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FINAL MINUTES FOR THE PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

Held on Wednesday, September 13, 2017

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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 5:31 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: Anne Froedge, Assistant Attorney General ("AAG"); Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director; Erin Downey, Physician Health Program Coordinator; Kathleen Muller, Compliance Officer; Raquel Rivera, Investigations Manager; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator; and James Gentile, Chief Information Officer ("CIO").

C. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Schulte addressed the Committee during the Call to the Public.

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

- Update on Implementation of Exit Interviews
Ms. Rivera provided an update on the recommended changes that were made to the survey questions and reported that it is ready to be sent out to participants.

E. UPDATE ON PHP OPTIONS FOR CONTRACTING FOR ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING SERVICES

- Greenberg and Sucher Report/Stats
Dr. Greenberg and Dr. Sucher summarized their report regarding their program's processes and services. Dr. Sucher provided specific statistics regarding participant trends, the program's success rate, relapse rate; treatment options and services Dr. Sucher noted that a small percentage of participants self-report. Dr. Sucher clarified the rates and methodology for the various testing done in the program including urine, hair and nail testing. Dr. Sucher informed the Committee of the psychiatric evaluation providers that the program contracts with.
- Survey of Other State PHP Programs

Ms. Rivera provided a report on Minnesota's, Florida's and Colorado's program fees and funding sources. Ms. Rivera noted that the Minnesota program serves multiple fields of licensed professionals and address substance abuse, mental health and physical illness. The Florida program also serves various licensed professionals and their range of services includes treatment for substance abuse, mental health, behavioral health, stress management and, physical health. The Colorado program's participants are confidential unless they refuse to enter into the program then the action may be taken publicly. Their comprehensive health treatment program serves medical professionals and their families.

F. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSESSMENT TEMPLATE

Ms. Rivera reported to the Committee that the draft template had been utilized with an assessor who provided feedback about certain elements of the template as well as possible revisions that may streamline the assessment process.

Dr. Krahn suggested possible changes to the template to allow the assessor to document specific concerns.

G. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE DRAFT PHP MONITORING CONTRACT

Ms. McSorley reported that the request for proposal addresses the monitoring portion of the PHP only and include the scope of work required. Ms. McSorley stated that the agency would not be paying the fees and that they would be at the expense of the participant. Ms. McSorley noted that the State Procurement Office requested that the contract's term length be at least two years with language in the contract that each party retain the right to end the contract at any time during the agreement with notice to the other party.

Ms. McSorley informed the Committee of the State's requirement that those who submit a bid must be an approved vendor of the State.

Ms. McSorley requested that suggestions or changes to the draft document be provided by the end of September.

H. DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETING

- PHP Monitoring Contract
- Other state PHP programs

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 6:49 p.m.




Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director