

COMMISSIONER'S NETWORK ADEQUACY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held

The Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council held a public meeting on Monday, June 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Nevada Division of Insurance Hearing Room, 1818 East College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada, which was video-conferenced to Las Vegas at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Tahoe Room, Suite 430 Las Vegas, Nevada. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The video recording of this meeting may be viewed on the Division's website, http://doi.nv.gov/Insurers/Life_and_Health/Network_Adequacy_Advisory_Council/.

Roll Call of Members:

The following Council members were present:

Bill Welch (CC)
Dr. Howard Baron (LV)
Jack Kim (LV)
Janise Wiggins (LV)
Jon Hager (CC)
John Packham (CC)
Trevor Rice (CC)

The following Council members were not present:

Nancy Hook
Pete Sabal

Division of Insurance Staff in attendance:

Kim Everett (CC)
Jack Childress (CC)
Jeremey Gladstone (CC)
Alexia Emmermann (CC)
Nanci Hoffman (CC)

Meeting Facilitator:
Deborah Loesch-Griffin

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Deborah Loesch-Griffin introduced the two new members, Janise Wiggins and Jon Hager and then she proceeded with the roll call. Seven members were counted as present. Two members were absent.

2. Public comment

There was no public comment from Carson City or Las Vegas.

3. Review and approve minutes from September 12, 2016, and February 13, 2017, meeting (*for possible action).

Ms. Everett asked for review and approval of the September 12, 2016 and February 13, 2017, meetings.

Dr. Howard Baron made a motion to approve and seconded by Bill Welch of the September 12, 2016. Motion carried.

A correction was requested to the February 13, 2017 minutes to correct the spelling of Bill Welch’s name on the first page. Dr. Baron made a motion to approve the February 13, 2017, and seconded by Trevor Rice to approve as amended.

4. Introductory remarks.

Alexia Emmermann went over the Open Meeting Law and discussed the Council’s charge. She advised the Council that staff would interrupted if there was any violation of the “Open Meeting Law” during this meeting.

5. Re-establish Council’s vision and agreements (for possible action): Review Council’s previously established vision and agreements for arriving at network adequacy standards; determine whether Council would like to change its vision and agreement’s.

Deborah Loesch-Griffin reviewed with the Council vision on the Expectations and Agreements:

The Council discussed and reviewed any changes in each category that it would like to have changed and reconstructed for clarification.

a. Basic Rules are:

- Deliberations
- Agenda and Council discussions

b. Additional Process Agreements are:

- Think outside restrictions, Pragmatic
- Understanding consequences
- What to do at the beginning of meetings
- One person at a time speaks
- Respectfully listening

- Everyone’s voice and opinions matters, and agree to disagree.

c. Standards are pragmatic, achievable and meaningful. This was broken down into eight bullet points:

- Maximize, validate
- Access to care/insurance
- Maximize health/wellness
- Education
- CMS ECP/NETWORK
- Adequacy Template for consumers
- Network Care
- Contribution to health Literacy, and provided care.

6. Presentations: by Division of Insurance Staff (For possible action): Discussion and potential impact to network adequacy.

Jeremy Gladstone went over the components that impact or dictate how network adequacy is defined in the State of Nevada and reviewed the plan year 2018 network adequacy standards. Additionally, Mr. Gladstone reviewed changes at the Federal and State level which impact Nevada’s network adequacy standards. He concluded his presentation with a review of complaints received by the Division’s Consumer Services section related to network adequacy. Council members asked questions throughout the presentation related to the topics covered.

7. Update, discussion, and potential direction by Council regarding network adequacy Standards for plan year 2019 (For possible action).

Deborah Loesch-Griffin asked the Council “what stood out to them within the presentation.” The council wanted to know what was being done to help consumers.

a. Assignments, timeline, and goal setting.

To get more data in preparation for plan year 2020, review existing data, understand what Council can get in the form of data and what can be requested. Compare recommendations from plan year 2017 against network adequacy data for plan year 2018 and see where Council wants to make changes.

b. Direction to Division staff concerning assignments.

- 1) Comparison of Nevada’s Exchange and off-Exchange insurance markets for individual and small group plans: Plan year 2017 versus plan year 2018
- 2) Review concerns and feedback regarding network adequacy requirements
 - (a) Public comment provided at the plan year 2018 network adequacy regulation workshop and hearing
 - (b) Plan year 2018 Nevada Declaration Document
- 3) Plan year 2018 Network Adequacy Certification update
- 4) Plan year 2018 Essential Community Provider analysis

- 5) Potential impact of telemedicine on network adequacy
- 6) Review Network Adequacy Declaration Document for plan year 2018

c. Other matters related to timely and relevant information and data collection regarding network adequacy.

- Get more data in preparation for the plan year 2020 review with the existing data.
- Understand what the Council can get in the form of data and what can be requested.
- Compare recommendations from plan year 2018 against data and see where Council wants to make changes.

8. Scheduling of next meeting agenda items: Identify agenda items for scheduled Council meetings.

Council reviewed the topics for the next agenda items to be finalized for the July 21, 2017 meeting.

9. Public Comments

There was no public comment from the Carson City or Las Vegas office.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanci Hoffman