

COMMISSIONER'S NETWORK ADEQUACY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held

The Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council held a public meeting on, June 18, 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 (CC)

Jon Hager (CC)

Thomas McCoy (CC)

Trevor Rice (CC)

Pete Sabal (LV)

The following Council members were not present:

Bill Welch

Devin Brooks

Division of Insurance Staff in attendance:

Jeremey Gladstone (CC)

Mark Garratt (CC)

Alexia Emmermann (CC)

Nanci Hoffman (CC)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Nanci Hoffman proceeded with the roll call. There were five members present and three absent at the time of roll-call. Pete Sabal arrived shortly after roll call making it six in attendance. There were two members absent.

Jeremy Gladstone with the Division of Insurance (Division) announced to the Council that John Packham resigned as a member of the Council.

2. Introductory Remarks

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

3. Public comment

There was one comment from Jeanette Belz from Carson City, representing’ The Nevada Psychiatric Association, provided comments on assembly bill 170 which adds provisions related to access to health care services. The bill requires reports to be submitted annually to the Consumer Health Assistance office related to access issues. She suggested the Council ask that the Consumer office present at a future meeting to report on the data collected under AB 170.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the February 7, 2019 Meeting

A motion of approval of the minutes was made by Thomas McCoy and seconded by, Trevor Rice, Motion carried.

5. Review vision and agreements. (For possible action)

Jeremy Gladstone reviewed with the Council their vision and future considerations from last year’s Councils meetings.

6. Presentations of Data, Presented by Division of Insurance, Jeremy Gladstone, Assistant Chief Examiner, Life and Health Section. (For possible action)

Jeremy Gladstone from the Divisions of Insurance discussed the findings of the time and distance analysis for the additional provider specialties of dermatology, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, nephrology, neurology, and pulmonology. Mr. Gladstone also provided information on NV 2019 Legislature and on bills which could potentially impact network adequacy.

7. Discussion, Deliberation, and Potential Direction by Council Regarding Network Adequacy Standards for Plan Year 2021. (For possible action)

a. Confirmations and/or additions to assignments and timeline

There was a lengthy discussion on the collection of data and getting the standards for each provider. The Council had many questions for the Division on these standards and how the data is counted. The Council discussed additional information they would like to see before putting forth any recommendations.

b. Direction to Division staff concerning request for information

The Council discussed several items which would be helpful in determining recommendations for network adequacy and requested the following data from the Division:

- A comparison of what other states are currently doing for network adequacy
- A comparison of the networks used in the individual and small group markets to those used for Medicaid
- An estimated impact of network adequacy on the insurance markets in other states when network adequacy requirements were introduced
- Update on the network adequacy complaints received by the Division and the office of Consumer Health Assistance

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

Jeremy Gladstone with the Division of Insurance wanted to bring to the attention to the Council the provider denial letter required under senate bill 234. The letter was discussed at length and the Council was advised that it would be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting of the Council on July 23, 2019.

8. Scheduling of Next Meeting Agenda Items. (For possible action)

As stated above the provider denial letter will be an agenda item for the next Council meeting on July 23, 2019.

There were no other agenda items to discuss for future meetings.

9. Public Comment. (May include general announcements by Council Members)

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

10. Adjournment.

Jon Hager Motioned to Adjourn and Pete Sabal seconded to adjourn.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci Hoffman

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