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SUMMARY MINUTES

August 17, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Steve Sisolak's Emergency Directive 006 as amended and extended by Emergency Directive 029, 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 Bohannan
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 Chalhagian, Executive Director
Gregory D. Ott, Chief Deputy Attorney General
Lezlie Mayville, Administrative Assistant/Policy Coordinator

Agenda Item II - Public Comment:

Joan Hall, Nevada Rural Hospital Association
She is encouraging the PPC to look at workforce as something to review

Barry Gold, Director of Government Relations, AARP
Wanted the commission to know the AARP has sent letters to Governor Sisolak and Director Whitley regarding allowing a state ombudsman to enter Nursing homes. They are needed to monitor visitors, evaluate if staffing levels are adequate and COVID19 testing and safety are under control.



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Bill Welch, President Nevada Hospital Association

Would like the PPC to submit BDR regarding Telehealth and vulnerable populations. Would like Telehealth to include payment parity. Also, would like the PPC to use the last BDR to increase Healthcare Workforce, increase Medicaid funding as budget was just reduced and many providers will not be able to continue seeing Medicaid patients.

Michael Gagnon, Executive Director of Healthy Nevada HIE

After giving background on his credentials, he mentioned all HIE's have a plan for building and sustaining themselves but need additional funding for continued sustainability.

Jennifer Atlas, Griffin Company, representing the Nevada Dental Association (NDA)

She read a letter from the NDA that encourages the PPC to consider including teledentistry verbiage in the proposed bill draft language for certain telehealth policies under discussion. Teledentistry in Nevada can reduce traditional barriers to care, foster equality and adopt an innovative service delivery model. Access to basic dental services is directly related to overall health as you cannot have a healthy body without a healthy mouth were some of the opinions mentioned.

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

There were no presentations or comments from Nevada patients for this meeting

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

Chairman Khan presented the Commission with a draft of the summary minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting.

MOTION was made to approve minutes of the August 3, 2020, meeting as presented by Commissioner Baron. Commissioner Van Houweling Seconded. Carried without dissent.

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

Chairman Khan

He would like to thank the commissioners for their great participation and would like to continue the same format as the last meeting asking every member to state their opinion. Wants to make sure the BDR language is narrowed down for an efficient next meeting.

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

Executive Director Chalhagian

Explained to the commission that she needs enough detail on each proposed bill draft request to adequately capture the legislative intent. She stated there will be an opportunity to provide slight modifications to the bill language after she receives the bill language from legislative counsel but for discussion purposes now, she is seeking input from the commission on details for conceptual language for submission.

She has been in consistent communication with other boards. Attended the Mother and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) with Commissioners Rua-Dugan and Bohannon last week. The Legislative Committee on Health Care and the Committee to Conduct an Interim Study concerning Prescription Drugs were mentioned as making decisions soon regarding their own BDR's.



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

A working document was created live during the meeting of language that might be included regarding the subject of Proposed Bill Draft 1 on Telehealth. The goal of which is to promote increased patients' access to high-quality care, while reducing costs and improving patient and provider safety, through the inclusion of clear, effective and sustainable telemedicine language in the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS).

Components of the BDR were agreed upon to include Expansion of Service and Private Payer Parity. Some of the requests/and or comments mentioned but were not limited to included; telehealth consultations should be in urban and not just rural areas, behavioral mental health should specifically be listed, network adequacy, consumer protections of Personal Health Information (PIE) should be upheld but maybe relax some HIPPA compliancy in order to allow less secure platforms to deliver telehealth such as via Facetime, Skype, etc. Do not remove telephone calls from doctors to patients but costs should be contracted. They want to avoid listing all providers and types of care provided as to not leave anyone off the list. Teledentistry has also been mentioned and the commission is seeking more information on this type of care. There was a consensus on the draft language reached with no opposition, but no action taken.

A working document was created live during the meeting of language that might be included regarding the subject of Proposed Bill Draft 2 on Transparency. The goal of which is to enhance patient's healthcare experience and outcomes by implementing transparency measures that help understand data trends.

Components of the BDR suggested that transparency measures that must include all aspects of the healthcare ecosystems, including but not limited to providers, insurers, hospitals, Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM), pharmaceuticals, labor unions and the state. Also included but not limited to requirements of an inventory of the currently reported health data in Nevada to analyze trends in costs/prices, consolidation, patient access to care, reporting each year to Governor, Legislature, and PPC. Require pre-transaction reporting to the State of Nevada of affiliations, mergers, joint ventures or acquisitions between a health care system, a health plan, private equity group or hedge fund and a health plan, health care facility or provider. Report by facility the use of emergency relief funds made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic provided by the federal and state governments. Seek administrative penalties for failure to submit reports. More suggestions included but were not limited to additional data related to Pharmaceutical Claims, data related to Patient Health Care Costs, Confidentiality, Hospital Price Transparency, All Payer Claims Database and expanded authority of Patient Protection Commission to monitor and further the efforts of enhancing patient's healthcare experience and state outcome. Ensure the Patient Protection Commission and DHHS have authority to request and review data, and to request adhoc reports regarding price/cost, consolidation, and access to care. No opposition was raised to language presented in the outline. However, there was discussion about additional language to adequately capture the intent of the bill draft for next meeting. No action taken.

Agenda Item VIII - Standing Agenda Item:

Discussion of Future Meeting Dates of August 31, 2020 is currently the only future meeting scheduled. Chair Khan asked commissioners to send potential dates for meetings coming up to Director Chohagian. No action taken.

Commissioners were asked to send all potential agenda items to Director Chohagian as soon as possible. No action taken.

There were no comments regarding presentations for future meetings. No action taken.



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Agenda Item IX - Public Comment

Commissioner Bohannon wanted to publicly thank Governor Sisolak for recognizing racism as a public health issue.

Agenda Item - X Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Lezlie Mayville
Office of the Patient Protection Commission

APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ikram Khan".

Dr. Ikram Khan, Chair

Date:

9/1/2020



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Meeting Materials

AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	DESCRIPTION
ii.	Mark. D. Funke, DDS President, Nevada Dental Association	Emailed (8-24-20) Testimony regarding Teledentistry and its current use in the State of Nevada