SUMMARY MINUTES
April 21, 2021

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 8:00 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
Yarleny Roa Dugan
Shaun Schoener
Dr. Anthony Slonim
Mason Van Houweling

Advisory Commission Members Present:
Justin Prazak representing Silver State Health Insurance Exchange
Insurance Commissioner Barbara Richardson, Nevada Division of Insurance (Department of Business and Industry)

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

Absent: Advisory Commission Member
Director Richard Whitley, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Agenda Item II - Public Comment:
Tom Clark representing the Nevada Association of Health Plans

He mentioned SB40 and how Senator Ratti and the stakeholders worked hard on this bill and it has a fantastic foundation. He would like to tighten up the governance of the Patient Protection Commission (PPC), oversight of the data collected, and the distribution of that data. He and his group like the 1st Reprint version of the bill and they want to continue to work together.

Agenda Item III - Approval of the March 15, 2021 minutes
The Commission was presented with an email draft of the summary minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting.
MOTION was made to approve minutes of the March 15, 2021, meeting as presented, by Commissioner Slonim. Commissioner Baron Seconded. Carried without dissent with the members present (Commissioner Bond and Commissioner Van Houweling were not in attendance at the time).

Agenda Item IV - Discussion on PPC recommended principles and operating procedures for benchmark strategy development

Chairman Khan

The Chair reminded Commissioners there was a lot to cover today and we have a hard stop at noon. At this time, he handed this topic over to Director Cholhagian who introduced Mr. Bailit, explaining the Operating Procedures document.

The Operating Procedures (OP) were shared with the Commissioners prior to the meeting for their review. The Commissioners were given assurance by Attorney Ott that there wasn’t anything in the OP that conflicted with the PPC charter or laws in our state. Attorney Ott tailored the language from the Oregon document to make sure it is in line with our past processes and it would be specific to the Peterson Milbank Program. He also added we can adopt these procedures for everything at a later date if the Commission so desires.

MOTION was made to adopt the Operating Procedures as presented by Commissioner Flood. Commissioner Baron Seconded. Carried without dissent with the members present (Commissioner Bond and Van Houweling were not in attendance at the time).

Agenda Item V - Presentation on Cost Growth Benchmark Methodology

Michael Bailit, M.B.A., President, Bailit Health

The presentation of Defining Total Health Care Expenditures and Defining the Population for Whom Total Health Care Expenditures Are Being Measured provoked vigorous discussion and questions by the Commissioners. Opinions about what to include/not include to get to the Cost Growth Benchmark Methodology were debated and suggested. The dialogue was very robust and several decision points were made. However, the last part of Mr. Bailit’s presentation was not heard in the time allotted. Establishing Criteria for Choosing an Economic Indicator was moved to the next meeting.

Agenda Item VI - Ten Minute Break

9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item VII - Discussion on creating new or making changes to existing subcommittees, including but not limited to establishment of scope and jurisdiction, appointment of members from the PPC or attached list of possible members, designation of a chair, assignment of scope and duties, and time frames for action items and/or deliverables

Staff read an opinion statement made by Commissioner Bobbette Bond regarding Milbank Advisory Committee and Process for Other Committees. This is part of the record and posted to the ppc.nv.gov website.

Chair Khan asked the Commissioners if they can agree upon the creation of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee to
the PPC for the Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care because this is a priority for the Governor. They all agreed and there was no opposition. Much discussion was had on the number of members the advisory committee should be, how to choose them, and asked Mr. Bailit what’s worked in other states. Mr. Bailit suggested 15-20 would be plenty as this group is just there to give opinions. A majority consensus agreed to 20 on that committee. Director Cholhagian will review the list to make sure all positions are represented. Then bring it back to the group for consideration. A long conversation was held to try to define the scope, purpose and membership of the other sub-committees. Chair Khan again reminded the Commissioners that Milbank was the Governor’s priority. Other Commissioners opined on the various sub-committees again but there was no consensus. **No other action was taken.**

**Agenda Item VIII - Update on Commission’s pending legislation (Senate Bill 5 and Senate Bill 40) and legislative session**

Director Cholhagian informed the Commissioners Senate Bill 5 was voted unanimously out of the Senate and has now been transmitted to the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services. Senate Bill 40 has been granted an exemption from deadlines and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

**Agenda Item IX - Standing Agenda Item(s)**

Commissioners were reminded we still had the third Wednesday of every month set aside for our meetings. The next meeting would be on May 19, 2021 at 8:00am. Commissioner Kahn mentioned she would like to see an agenda item for that meeting to include Assembly Bill 348. This bill will affect the Patient Protection Commission if passed and she feels Commissioners need to be aware of it and possibly discuss.

**Agenda Item X - Public Comment**

Alison Bartko of the Hemostasis and Thrombosis Center of Nevada

She wants to thank the commission for their work and while bills such as SB40 is the first step, their Federal Data shows they reduce mortality and morbidity by 40% and reduce costs, yet that data has not assisted patients with access to care. Patients have to pay cash to access the state’s only Center of Excellence and Hemophilia. They would like to help with this process.

**Agenda Item XI - Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am
Respectfully submitted,

Lezlie Mayville
Office of the Patient Protection Commission

APPROVED BY:

Dr. Ikram Khan, Chair

Date: May 20, 2021

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