

## **COMMISSIONER'S NETWORK ADEQUACY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of Meeting Held**

The Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council held a public meeting on, February 07, 2019 at 10:00 a.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/](http://doi.nv.gov/Insurers/Life_and_Health/Network_Adequacy_Advisory_Council/).

### **Roll Call of Members:**

#### **The following Council members were present:**

Howard Baron (LV)

Jack Kim (LV)

Thomas McCoy (CC)

Trevor Rice (CC)

Pete Sabal (LV)

Bill Welch (LV)

#### **The following Council members were not present:**

John Packham

Devin Brooks

John Hager

#### **Division of Insurance Staff in attendance:**

Jeremey Gladstone (CC)

Mark Garratt (CC)

Alexia Emmermann (CC)

Nanci Hoffman (CC)

#### **Meeting Facilitator:**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Nanci Hoffman proceeded with the roll call. There were six members present and two absent.

Jeremy Gladstone with the Division of Insurance (DOI) announced to the Council that Janice Wiggins resigned as a member last year, and Thomas McCoy was appointed by the Commissioner as the new member to fill her place on the Council.

**2. Introductory Remarks**

Alexia Emmermann, Legal Counsel for the Division of Insurance, reviewed the Council’s charge, along with other reminders and general information that may be relevant to the Council’s deliberations.

Mr. Gladstone, DOI staff, announced to the Council that Turning Point would no longer be facilitating the Council meetings and offered thanks to Turning Point, Deborah Loesch-Griffin, and her team for their service.

**3. Public comment**

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

**4. Approval of the Minutes from the September 13, 2018 Meeting**

A motion of approval of the minutes was made by Howard Baron and seconded by, Jack Kim, Motion carried.

**5. Review vision, future considerations from Plan Year 2020, and set goals for plan year 2021.**

Council reviewed their vision and future considerations from last year’s meetings. The Council members confirmed their vision and future considerations and did not make any changes with one exception.

Howard Baron noted that the vision needed to be updated to reflect the 93% of Nevada’s population outside of the authority of the Council rather than the 80% currently listed. The Council agreed and discussed the adjustment.

Howard Baron made a motion to adjust the figures in the vision and it was seconded by Jack Kim, motion carried.

**6. Presentations: Network Adequacy Overview and Presentation: by Division of Insurance, Jeremy Gladstone, Assistant Chief Examiner**

Mr. Gladstone presented an overview of network adequacy. The presentation included a review of plan year 2020 network adequacy proposed standards, essential community provider standards, and Nevada’s insurance market snapshot, plan offerings for PY 2019 by county, market changes, network adequacy methodologies and Medicaid standards.

**7. Discussion, Deliberation, and Potential Direction by Council Regarding Network Adequacy Standards for Plan Year 2021.**

The Council discussed possible standards for plan year 2021 and brainstormed metrics and data that they would like to review in considering potential standards. Some of the additional items discussed were:

- Average wait times for a patient to be seen
- Looking at a comparison of what other states are doing
- Looking at reasons for why carriers are exiting the market
- Comparing what other entities are doing such as Medicaid, Medicare, the Exchange, etc.
- Emergency room care and the trauma level of different hospitals and how the DOI defines a hospital, as well as, the impact this has on balance billing

**8. Discussion on Plan Year 2021 meetings.**

a) Schedule of future meetings

The Council decided on the following future meeting dates:

June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>.

b) Other matters related to meetings for Plan Year 2021

The Council requested that DOI staff present information related to:

- Trauma centers and the level of care that they provide;
- Wait times to get in to see a doctor
- Feedback on what the Silver State Health Exchange is doing related to Network Adequacy
- The Council requested analysis on various specialties and their current adequacy. These specialties include: Dermatology, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Gynecology (OB/GYN), Nephrology, Neurology, and Pulmonology

**9. Public Comment**

Chris Bosse, Renown Health, wanted to follow up on the Council’s discussion on hospitals and network adequacy. She would like to encourage the Council to consider and identify services not only needed in an emergency but be aware of the components at a community level.

**10. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 1:17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nanci Hoffman