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FINAL MINUTES FOR THE PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE Held on Monday, August 28, 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 5:32 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

The following Committee member was absent: Ms. Bain.

ALSO PRESENT

Present among Board staff include: Carrie Smith, 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; and Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator.

C. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Dr. Farmer moved to approve the July 13, 2017 Physician Health Program ("PHP") Committee Meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Krahn.

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

MOTION PASSED.

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

- **Update on Implementation of Exit Interviews**

Chairwoman Krahn opined that exit interviews can be beneficial in the modification and growth of the PHP and noted that the PHP contractors Greenberg and Sucher have offered to complete the exit interviews but have had limited success. PA Whitfield commented that having Board staff conduct the interviews as a neutral party may provide better results.

Ms. Rivera reported that Board staff obtained a copy of an exit interview utilized by the Colorado Board and made revisions based on input from the Chairwoman and the needs of the Board. Chairwoman Krahn expressed a concern regarding information that could identify the participant and suggested having a confidentiality disclaimer for the exit interview.

Committee members expressed concern regarding a question regarding suicidal thoughts and opined that the question should be removed. Dr. Sucher informed the committee that the PHP does obtain initial demographic and patient history during intake that can be provided to the Board.

Chairwoman Krahn proposed that the suggested changes be made to the exit interview draft and be brought back for the committee's review. Chairwoman Krahn suggested getting monthly reports from Greenberg and Sucher on who has successfully finished the program to complete the survey.

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

Ms. McSorley reported that the Board will be putting together a list of Board approved addiction specialists for physicians to choose from for assessments. Chairwoman Krahn noted that the Board will implement quality assurance plans to ensure quality assessment reports.

Ms. McSorley reported that Dr. Greenberg and Sucher's contract is up for renewal in December and that she is working with the State Procurement Office ("SPO") for bids on a new contract. The Request for Information ("RFI") for monitoring resulted in two responses including Greenberg and Sucher.

G. DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETING

- New monitoring contract
- Greenberg and Sucher's PHP Report
- Survey of other state PHP programs that may be adopted

H. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Krahn moved to adjourn the meeting.

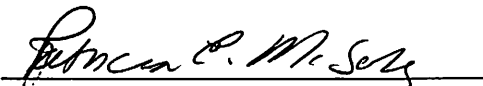
SECOND: Dr. Farmer

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

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.




Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director