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FINAL MINUTES FOR THE PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE Held on Monday, October 23, 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 5:33 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 Frederickson, Deputy Director, Erin Downey, Physician Health Program Coordinator (Telephonically) ; Kathleen Muller, Compliance Officer(Telephonically) ; Raquel Rivera, Investigations Manager; Mary Bober, Board Operations Manager; and Michelle Robles, Board Coordinator.

C. GENERAL CALL TO THE PUBLIC

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Bain moved to approve the August 28, 2017 Physician Health Program Committee Meeting and the September 13, 2017 Physician Health Program Committee Meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dr. Farmer.

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

MOTION PASSED.

E. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION FOR PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM ("PHP") CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS FOR MONITORING SERVICES

- Proposed Draft of RFP

Dr. Krahn commented on language in the proposed draft of the RFP and noted the use of alcohol 'abuse' versus 'dependency' and would like clarification on which term should be used to be most accurate. Board staff stated that they have reached out to the Federation of State PHP and FSMB to confirm which language is being used. This draft differentiates what qualifies as monitoring and post-treatment care.

Ms. McSorley noted certain requirements such as case management and face to face assessments twice a year are proposed to ensure appropriate monitoring.

Dr. Krahn noted the provision that allows a participant to obtain a second assessment and the parameters associated with the provision.

- Timeline of the RFP Bid Process

Dr. Krahn summarized that the timeline consists of the draft being approved by the Board at the November 2 teleconference and the Bid will be open from November 3-17 and during the bid and review process there will

be no discussion. There will be a consensus meeting with SPO to score the bids and the bid will be awarded by the end of November.

- **Board Member Participation in RFP Process**

Ms. McSorley explained that an eligible contractor must be registered with the state and all received bids will be considered by SPO. Ms. McSorley noted that a SPO representative, the Executive Director and a physician member will review the bids, during which there is no discussion outside of the reviewers before a decision is made. Ms. McSorley also noted that the contractors will need to utilize laboratory testing facilities already contracted through the State.

Dr. Sucher informed the committee of the testing facilities that Greenberg and Sucher currently utilize.

- **Possibility of Single vs. Multiple Contracts**

Ms. McSorley confirmed that multiple contracts are possible which will provide more choices for physicians.

- **Structure of Participant Fees**

Ms. McSorley commented that this term will include negotiation.

- **Requirements for Relapse Therapy**

Ms. McSorley noted that relapse therapy will be based on the presentation of the individual and may not be a requirement for all participants. Dr. Krahn explained the decision will be based on various factors where the participant, the monitor and the treating physician will establish the appropriate treatment plan and care.

- **Continuity of Monitoring and Transition of Participants**

Dr. Krahn noted that a prospective issue will be establishing a process for a participant transitioning from the current monitoring program to a new monitoring program.

Ms. McSorley noted that it would be a member of Board staff who would be a point of contact to help facilitate the transition process. A rider to an order can be created to supersede a participant's current agreement to change contractors.

F. UPDATE REGARDING EXIT INTERVIEW RESPONSES FOR PHP PARTICIPANTS

Raquel Rivera, Investigations Manager

Dr. Krahn explained that the exit interview process is currently being utilized.

Ms. Rivera reported that on October 18 the first round of surveys were sent to 7 participants who have completed the PHP program between July and September of 2017. Ms. Rivera noted that only two responses have been received and that once more data is received an update can be provided. The exit interview survey will be sent out every month.

G. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION REGARDING ARIZONA SOCIETY FOR ADDICTION MEDICINE MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Dr. Krahn noted that the society has an annual meeting in November and two of the sessions will address addiction in professionals and what can be learned from this experience.

H. DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETING


- Article regarding the language of application questions to encourage applicants to seek help if needed.
- Scope of Work of the Monitoring Program

I. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Krahn adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.




Patricia E. McSorley, Executive Director