPC, DHHS, Attorney General) to allow for monitoring of health care industry including pricing, all payer claims, drug costs, entity ownership and mergers, consolidation, hospital price transparency (specifically Federal language CMS Final Ruling), create an All Payer Claims Database in Nevada that includes all aspects of healthcare ecosystem, (including but not limited to providers, insurers, hospitals, Pharmacy Benefit Managers, pharmaceuticals, labor unions and the state), expand authority of the PPC to monitor and further efforts of enhancing patients' healthcare experience, patient access, health care costs and systemic price drivers were some of the items of interest mentioned.

A consensus was reached by the Commissioners with no objections, to further discuss and narrow down the language for this possible BDR at the next meeting.

Agenda Item VIII - Standing Agenda Item:

Discussion of Future Meeting Dates were mentioned of August 17, and August 31, 2020. No action taken.

Commissioners were asked to send all potential agenda items to Director Chalhagian. No action taken.

Commissioners were informed any presentations for future meetings must be relevant to BDR subjects until after the BDR submission deadline. No action taken.



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Agenda Item IX - Public Comment

Commissioner Van Houweling wanted to publicly thank Dr. John Packham for his leadership during his time as Chairman of the Patient Protection Commission and Dr. Khan agreed. There was no other Public Comment.

Agenda Item - X Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leslie Mayville".

Leslie Mayville
Office of the Patient Protection Commission

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ikram Khan".

Dr. Ikram Khan, Chair

Date:

8/18/2020



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Meeting Materials

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
VI.	Advisory Committee on Medicaid Innovation	Letter emailed and presented to Commission