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FINAL MINUTES FOR THE PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

Held on **Thursday, July 13, 2017**

9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road • Scottsdale, Arizona

Committee Members

Lois E. Krahn, Chair

Jodi A. Bain, Esq.

R. Screven Farmer, M.D.

Myles A. Whitfield, P.A.-C

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Krahn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Committee members participated: Dr. Krahn, Ms. Bain, Dr. Farmer, and PA Whitfield.

ALSO PRESENT

Present among Board staff include: Carrie Smith, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG"); Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Kristina Fredericksen, Deputy Director; Erin Downey, Physician Health Program Coordinator; Kathleen Muller, Compliance Officer; Raquel Rivera, Investigations Manager; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; and Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator.

C. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one addressed the Committee during the Call to the Public.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to approve the May 1, 2017 Physician Health Program ("PHP") Committee Meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

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

MOTION PASSED.

E. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING EXIT INTERVIEWS FOR PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM ("PHP") PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Krahn discussed a report issued by the Federation of State Physician Health Programs reviewing physician health programs across the country recommended offering PHP participants exit interviews with board staff to obtain feedback regarding their experience. . Committee members agreed that exit interviews may be valuable and recommended Board staff obtain more information on how exit interviews are conducted by other boards so they may begin and execute the process.

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to for Board staff proceed to investigate and implement exit interviews for PHP participants.

SECOND: Ms. Bain.

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

MOTION PASSED.

F. UPDATE ON PHP OPTIONS

- **Update on the Progress of the Request for Information for Assessment Services**

Ms. McSorley reported that the Request for Information (RFI) has resulted in some good responses. The next step will be to establish criteria for providers so that the Board may offer a variety of program options to physicians. Dr. Krahn commented that the issue now is how the Board proceeds from here to establish the charges, geography, providers and obtain the assessment in a timely fashion.

- **Update on the Progress of the Request for Information for Monitoring Services**

Committee members discussed establishing a range of fees that vendors could charge for assessments. Board staff noted that currently physicians have the ability to obtain a second assessment and this would be more obtainable with a variety of providers available.

Ms. McSorley noted she will reach out to the Florida Board for information on how it's PHP program approaches this issue. She stated that in other states costs for participation in a PHP program are supported through a variety of resources while Arizona's PHP program is funded entirely through fees paid by the participants.

Ms. McSorley recommended providing training or drafting a notice letter for providers to clearly outline expectations and to ensure quality assessments.

G. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION ON THE PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM SUBCOMITTEE SURVEY

Dr. Krahn summarized that in the results of the survey it is apparent that awareness regarding the PHP needs to be raised for physicians and physician assistants. Of the 296 responses, 60% were not familiar with the PHP.

H. DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETING

- PHP Exit Interviews
- Greenberg and Sucher Contract Renewal

I. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to adjourn the meeting.

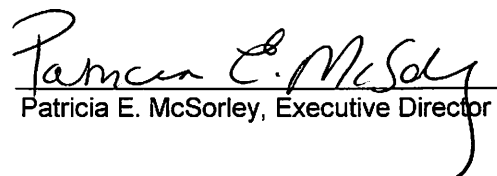
SECOND: Ms. Bain.

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

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.




Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director