



## Arizona Medical Board

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### FINAL MINUTES FOR THE PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE Held on Monday, March 20, 2017 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road • Scottsdale, Arizona

#### *Committee Members*

Lois E. Krahn, Chair

Jodi A. Bain, Esq.

R. Screven Farmer, M.D.

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Krahn called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

The following Board members participated telephonically: Dr. Krahn, Ms. Bain and Dr. Farmer.

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Present among Board staff include: Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG"); Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Kristina Fredericksen, Deputy Director; Danielle Steger, Physician Health Program Coordinator; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; and Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator.

#### **C. PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING MATTERS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

No individuals addressed the Committee during the Public Statements Portion of the agenda.

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Ms. Bain moved to approve the February 23, 2017 Physician Health Program Committee Meeting minutes.

**SECOND:** Dr. Krahn.

**VOTE:** 2-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **E. CONSIDERATION OF THE ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS' REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE ON THE PHP COMMITTEE**

Chairwoman Krahn explained that if a physician assistant requires monitoring they partake in the same program as physicians and opined it would be beneficial to have an ARBoPA member on the committee as a nonvoting member, in order to provide feedback and insight.

**MOTION:** Ms. Bain moved to recommend to the full Board to allow a member of ARBoPA to join the PHP Committee as a contributing member for input purposes but not voting.

**SECOND:** Dr. Farmer.

**VOTE:** 3-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

**MOTION PASSED.**

#### **F. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CREATION OF AN EXTERNAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE AMB PHYSICIAN HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Chairwoman Krahn summarized that the proposed External Advisory Council would be to allow public input from family members and former program participants regarding the monitoring program. Committee members discussed developing a selection process for the Council members and the proposed meeting schedule. Chairwoman Krahn recommended that the PHP committee members take part in the selection process and suggested utilizing the various medical societies, attorneys and the AMB Newsletter and website to obtain nominations and volunteers. Committee members discussed the Council members' capability to maintain confidentiality of patient medical information presented by the public for the Council's consideration.

#### **G. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON KEY ELEMENTS OF THE MONITORING AFTERCARE AND PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Chairwoman Krahn reported that she reviewed the elements of the current PHP program and recommended continuing with the key elements from the current program and making modifications to the mechanisms for relapse prevention.

Board staff made additional recommendations with regards to the key elements of the monitoring program and suggested that out of state monitoring reports be sent to Board staff as opposed to the Board's contractor due to the associated fees. Chairwoman Krahn noted that if there is a concern raised by Board staff the report can then be sent to the monitoring contractor. Board staff suggested establishing a records retention timeframe for the Board contractors for tracking and study purposes.

#### **H. UPDATE ON MONITORING AND FEES**

Ms. McSorley reported that she met with the State Procurement Office to discuss the various fees in the current PHP contract and the recommendation is to complete a State Procurement Office Request for Information (RFI). Ms. McSorley completed two draft RFIs for both the assessment and monitoring portion as they are two separate services for the Committee's review.

Chairwoman Krahn provided proposed language changes for the drafted RFI's questions and directed staff to add a question regarding successful monitoring mechanisms.

Chairwoman Krahn requested information from other states' on what mechanisms are being utilized for successful monitoring programs. Ms. McSorley suggested sending a query to other State boards and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

#### **I. UPDATE ON PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP) OPTIONS**

- Including Review and Recommendations Regarding the Drafts For State Procurement Office Request for Information

This item was discussed in conjunction with item H.

#### **J. DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETING**

Dr. Krahn suggested a review of the changes that have been made by the Committee thus far and an update on employers' response to the impairment checklist.

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to adjourn.**

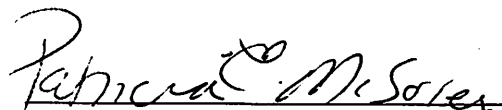
**SECOND: Dr. Farmer.**

**VOTE: 2-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.



  
Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director