

COMMISSIONER'S NETWORK ADEQUACY ADVISORY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF NETWORK ADEQUACY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING & AGENDA

The Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council will conduct a public meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. PT. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The 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:

Cris Williams
Jack Kim
Sarah Fox
Patrick Kelly
Howard Baron
Jon Bilstein
Brian Knudsen

The following Council members were absent:

Joy Cleveland
Thomas McCoy

Division of Insurance Staff in attendance:

Jeremey Gladstone

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Jeremey Gladstone proceeded with the roll call and a quorum was established.

2. Introductory Remarks

Mr. Gladstone 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; monitoring and enforcement do not fall within the council's control. Regulations are available per Nevada Administrative Code under chapter 687B sections 750 to 784.

He also reminded participants that Nevada Open meeting law does apply which means that everything the council does must be done openly, must be available to the public and must be properly noticed and recorded. Meetings are recorded and available to the public; and participants were asked to identify themselves for the recording prior to speaking.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. **Approval of the Minutes from the June 16, 2022, Meeting**

Patrick Kelly made a motion to approve meeting minutes; seconded by Howard Baron. None were opposed, motion carried unanimously.

5. **Review vision and agreements**

Mr. Gladstone opened this agenda item for discussion on possible changes and to determine if any action needs to be taken. No action was taken on this item.

6. **Presentation by Janel Davis, Chief Operations Officer, Silver State Health Insurance Exchange**

Mr. Gladstone introduced Janel Davis, who introduced Katie Charleson as SSHIX's new Communication Officer. Janel gave an update on the ARPA Subsidy Extension, Medicaid transition plans and expressed SSHIX's goals to spread awareness to consumers with the help of all the on-exchange carriers through social media, mailings, ads, web-based information and much more. Ryan High with the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange added some information about Medicaid, Medicaid denials and Nevada Health Link referrals concerning consumers. During the presentation, Janel and Ryan addressed questions from the Council Members.

A copy of the presentation is available on the Division's website for the Network Adequacy Advisory Council under the July 21, 2022, attachments through the link provided at the top of these minutes.

7. **Presentation by Division of Insurance, Jeremy Gladstone, Assistant Chief Examiner, Life and Health.**

Mr. Gladstone gave a presentation based on data and information requested by the Council. The presentation included data on the CMS Plan Year 2023 standards and provided data estimating the adequacy of carriers in the Nevada market should these standards be adopted. Mr. Gladstone noted that the inclusion of Clark and Washoe counties in a plan's service area will heavily weigh on the adequacy of a network. Mr. Gladstone also discussed information on SB5 and telehealth utilization in the individual and small group markets. Mr. Gladstone addressed questions throughout and following his presentation from Council members.

8. **Discussion, Deliberation, and Potential Direction by Council Regarding Network Adequacy Standards for Plan Year 2024.**

The Council members discussed potential concerns related to access and network adequacy as it related to the Council's recommendations for plan year 2024. Some of the topics of discussion were raising the ECP standard from 30 percent to 35 percent and to emphasize in the final report possible actions by the state to build the provider work force, including, nurses.

Jack Kim made a motion for the following recommendation for plan year 2023: To move the Essential Community Provider standard from 30% to 35% and to emphasize in the Council's report the importance of the state addressing work force shortages in urban and rural areas regarding nurses and providers.

The motion was seconded by Howard Baron, and it passed unanimously by all members present.

9. Discussion on Plan Year 2024 meetings. **(For possible action)**

The Council discussed the timeline and the finalization of the Council's report which must be submitted by the September 15, 2022.

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

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Kessler

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