

Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2023

This Advisory Council conducted a public meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 10:00am.

Roll Call – The Following Council Members were present:

John Packham
Patrick Kelly
Rosalie Bordelove
Tom McCoy
Sarah Fox
Amanda Brazeau
Howard Baron
Cris Williams
Jack Kim
Vu Luu
Chris Carmona

The following Council Members were absent:

Brian Nusen
Joy Thomas

The following Staff Members were present:

Mark Garratt
Jermey Christensen
David Cassetty
Maile Campbell
Jack Childress
Liz Martins

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 10:05. Mark Garratt proceeded with the roll call and a quorum was established.
2. Introductory Remarks – Mark Garratt reminded the Council and public of the Council's charge which establishes the scope of the Council's work and determines recommendations to the Commissioner as to what network adequacy requirements should be. He also reminded participants that Nevada's Open Meeting Law applies which means that the meeting will be recorded, and minutes will be taken. This information will be made available to the public through the Division's website.
3. Public Comment: No Call for public comment at this time whoever, Rosalie Bordeelove stated: "Not public comment however the AG office just a note, there are new requirements in AB 219 this year that as a requirement, that you read aloud the access code. The public can call in with 1-844-621-3956 access code 26300243055. If the public needs instruction to press unmute or anything, you can state that though I am not sure if that is ok."

4. Approval of the Minutes from the June 15, 2023, Meeting: Mark- "All of the members should have received the minutes previously via email, if anyone needs them to be displayed, please let me know. Do we have any comments regarding the minutes? Hearing None, at this time, I will entertain any motions to Approval Minutes" Jack Kim- "I will make a motion to Approve" Howard Baron- " 2nd", Mark Garratt- " All those in Favor, say Aye" The committee stated Aye. Mark Garratt- "Any Opposed?" None Opposed. Mark Garratt- "Approval of the minutes is past."
5. Presentation by Nevada Division of Insurance-Review of Plan Year 2023 Carrier Compliance with Essential Community Providers Requirements: Jerney Christensen- "just following up on a question that was asked during our the last network meeting whether or not the carriers are meeting the current 35% requirement for central community providers and there is a very short answer to this, and actually we were looking at the current plan year 2024 since we're involved in our review of the policies. All carriers are meeting the general 35% essential Community provider requirement for 2024. Several carriers are actually contracting with 100% of the available in the service areas and I believe the lowest contracting rate was 57% from 1 carrier, but all are well and access at the 35% requirement.
6. Presentation by John Packman, PhD, University of Nevada Reno-Health Workforce Development Legislation from the 2023 Session of the Nevada State Legislature: Emphasis on "Growing our own" providers. Health Workforce Wins, Unfinished Business Between Now and 2025, Discussion over residency programs, Medicaid is contemplating an increase Medicaid reimbursement for facility's that are hosting graduate medical education programs.
7. Discussion, Deliberation and Potential Direction by Council regarding Network Adequacy Standards for Plan Year 2025: Discussed Provider directory issues, telehealth to satisfy network adequacy standards, Provider standards. Motion is that we maintain the current standards, but for the family planning providers and the FQHC's as a separate category to the Federal requirements. No opposition, motion passes. Suggested to put in a request for more funding per Dr. Packhams presentation for the GME.
8. Discussion on Plan Year 2025 Meetings: Discuss report in the September 7th 2023 meeting.
9. Public Comment: None at this time.
10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am

This Webex Meeting recording and all previous complete recordings of past Council meetings can be found on the Division's website:

https://doi.nv.gov/Insurers/Life_and_Health/Network_Adequacy_Advisory_Council/