

COMMISSIONER'S NETWORK ADEQUACY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held

The Commissioner's Network Adequacy Advisory Council held a public meeting on June 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. remotely via Webex. 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:

Thomas McCoy

Jon Hager

Howard Baron

Jack Kim

Cris Williams

Sarah Fox

Bill Welch

Jon Bilstein

Division of Insurance Staff in attendance:

Jeremey Gladstone

David Hall

Laura Adair

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Jeremey Gladstone proceeded with the roll call. All members were present.

2. Introductory Remarks

On behalf of David Hall, Legal Counsel for the Division, Jeremey Gladstone reminded members that the council charge is to make recommendations to the Commissioner by Sept 15, 2020 for network adequacy standards for plan year 2022, and reviewed open meeting law pertaining to transparency and clarity for the record.

Also Mr. Gladstone reminded the committee that the vacancy for the consumer representative is still open and directed interested persons to the website to submit their application.

3. Public comment

There was no public comment at this time.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the March 12, 2020 Meeting

A motion of approval of the minutes was made by Jack Kim (with correction to his name on page 3) and seconded by Howard Baron, none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

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

Jeremy Gladstone reviewed with the Council their vision and agreements and asked the Council if there was any discussion or revisions. The members agreed to maintain the current vision and agreements and no action was taken at this time.

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

Mr. Gladstone summarized the time and distance data analysis, as requested by council at the last meeting.

Mr. Kim asked how the data was analyzed and what methods were used to determine the average.

Mr. Gladstone provided an explanation of how the analysis was conducted. A sample of 5% of the population under 65 years old was pulled from Census data and run against the contracted providers in the individual and small group markets which were submitted for plan year 2020. Time and distance metrics were generated from this analysis. The average represents a weighted average and is heavily influenced by the population centers in Nevada.

Mr. Gladstone also noted from the last meeting the council’s request for telehealth information. He stated that due to the recent pandemic, there has been a push for emergency regulations at both the state and federal level related to telehealth. He is hoping to get better insight by collecting additional data to include new information from carriers on this for next meeting. Also, the Division has been making an effort to eliminate some of the duplicate data and hopes that this process that will, over a period of time, give a more accurate representation of the available providers in Nevada.

7. Discussion, Deliberation, and Potential Direction by Council Regarding Network Adequacy Standards for Plan Year 2022. (For possible action)

A discussion was had by the members of the Council concerning access in Nevada and possible network adequacy recommendations.

- Tom McCoy asked if there were any information available based on legislation passed during the last session related to access complaints. Mr. Gladstone advised he would follow up on reporting requirements and will also contact OCHA for feedback on complaints.
- Jack Kim requested that a draft of the prior year report be made available and Mr. Gladstone indicated he will make it available to the Council members.
- Jack Kim and Howard Baron discussed recommending no changes to the current standards given everything going on with COVID-19 and the lack of data/complaints to support a need for further standards.
- Jon Bilstein and Sarah Fox both provided information on their experiences with adequacy in their respective fields. Mr. Bilstein indicated that currently there is not an access issue. Ms. Fox echoed similar experience about access but did note potential access issues in the northern part of the state related to dermatologists and allergists.
- Bill Welch brought up the expansion of telehealth under Medicaid and how telehealth was legislation was passed during the 2017 session.
- Jeremy asked Howard Baron if there were any updates from the Patient Protection Commission, and Dr. Baron provide an update on the activities.

8. Discussion on Plan Year 2022 meetings. (For possible action)

- a. Schedule of future meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 8/13/2020, 10-12.
 - b. Other matters related to meetings for Plan Year 2022.

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

Jeannette Beltz spoke about telehealth and mentioned that there are limitations to telehealth and not all appointments could be carried out via telehealth. In office visits can offer advantages when assessing an individual.

Philip Ramirez with Prominence Health gave public comments on the NAAC meeting and the process for accessing the meeting.

10. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. Jack Kim moved to adjourn, Howard Baron seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Adair

Please note that due to technical difficulties no recording of the Council’s meeting is available. Other complete recordings of past Council meetings can be found on the Division’s website at http://doi.nv.gov/Insurers/Life_and_Health/Network_Adequacy_Advisory_Council/

